



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

### Esperimentazioni di Biofisica

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#### Aims

The course will be focused on the characterization of biomolecules and nanoparticles through spectroscopic techniques. Moreover The students will learn basic principles related to confocal microscopy.

#### Contents

Absorbance, Fluorescence, Dynamic Light Scattering, Infrared Spectroscopy, Circular Dichroism, Microscopy, Nanoparticles

#### Detailed program

The 8 CFU comprises 2 CFU of introductory lessons in which the different instruments and spectroscopy/microscopy techniques will be illustrated together with data analysis methods. The remaining 6 CFU are related to the Laboratory lessons.

The main topics are reported in the following:

Absorbance and fluorescence spectroscopy of biomolecules and fluorophores.

Evaluation of the secondary structure of proteins and study of the folding-unfolding processes through optical techniques (circular dichroism, fluorescence and infrared spectroscopy).

Study of biomolecules-small ligands interactions through fluorescence techniques.

Estimate of the proteins dimension and the aggregation state of gold nanoparticles by means of quasi-elastic light scattering.

Hyperthermic effect induced on metallic nanoparticles by an infrared laser and its measurement through a thermal

camera.

Fluorescence confocal microscopy applied to image acquisition of cells and biological tissues: image analysis, measurement of the optical resolution of the system.

## **Prerequisites**

knowledge of classical electromagnetism, optics, elements of biophysics

## **Teaching form**

Frontal lessons related to the theoretical part of the experiments.

Laboratory part in which each group of students will perform the experiments described in the program section

## **Textbook and teaching resource**

Textbooks:

Cantor and Schimmel "Biophysical Chemistry"

Robert Pecora, Bruce J. Berne, "Dynamic Light Scattering"

Joseph R Lakowicz, "Principles of fluorescence spectroscopy"

Slides provided on the e-learning site

## **Semester**

Second semester

## **Assessment method**

Laboratory report comprising both the theoretical introduction and the description of the developed experiments. Individual or group reports can be presented for exam evaluation.

Moreover, for each student, an oral exam related to the laboratory reports and to the frontal lessons will be evaluated.

## **Office hours**

Usually the teacher is always available for reception, however the presence is guaranteed only if previously arranged, either in classroom or by e-mail.

## **Sustainable Development Goals**

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REDUCED INEQUALITIES | RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION | PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE  
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