İZMİR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GRADUATE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF BIOENGINEERING CURRICULUM OF THE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

M.Sc. in Bioengineering

Core Courses

BE 500	M.Sc. Thesis	(0-1)NC ECTS 26
BE 598	Research Seminar*	(0-2)NC ECTS 9
BE 501	Principles of Bioengineering I	(3-0)3 ECTS 9
BE 502	Principles of Bioengineering II	(3-0)3 ECTS 9
BE 503	Research and Ethics in Bioengineering	(3-0)3 ECTS 9
BE 8xx	Special Studies	(8-0)NC ECTS 4

*All M.S. students must register Seminar course until the beginning of their 4th semester. Total credit (min.): 21 Number of courses with credit (min.): 7 Total ECTS credit (min.): 120

Ph.D. in Bioengineering

Core Courses

BE 600	Ph.D. Thesis	(0-1)NC ECTS 26
BE 698	Research Seminar*	(0-2)NC ECTS 9
BE 503	Research and Ethics in Bioengineering**	(3-0)3 ECTS 9
BE 504	Advanced Bioengineering	(3-0)3 ECTS 9
BE 505	Advanced Physiology	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 8xx	Special Studies	(8-0)NC ECTS 4

*In order to graduate, doctoral students are required to successfully complete their seminar courses by one semester prior to their graduation.

**If this course is already taken during M.Sc., one additional elective course is required instead.

Total credit (min.): 21 (for students with M.Sc. degree)

Number of courses with credit (min.): 7 (for students with M.Sc. degree)

Total ECTS credit (min.): 240 (for students with M.Sc. degree)

Total credit (min.): 42 (for students with B.Sc. degree)

Total credit (min.): 42 (for students with B.S. degree)

Number of courses with credit (min): 14 (for students with B.Sc. degree)

Total ECTS credit (min.): 300 (for students with B.Sc. degree)

Elective Courses

Elective Cou	rses	
BE 511	Statistics for Bioengineers	. (3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 512	Biomolecular Engineering	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 513	Bioprocess Engineering	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 514	Fundemantals of Medical Engineering	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 515	Nanoscale Bioengineering	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 516	Biomedical Device Technologies	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 531	Introduction to Biomaterials Science	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 532	Protein Engineering Principles	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 533	Biopolymers	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 534	Macromolecular Science and Engineering	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 535	Drug Delivery Systems	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 536	Bioprinting	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 537	Personalized Medicine	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 538	Neuroengineering	(3-0)3 ECTS 8

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BE 539	Synthetic Biology	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 540	Bioimaging Techniques	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 541	Biophotonics	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 542	Cellular Mechanobiology	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 543	Biomicroscopy	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 544	BioMEMS: Fabrication Technologies and Applications	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 545	Microfluidics	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 546	Stem Cell Biology and Technology	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 547	Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 548	3D Cell Culture	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 549	Nanomedicine	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 550	Biosensors and Diagnostic Tools	(3-0)3 ECTS 6
BE 551	Fundamentals of Biophysical Protein Characterization	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 552	Protein Engineering and Design	(3-0)3 ECTS 6
BE 553	Bone and Dental Tissue Engineering	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 555	Vascularization in Tissue Engineering	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 556	Nanotoxicology	(3-0)3 ECTS 6
BE 558	Visual Communication in Biomedical Research	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 571	Advanced Bioprocess Engineering	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 572	Advanced Biomaterials	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 573	Advanced Biomechanics	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 574	Downstream Processing of Natural Products	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 575	Structural Characterization I	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 576	Enzyme Design and Biotransformations	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 577	Drug Design	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 578	Computation for Bioengineers	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 579	Molecularly Engineered Biomaterials	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 580	Astrobiology	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 581	Biomolecular Kinetics and Cellular Dynamics	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 582	Biomedical Information Technologies	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 583	Bioinorganic Chemistry	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 584	Molecular Dynamics Methods	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 585	Machine Learning for Computational Biochemistry	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 587	Antibody Engineering	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 586	Structural Characterization II	(3-0)3 ECTS 8
BE 591	Special Topics in Bioengineering	(3-0)3 ECTS 8

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS Core Courses

BE 500 M.Sc. Thesis

Under supervision of an advisor, students write a master thesis about the experimental and/or theoretical research topic they choose based on the courses they have taken.

BE 600 Ph.D. Thesis

(0-1)NC ECTS 26 Under the supervision of an advisor, student proposes, plans and performs experimental and/or theoretical work and prepares a PhD thesis on a research topic (s)he chooses in the current fields of bioengineering.

BE 598 Research Seminar*

The course is composed of literature search, data collection, data analysis and reporting on the master thesis topic chosen by students under the guidance of their advisors.

BE 698 Research Seminar*

The course is composed of literature search, data collection, data analysis and reporting on the doctoral thesis topic chosen by students under the guidance of their advisors.

BE 501 Principles of Bioengineering I

Course content aims to integrate principle concepts of engineering that is commonly used in bioengineering practice. Content include engineering mathematics; statics; solid mechanics; kinematics and kinetics; fluid dynamics; basic thermodynamics; circuit elements and electronic design; heat and mass transfer.

BE 502 Principles of Bioengineering II

This course starts with the discussion of structure and chemistry of biological molecules, enzyme kinetics, DNA replication and repair, gene expression. Followed by the recombinant DNA technology, subcellular organization, cell motility, signaling and cell division. Specific examples in applications in medicine, bionanotechnology and tissue engineering are also addressed.

Research and Ethics in Bioengineering BE 503

This course starts with the discussion of research methods and techniques that are commonly used in bioengineering. The students are expected to write and present a research proposal utilizing the techniques they learned. Following research techniques the class will focusing on ethical concepts in bioengineering, using specific case studies.

BE 504 Advanced Bioengineering

Discussion, review and project design in advanced bioengineering topics including; molecular bioengineering, cellular bioengineering, bioprocess engineering, biomedical Technologies

BE 505 Advanced Physiology

This course will convey the foundations of human physiology at advanced level with a particular focus on cellular and molecular mechanisms of physiological processes.

BE 8xx **Special Studies**

Graduate students study on special topics regarding his/her thesis under the guidance of his/her thesis advisor.

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BE 511 Statistics for Bioengineers

Elective Courses

This course is designed to equip bioengineering students with essential statistical tools to be used for the interpretation of data from biomedical research. Content include variation; probability; distributions; hypothesis testing: ANOVA: distribution free tests: correlation; regression; survival analysis

BE 512 Biomolecular Engineering

This course starts with the discussion of structure and function of biomolecules that play role in decoding the genom and transformation of energy. This is followed by enzymatic catalysis, active transport, metabolism of macromolecules and molecular recognition. In addition, design and production of novel proteins, genomes and cells, and biomolecular treatment methods will be addresed.

BE 513 Bioprocess Engineering

The course is designed to cover applications of engineering principles on bioprocesses where raw materials are biologically converted into valuable chemicals. It emphasizes enzyme kinetics and technology, bioreaction kinetics, design and control of bioreactors and fermentors, downstream processes of bioreaction products.

BE 514 Fundemantals of Medical Engineering

Cells, tissues, fundamentals of organs and systems physiology, homeostasis, human anatomy, basic information about cardiovascular, respiratory, digestive, renal, endocrine, immune, nervous, muscular and sensory systems, biomedical devices, bioelectric, artificial organs, biomaterials, biomechanics, bioimaging systems will be covered. Practical issues related to the design of medical devices will also be discussed in the course.

BE 515 Nanoscale Bioengineering

During the course properties of nanomaterials, characterization of nanomaterials, applications of nanomaterials for bioengineering approaches, and production of nanoscale tools for modern biotechnological research will be discussed.

BE 516 Biomedical Device Technologies

This course will introduce the students to the foundations of biomedical devices. The properties of a variety of sensor materials will be studied, and the structures of sensors for a variety of biomedical signals will be examined. The applications of the sensors used in the clinical practice will be covered.

Introduction to Biomaterials Science BE 531

The course introduces classes of biomaterials citing their use in life sciences and technologies. This introductory course discusses material bulk and surface properties, material characterization techniques, biological responses to biomaterials, and issues regarding the production of biomaterials.

BE 532 Protein Engineering Principles

This course starts with the discussion of structure and biochemistry of proteins, genetic, biochemical and chemical techniques used in protein production and characterization. Followed by amino acids the building blocks of proteins, motifs found in protein structure, rational and combinatorial methods used in protein engineering. These topics will be explained with specific examples and applications.

BE 533 Biopolymers

During the course structure and properties of biopolymers, biological and technological importance of biopolymers, production of biopolymers and their industrial importance will be discussed.

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BE 534 Macromolecular Science and Engineering

The course covers the following topics: introduction to macromolecular systems commonly used in bioengineering applications, physical and chemical properties of macromolecules, characterizations, polymerization mechanisms, fundemantals on macromolecular architectures, examples of macromolecular systems used in biotechnology.

BE 535 Drug Delivery Systems

This course has been designed to introduce fundemantals, strategies and materials used in controlled drug delivery systems to bioengineering students. The course covers pharmacokinetics/pharmacodynamics fundemantals, drug diffusion and permeation, controlled drug release concept, strategies and kinetics, macro, micro- and nano-carriers, and specific examples of drug delivery systems.

BE 536 Bioprinting

Following topics will be covered in this course; properties of bioprinting materials, natural and artificial bioink materials, bioprinting techniques, applications of bioprinting.

BE 537 Personalized Medicine

Topics covered in this course will include current and future applications of genomics in medicine, pharmacogenomics, next generation sequencing technologies, genome-based healthcare technologies, therapeutic response, personalized implants.

BE 538 Neuroengineering

Existing neurotechnologies for analyzing brain signals and for treating neurological and psychiatric diseases; biophysical, biochemical, anatomical principles governing the design of current neurotechnologies, with a goal of encouraging innovations of a new generation of therapies will be covered during the course.

BE 539 Synthetic Biology

This course offers an introduction to synthetic biology, which is a new discipline that seeks to enable the predictable engineering of biological systems. This course will discuss the principles that are used by all organisms to perform cellular functions, and how the knowledge gained from studying naturally-occurring biological systems can be used to create artificial gene networks capable of performing new functions. Course content include DNA assembly, protein purification, cell culture, genetic and metabolic engineering, biological circuits, and the broader applications of synthetic biology.

BE 540 Bioimaging Techniques

This introductory course covers the physical and engineering principles for bio-imaging technologies used in medicine. It reviews the mathematical principles used in signal processing required for such systems, detectors used, and overall systems including the hardware. It covers a broad spectrum of imaging systems starting with x-ray projection imaging, moving on to xray CT, SPECT, PET, MRI and ultrasound.

BE 541 Biophotonics

During the course introduction of biophotonics, fundamental principles of light, optics, lasers, diagnostic biophotonics, therapeutic applications of biophotonics will be discussed.

BE 542 Cellular Mechanobiology

This course will focus on the mechanical regulation of molecular events in cellular biology. Course content include general concepts of mechanobiology; cellular framework; cytoskeletal mechanics; membrane mechanics; cellular adhesion and migration; mechanical regulation of cell fate.

BE 543 Biomicroscopy

Introduction to geometrical and wave optics for investigating the biological sample of interest, functioning of optical microscopes and their advantages and limitations will be covered during the course.

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BE 544 BioMEMS: Fabrication Technologies and Applications (3-0)3 ECTS 8

BioMEMS is the application of MEMS (Microelectromechanical Systems) technology in the fields of biomedical and health sciences. Due to their small size (1 μ m-1mm), BioMEMS have the advantages of low weight, low cost, quick response, high throughput, high efficiency, requiring much less sample/reagent, and easy system integration. BioMEMS found broad applications in disease diagnosis, prevention and treatment. Various BioMEMS products have been developed, such as microfluidic devices, neural interface devices, μ TAS (micro total analysis systems), lab-on-a-chip, DNA chips, micro drug delivery system, microsurgical tools, biosensors. This course introduces to students about the fundamentals of BioMEMS technology, typical BioMEMS devices and their applications.

BE 545 Microfluidics

As the diversity of lab-on-a-chip systems is continuously growing, there is also an increasing demand of a better understanding of the microfluidic phenomena behind the final application. In this concept, this course will provide a theoretical background of microfluidics effects and concepts.

BE 546 Stem Cell Biology and Technology

Contents include formal lectures covering basic concepts in development and homeostasis; ethical considerations in stem cell research and technology; embryonic stem cells; mesenchymal stem cells; neural stem cells and induced pluripotency. This course also demands students to understand and formally present recent articles in the field of stem cells.

BE 547 Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine

Following topics will be covered in this course; cells and tissues, extracellular matrix, cell culture, biomaterials for tissue engineering, cell-biomaterial interaction, tissue modeling, tissue development, tissue and organ regeneration, stem-cell differentiation for regenerative medicine applications, tissue engineering methods, artificial tissue and organs.

BE 548 3D Cell Culture

Biology of cells, cellular interactions, cell function, cell surface molecules, cell response, cell adhesion, cell motility, cytoskeleton, cell differentiation, materials for 3D cell culture, cell-material interaction and techniques in 3D cell culture will be covered during the course.

BE 549 Nanomedicine

This course has been designed to introduce nanomedicine field to students. The course covers the following topics: properties of biomaterials on the nanoscale, synthesis and processing of biomaterials at nanoscale, biofunctionalization of nanomaterials, smart nanomaterials for drug delivery and imaging applications, micro/nanofluidics for diagnosis and detection, new generation of imaging technologies, nanobiosensors (e.g. lab-on-a-chip), cellular nanomachines, regenerative medicine, including tissue engineering cell and gene therapy.

BE 550 Biosensors and Diagnostic Tools

This course will be covering following subtopics; Fundamentals of biosensors and diagnostic tools, working principle, materials and fabrication techniques of biosensors/diagnostic tools, micro fluidics, microarrays, point-of-care and lab-on-a chip technologies, bioimaging methods, and biomedical applications of diagnostic tools.

BE 551 Fundamentals of Biophysical Protein Characterization (3-0)3 ECTS 8

Course content aims to integrate laws of thermodynamic to characterize protein biophysically. Content include review of the laws of thermodynamics, the thermodynamic parameters (such as Gibbs free energy, enthapy, entropy, melting temperature), spectroskopic methods for biophysical protein characterization (such as fluorescence, circular dichroism, UV-Vis spectroscopy).

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BE 552 Protein Engineering and Design

The course starts with the discussion of the fundamental biochemistry and structure of proteins, and various genetic, biochemical and chemical techniques required to purify and characterize proteins. Followed by description of rational and combinatorial methods of protein engineering and specific examples of engineered proteins and their applications.

BE 553 Bone and Dental Tissue Engineering

This course will be covering the following subtopics; Tissue engineering scaffolds&implants, their fabrication techniques, biomaterials for bone tissue engineering, normal bone anatomy, function, and common bone disorders, scaffold design for bone tissue engineering applications, mechanotransduction concept and bioreactors for bone tissue engineering, normal dental anatomy, function, common dental disorders, design of dental scaffolds, grafts and fillings, guided bone/tissue regeneration and design of dental barrier membranes, injectable grafts, drug delivery and stem cells in bone and dental tissue engineering, introduction to microfluidics and bone on a chip.

BE 555 Vascularization in Tissue Engineering

This course will be covering the following subtopics; vascular system: structure and function, the components and functional role of the extracellular matrix in vascular tissue engineering, the importance for vascularisation in tissue engineering applications, key factors in angiogenesis: molecular and mechanical factors, current strategies to overcome slow neovascularisation in tissue-engineered constructs, strategies to fabricate tissue engineering scaffolds for angiogenesis studies, established angiogenesis assays, angiogenesis and physiological wound healing, biomaterials approach to skin tissue engineering and wound management, host response to biomaterials

BE 556 Nanotoxicology

Subheadings to be covered in this course; physicochemical factors affecting toxicity, physicochemical characterization of nanomaterials, exposure routes to nanomaterials, biodistribution mechanisms of nanomaterials, interactions between nanomaterials and biological systems, potential effects of nanomaterials on ecosystem, in vitro, in vivo and in silico toxicity screening tests, computational toxicology, risk reduction and management strategies for nanomaterials, nanomaterial regulations

BE 558 Visual Communication in Biomedical Research (3-

This course will be covering the following subtopics; Introduction to science and art history, the importance of visual communication in science, scientific research methods, visual perception and memory, fundamentals of design and creative process, the use of visual material in scientific outputs, copyright and ethics, fundamentals of photography, scientific and medical photography, staining and imaging techniques, editing photographs and images within the framework of ethical rules so that they can be used in academic publications (The software that can be used for this purpose; Image J, Photoshop, Microsoft Powerpoint, Microsoft Publisher), selection and design of graphs and tables to be used in scientific outputs (Microsoft Excel and Graphpad will be used), scientific and medical illustration techniques (Tools: Microsoft Powerpoint and Microsoft Publisher, vector and pixel-based software such as Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop), introduction to animation techniques and designing short animations related to the area of expertise, oral and poster presentation preparation techniques.

BE 571 Advanced Bioprocess Engineering

Introduction to bioprocess engineering, The cell type and properties, Enzymes, Metabolism, Cell Growth Kinetics, Enzyme Kinetics, Operation Modes, Enzyme and Cell Immobilization, Bioreactors, Types of Bioreactors, Bioreactor Instruments, Bioreactor Design, Mass and Heat Transfer, Stoichiometry, Agitation, AerationScale-up, Separation and Purification (Centrifugation, Precipitation, Filtration, Chromatography).

BE 572 Advanced Biomaterials

During the course structure and properties of biomaterials, biological and technological importance of biomaterials, advanced production and advanced characterization of biomaterials, and their industrial importance will be discussed.

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BE 573 Advanced Biomechanics

Application of biomechanical principlas on: gait, posture and balance; performance; ergonomy; physical theraphy and implant design and usage.

BE 574 Downstream Processing of Natural Products

Introduction to chromatography, Thin Layer Chromatography and its applications, Flash Chromatography and its applications (Silica gel), Vacuum-Liquid Chromatography and its applications (Reverse Phase; C-18), Gel Chromatography and its applications (Sephadex LH-20, Size exclusion; Polyamide), MPLC and its applications, Prep.HPLC and its applications, Application; from crude extract to pure natural product

BE 575 Structural Characterization I

Description of organic molecules and functional groups. Study of effects of functional groups on the properties of molecules, Teaching and study of terms like molecular weight, molecular fragments etc., Interactions of molecules with light and electiricity, Mass spectroscopy analysis, data outcomes and interpretations, UV-VIS analysis, data outcomes and interpretations, FTIR spectroscopy analysis, data outcomes and interpretations, 1D-NMR spectroscopy analysis, data outcomes and interpretations.

Enzyme Design and Biotransformations BE 576

This course covers the following topics: Biotransformation, Enzyme Engineering, Recombinant Biotechnology, Microbial Processes, Strain Development and Maintenance, Up- and Down Stream in Biocatalyst Technologies, Case studies.

BE 577 Drug Design

This course covers the following topics: principal steps of drug development process, general properties of drug molecules, basic drug targets, structure-activity and quantitative structure-activity relationship, computer-aided drug design, drug discovery from natural sources.

BE 578 Computation for Bioengineers

Computers are increasingly indispensable in bioengineering research for data acquisition, analysis and modeling. The course covers basic computation skills including data representation, storage, descriptive statistics, numerical analysis theory, optimization, and other relevant topics via hands-on exercises based on real bioengineering applications. High-level multi-purpose scientific computing packages are used during the course.

Molecularly Engineered Biomaterials BE 579

This course covers the design, synthesis and applications of soft matter-based biomaterials composed of molecular building blocks.

BE 580 Astrobiology

This course involves discussions on: How are atoms and molecules created in the universe and in which areas (stars, interstellar clouds, planetary atmospheres)?; What role do molecules play in the emergence of the stars and planetary systems?; What is the difference between the molecular processes that occur in space and those we are used to Earth?; How and where are biomolecules formed, such as amino acids and carbohydrates? How are these combined for more complex structures like proteins? Are biomolecules formed only on planets or in space?; How did the first atmosphere of the Earth look and how was it formed? What can we learn about the development of our own atmosphere from new knowledge of other atmospheres; How does gravitational fields affect biology?

Biomolecular Kinetics and Cellular Dynamics BE 581

This course starts with biomolecular interactions, continues with the kinetic and equilibrium mathematical models of these interactions, and the application of these analysis to biological problems.

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BE 582 Biomedical Information Technologies

Definition of biomedical information technologies, databases, sequence analysis, genomics, transcriptomics, proteom, cs. metabolomics.

Bioinorganic Chemistry BE 583

This course covers inorganic elements in living organisms as well as the related methods and theories with particular emphasis on enzymatic conversions and electron transfer. In addition, elucidation of model systems and technical applications of both, concepts learned from nature as well as biological systems will be covered.

BE 584 Molecular Dynamics Methods

This course covers the basis of molecular dynamics simulation, how it is analyzed and how the results are interpreted, and types of MD. In this course, students will learn how to model and simulate systems such as protein, protein-drug, protein-protein, protein-virus and protein-nucleic acid.

(3-0)3 ECTS 8 Machine Learning for Computational Biochemistry **BE 585**

This course covers the theory of machine learning methods and their application in molecular dynamics simulations and molecular docking calculations used in computational biochemistry.

BE 587 Antibody Engineering

During the course antibody and antibody fragment structure and function, production and characterization of antibodies, examples of medical and biotechnological applications of antibody and antibody fragments, and systems developed for biotechnological research will be discussed.

Structural Characterization II **BE 586**

Elucidation of two- and three-dimensional chemical structures of complex organic molecules using advanced spectral methods (2D-NMR: COSY, TOCSY, HMQC, HSQC, HMBC, NOESY, ROESY). Performing structure characterization of unknown bioorganic compounds (secondary metabolites) with full spectral data provided (UV, IR, MS, 1D- and 2D-NMR).

BE 591 Special Topics in Bioengineering

This course aims to evaluate and discuss a selected topic in the field of Bioengineering depending on the instructor's expertise.

Doç.Dr.Ceyda ÖKSEL KARAKUŞ **Head of Department**

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