

Course syllabus

Biological Systems Biologiska system

EXTQ20, 7.5 credits, A (Second Cycle)

Valid for: 2025/26

Faculty: Faculty of Engineering LTH

Decided by: PLED W

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General Information

Main field: Technology **Depth of study relative to the degree**

requirements: Second cycle, in-depth level of the course cannot be classified

Elective for: BME5-sbh, Pi4-biek

Language of instruction: The course will be given in English on demand

Aim

The course aims at providing knowledge in systems biology at different levels of organisation with focus on biological modeling. The course shall give insight and knowledge in biological concepts, and training in modelling of biological systems from genetic to global levels. A further aim of the course is to provide experience of communication with biologists that lack qualifications in engineering and modelling

Learning outcomes

Knowledge and understanding

For a passing grade the student must

- have a basic knowledge of how biology is studied at different levels of organisation in biology
- have a basic knowledge of fundamental concepts in genetics, cell biology, neurobiology, ecology, global systems, and within biologically inspired mathematical techniques

- have a basic knowledge of modelling traditions in the above disciplines

Competences and skills

For a passing grade the student must

- be able to apply the different modelling techniques on different systems within the course

Contents

- Levels of biological organization, System perspective, molecular networks
- Neurophysiology: modeling of learning
- behaviour models within dynamic programming
- matrix and game theoretical models on population level
- methods within commercial biological programming, for example neural networks and genetic algorithms

Examination details

Grading scale: TH - (U, 3, 4, 5) - (Fail, Three, Four, Five)

Assessment: Project assignments.

The examiner, in consultation with Disability Support Services, may deviate from the regular form of examination in order to provide a permanently disabled student with a form of examination equivalent to that of a student without a disability.

Modules

Code: 0117. **Name:** System Biology.

Credits: 7.5. **Grading scale:** TH - (U, 3, 4, 5).

Admission

Assumed prior knowledge: TEK290/EXTG15, FMAF05/FMA450, FRTF05/FRT010 or equivalent. Some skill in Matlab (or programming).

The number of participants is limited to: No

Kursen överlappar följande kurser: TEK292

Reading list

- Material distributed by the teachers, articles.

Contact

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