UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Medical Physics

2324-1-H4101D252-H4101D001M

Aims

Thermodynamics: 1st and 2nd principles of thermodynamics and entropy.

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

Fluid mechanics: ideal fluids and real fluids

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

THERMODYNAMICS: - Systems and thermodynamics states - Phase transitions - Perfect gas transformations - 1st principle of thermodynamics - 2nd principle of thermodynamics and entropy - Enthalpy and free energy.

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.

MECHANICS OF FLUIDS: - Stevino's Law - Principle of Archimedes - Theorem of Bernoulli – Poiseuille equation.

Properties of real liquids and viscosity- Concept of hydraulic resistance . - Surface tension in liquids. - Surfactants; phenomena of adhesion and capillarity. - Laplace law.

Prerequisites

Basic knowledges of mathematics and analysis.

Teaching form

Lectures and exercises.

Textbook and teaching resource

A. Alessandrini, "Fisica per le scienze della vita", CEA; ISBN-13: 978-8808920454

Semester

First semester

Assessment method

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

Office hours

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Sustainable Development Goals

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING