UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Medical Physics I

2122-1-H4102D001-H4102D004M

Aims

Physics of radiation and biological effects of radiation.

Biomechanics: Statics of the rigid body with applications to the human body.

Optics: mechanism of the human visual system.

Contents

The primary goal of the course is to provide students with the tools for the understanding of the complex reactions that represent the molecular basis of life, and with the fundamentals to identify the cause-effect relations of the most important chemical and physical processes for the curriculum and the work of a physician. This knowledge will form the primary basis for a rationale approach to the knowledge of medical sciences.

Detailed program

RADIATION PHYSICS: - Overview of the physics of the nucleus. - Radioactive decay. - Alpha, beta, gamma and nuclear reactions decay. - Emission and absorption of corpuscular and electromagnetic radiation. - X-ray. - Radiation-matter interaction. - Biological effects of radiation

BIOMECHANICS - Moment of a force. - Balance of a body with exemplifications of Human Body. - Levers. - Mechanics of locomotion. - Statics of the body. - Young's modulus and elasticity. - Compression module. - Deflections, twists, fractures.

OPTICS: - Spectrum of electromagnetic radiation. - Absorption of the radiation - Light and image formation - Lenses and geometrical optics - Construction of images according to geometrical optics - Eye as an optical system - Optical defects of the eye - Theory of the color perception

Prerequisites

Basic knowledges of mathematics and analysis.

Teaching form

Lectures and exercises in attendance.

In case of ministerial changes following the COVID pandemic situation, lessons could take place in a mixed mode: partial presence and asynchronous / synchronous videotaped lessons with some physical presence events.

Textbook and teaching resource

D. C. Giancoli, “Fisica. Con fisica moderna”, CEA, ISBN-13: 978-8808186102

Semester

Second semester

Assessment method

Multiple choice exercises (numerical exercises that require the application of several physical principles). Oral test on teacher evaluation.

In the Covid-19 emergency period, exams could be online only. They will be conducted using the WebEx platform and on the e-learning page of the course. A link will be sent to the students to access the exam.

Office hours

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