

3.00 credits

30.0 h + 10.0 h

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Language :	English > French-friendly
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Prerequisites	Students need to master the following skills, basic concepts in general chemistry and chemical physics, organic chemistry and biochemistry, and biology and cellular physiology taught during the Bachelor's degree (e.g. in the following courses : LFSAB1301 or LCHM1111, LBIR1220A, and LGBIO1111 or LBIR1150)
Main themes	<p>General introduction to main classes of biomaterials: structure of natural and synthetic materials (polymers, ceramics and glasses, metals and composites).</p> <p>Properties of biomaterials: mechanical properties, surface vs bulk properties, physical and chemical properties, degradability, etc. This includes the study of living organism-material interactions: protein adsorption, cell adhesion, inflammatory and immune reactions, coagulation, etc.</p> <p>Examples of application of different classes of biomaterials in medicine: cardiovascular and orthopedic devices, dental materials, tissue engineering, etc.</p>
Learning outcomes	
Evaluation methods	<p>Final individual written exam during the session (50 % of final grade).</p> <p>Project evaluation (50 % of final grade): the written report is taken into account, as well as the oral presentation in front of the students participating to the course. <i>The mark attributed to the work done during the semester (that means, the mark attributed for the group project work) is acquired for all the sessions of the academic year, by virtue of the article 78 of the RGEE. Except exceptional situations, the evaluation takes the group performance into account and is identical across the group students. Individual students who would not have provided a fair personal contribution within their group will perform individual complementary work (to be determined) that will be evaluated within the exam session of September.</i></p> <p>The use of generative AI software such as chatGPT is authorized for assistance in writing the documents requested as part of this project. However, it must be clearly and completely indicated in the document(s) concerned.</p> <p>For students registered for a partim (LGBIO2030A, 3 ECTS), the final grade is solely based on the final examination.</p>
Teaching methods	<p>The first part of the teaching unit consists in lectures covering three axes: (i) principles of biology related to host-biomaterial interactions; (ii) general introduction to main classes of biomaterials: structure of natural and synthetic materials (polymers, ceramics and glasses, metals and composites); (iii) properties of biomaterials: mechanical properties, physical and chemical properties, surface properties, and relation between these properties and host-material interactions. The lectures also includes a series of applications of different classes of biomaterials in medicine, biology and artificial organs. This part of the course could also be illustrated through presentations by experts from research and industry.</p> <p>The second part of the teaching unit consists in a project, prepared by teams of four to five students. On the basis of scientific papers or book chapters, the students will discuss a current issue in biomaterials science. Regular mentoring sessions with the teachers are organized, to orient students in their search of appropriate literature, and to help them structure and write the report. At the end of the semester, the work is presented to the other students following the same teaching unit.</p>
Content	<p>Part 1 : General introduction to main classes of biomaterials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.1 Polymers</li> <li>• 1.2 Metals</li> <li>• 1.3 Ceramics</li> <li>• 1.4 Composites</li> <li>• 1.5 Hydrogels</li> <li>• 1.6 Natural Materials</li> </ul> <p>Part 2 : Properties of biomaterials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.1 Mechanical properties</li> <li>• 2.2 Surface vs bulk properties</li> <li>• 2.3 Living organism-biomaterial interactions</li> </ul> <p>Part 3 : applications of biomaterials in medicine</p>

Inline resources	Moodle <a href="https://moodle.uclouvain.be/course/view.php?id=1156">https://moodle.uclouvain.be/course/view.php?id=1156</a>
Bibliography	Livre de référence e-textbook : Biomaterials Science – An Introduction to Materials in Medicine (Eds BD Ratner, AS Hoffman, JE Lemons, FJ Schoen,), third edition, Elsevier Academic Press, San Diego, 2012. The full text book is available online on Ebook Central (when you are logged on the UCLouvain network)
Other infos	The course can be taken as a partim [LGBIO2030A] (3 ECTS, 30 h + 10 h). In such case, the student does not prepare a project, but participates to project presentation by other student.
Faculty or entity in charge	GBIO

**Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)**

Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes
Master [120] in Chemistry and Bioindustries	BIRC2M	3		