COURSE LAYOUT

1. GENERAL

SCHOOL	School of Animal Biosciences				
DEPARTMENT	Department of Animal Science				
STUDY LEVEL	Undergraduate – Compulsory				
COURSE CODE	SEMESTER 1st				
COURSE TITLE	PHYSICS				
INDEPENDENT TEACHING ACTIVITIES		WEEKLY TEACHING HOURS	ECTS		
LECTURES		3	3		
PRACTICAL EXERCISES		2	2		
TOTAL		5	5		
COURSE TYPE	General Background				
PREREQUISITES	NO				
LANGUAGE	Greek				
IS THE COURSE OFFERED TO ERASMUS STUDENTS?	NO				
COURSE WEB PAGE	Theory: https://mediasrv.aua.gr/eclass/courses/EZPY153/				
	Practical exercises: https://mediasrv.aua.gr/eclass/courses/EZPY132				

2. LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learning Outcomes

The course aims to introduce students to the basic concepts of Physics both at the level of experimental techniques and at the level of understanding the basic processes and functions studied by Life Sciences. The concepts of physics are introduced through issues raised by the phenomenon of life and are complemented by many other topics in modern Biophysics and Biology. The selection of the examined topics is based on the needs of the Life Sciences. Some typical topics that are not central to the life sciences are omitted (eg Kepler's laws, special relativity theory, elementary particle physics, astrophysics, etc.). The principles of physics are introduced, where possible, through biology issues whereas life sciences issues are everywhere embedded in the teaching material of this course. This stimulates the students' interest as they examine issues belonging in the core of their studies, from the perspective of Physics. Introductory concepts in measurement and statistical analysis methodologies that are necessary in almost all the sciences are also taught in the practical exercises. Physics course aims to introduce students to the basic concepts upon which many important developments in molecular and cell biology have been based. Moreover, the Physics course provides students with cognitive tools that connect many types of phenomena that are unrelated to each other. Many of these tools are quantitative and can "standardize" a phenomenon to confirm or reject a theoretical hypothesis. Thus, students with this knowledge are called upon to deal with problems they encounter for the first time, using the right tools-laws.

General Competences

- By critically studying the fundamental laws of physics, facing the questions by using the given information in the theoretical exercises, and especially the data obtained by measurements in the practical exercises, the students develop skills related to:
- searching, analyzing, synthesizing data and information
- Adaptation to new situations
- Decision making
- Independent and team work
- Exercising criticism and self-criticism

3. SYLLABUS

- I. **Fluid Mechanics**: Fluids at rest, Ideal Fluids, Fluid Dynamics, Intermolecular Forces, Surface Effects, Viscous Fluids, Non-Newtonian fluids Blood.
- II. **Heat**: Calorimetry, Heat Transfer, Kinetic-Molecular Model for Ideal Gas, Heat Capacity, Phase Conversions, 1st Law of thermodynamics, Basic Thermodynamic processes, Internal Energy, Enthalpy, 2nd Law of thermodynamics, Entropy, Free Energy.
- III. **Optics**: Nature of light, Geometric Optics, Lens, The Microscope, Polarized light, Diffraction, resolution limit, Imaging methods.
- IV. **Atomic and Nuclear Physics**: Spectroscopy, Electron microscope, Structure of the Core, Radioactivity, Biological Effects of Nuclear Radiation.
- V. **Practical Exercises**: Measurement Errors, Graphical representation of measurements, Emission and absorption spectrum in the visible area. Polarized light -optically active materials, Absorption of γ-radiation from materials, Capillary effect-surface tension, Measurement of viscosity, Special heat of a liquid.

4. TEACHING and LEARNING METHODS - Evaluation

TEACHING METHOD	In suitably equipped teaching rooms			
USE OF INFORMATICS and COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES	Use of powerpoint presentations, videos and simulations in lectures,			
	2. Use of open eclass platform to inform, educate and communicate with students			
TEACHING METHODS	Activity	Work Load		
	Lectures	39		
	Practical exercises	28		
	Preparatory sessions	10		
	Independent study	48		
	Course total			
	(25 hours of student work	125		
	loadper ECTS)			
STUDENTS EVALUATION	I. Theory: Written final examination (100%) comprising			
	- multiple choice questions			
	- critical thinking questions			
	- solving problems related to quantitative data			
	II. Practical exercises:			
	Written final examination (40%)			
	Written assignments on dat	a processing (40%)		

Tests of understanding before exercise execution (20%)

5. BIBILIOGRAPHY

Theory:

- 1. Freedman Roger A., Ruskell Todd G., Kesten Philip R., Tauck David L., Βασικές Αρχές Φυσικής στις Επιστήμες Υγείας, Broken Hill Publishers Ltd, 2019
- 2. Newman, Jay. Φυσική για τις επιστήμες ζωής, ΔΙΑΥΛΟΣ publishing, 2013
- 3. Halliday David, Resnick Robert, Walker Jearl, ΦΥΣΙΚΗ, Gutenberg publishing, 2014

Practical Exercises

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