English course title: Biological characterization of biomaterials

Swedish course title: Biologisk karaktärisering av biomaterial

Extent (credits): 5 hp

Language of instruction: English

Recommended prerequisites:
Master’s level or equivalent (e.g. Civilingenjör), with specialization in materials engineering, biotechnology, chemistry, biology or in another appropriate discipline. Experience in biomaterials and cell culture would be advantageous.

General course objective/s and learning outcomes (Also specify which PhD examination goals that are addressed/covered. Describe how.)
The aim of the course is to provide students with a deep understanding of how biomaterial-biological system interactions are investigated in vitro and in vivo along a biomaterial development process. The course will also give an insight into legislation, ethics and commercialization aspects of biomedical materials.

At the end of the course, the student should be able to:
- Explain the principles of protein-biomaterial interactions as well as the methods commonly used to characterize such interactions.
- Account for in vitro models used to assess blood-biomaterial interactions and the parameters to be evaluated.
- Explain and compare different in vitro methods commonly used to evaluate cell-biomaterial interactions.
- Identify the design parameters for the in vivo evaluation of biomaterials, taking into consideration ethical issues.
- Select in vitro and in vivo tests/studies to evaluate the biocompatibility of a biomaterial towards a specific application.

Course contents
The course will consist on 13 two-hour (45min x 2) sessions. The students will also work on a case study project that will be presented at the end of the course.

The content of the course will be the following:
1) Basics about cells and biomaterials
2) Protein-biomaterial interactions
3) Blood-biomaterial interactions
4) 2D and 3D models to characterize biomaterials in vitro
5) Single cell analysis using droplets & microfluidic systems to characterize biomaterials in vitro
6) Evaluation of biocompatibility
7) Animal testing
8) Legislation and ethics
9) Planning research towards commercialization.

**Instruction (course structure)**
Undervisning (kursens uppläggning)
In general, each lecture session will be divided in 45 min lecture + 45 min interactive activities (seminar/discussion/work in groups). This will be done to ensure the students engage in their own learning process.

**Assessment (form of examination)**
Examination (examinationsformer)
The examination will be divided in three parts: 30% assignments + 40% individual project + 30% active participation in seminars and activities. Attendance to 80% of the lectures will be required.

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**Course dates/period:** October – December 2020
Kurs datum/period

**Maximum number of participants:** 25
Antal platser

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