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LEARNING GUIDE

SUBJECT

93000986 - Numerical Models For Tissue And Blood Flow Biomechanics

DEGREE PROGRAMME

09AU - Master Universitario En Ingenieria Biomedica

ACADEMIC YEAR & SEMESTER

2023/24 - Semester 2

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1. Description

1.1. Subject details

Name of the subject	93000986 - Numerical Models For Tissue And Blood Flow Biomechanics
No of credits	3 ECTS
Type	Optional
Academic year of the programme	First year
Semester of tuition	Semester 2
Tuition period	February-June
Tuition languages	English
Degree programme	09AU - Master Universitario en Ingenieria Biomedica
Centre	09 - Escuela Tecnica Superior De Ingenieros De Telecomunicacion
Academic year	2023-24

2. Faculty

2.1. Faculty members with subject teaching role

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* The tutoring schedule is indicative and subject to possible changes. Please check tutoring times with the faculty member in charge.

3. Prior knowledge recommended to take the subject

3.1. Recommended (passed) subjects

The subject - recommended (passed), are not defined.

3.2. Other recommended learning outcomes

- Vector calculus
- Computer programming
- Numerical methods

4. Skills and learning outcomes *

4.1. Skills to be learned

CB07 - Que los estudiantes sepan aplicar los conocimientos adquiridos y su capacidad de resolución de problemas en entornos nuevos o poco conocidos dentro de contextos más amplios (o multidisciplinares) relacionados con su área de estudio

CG-MIB01 - Resolver problemas e integrar conocimiento en temas nuevos o escasamente definidos y en entornos multidisciplinares del área de la Ingeniería Biomédica

4.2. Learning outcomes

RA147 - Conocimiento de los métodos experimentales y modelos de cálculo para su interpretación. En particular, conocer y saber aplicar modelos de elementos finitos y otros métodos numéricos de cálculo. Conocer las interacciones entre procesos biomecánicos y procesos biológicos (mecanobiología).

RA148 - Conocimientos teóricos sobre fluidomecánica y propiedades reológicas de la sangre y otros biofluidos, así como las aplicaciones para interpretar la circulación sanguínea, sus patologías. Procesos de respiración.

RA149 - Conocimientos prácticos a través de experimentos en biomecánica ensayando tejidos duros y blandos.

RA146 - Conocimiento de la estructura y propiedades y mecánicas más importantes de los tejidos del cuerpo humano, tanto duros (huesos) como blandos (tejido vascular, piel, músculo liso, músculo estriado, miocardio, cartílagos, tendones). Conocimiento de su relevancia para la función fisiológica y en el desarrollo de patologías

* The Learning Guides should reflect the Skills and Learning Outcomes in the same way as indicated in the Degree Verification Memory. For this reason, they have not been translated into English and appear in Spanish.

5. Brief description of the subject and syllabus

5.1. Brief description of the subject

OBJECTIVES

The object of this course is to develop know-how and skills, both at theoretical and at a practical level, in the field of biomechanics applied to medical problems, by the use of computational models. In a first part the human tissue, both hard and soft, will be studied. The mathematical and numerical models will be described and practice will be carried out in the computer with a nonlinear finite element program especially suited for biomedical applications. In a second part of the course the blood circulation (haemodynamics) will be studied, describing the relevant fluid mechanics models. The activity will also be focused on computational applications using finite volume CFD software.

All topics will include applications using advanced computational models (Finite Elements: FEBio, ABAQUS, CFD: Simvascular, Fluent).

COURSE PROGRAMME

Part 1. Finite Elements for hard and soft tissue biomechanics

1.1 *Introduction to nonlinear problems*

1.2 *Concepts in nonlinear continuum biomechanics.* Nonlinear elasticity, viscoelasticity, plasticity, damage, failure

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1.3 *Formulation and solution of the discrete nonlinear equations*

1.4 *Adaptive remeshing*. Application to bone model

1.5 *Meshless methods* (SPH) and applications to biomechanics

1.6 *Patient-specific studies*. Segmentation from medical images, mesh generation.

Part 2. Computational Fluid Mechanics for Haemodynamics

2.1 *Haemodynamics*. Biofluid mechanics: fluid mechanical properties of the blood, rheology. Fundamental equations of the mechanics of fluids. Viscous flow in ducts: laminar and turbulent flow, pulsatile flow.

2.2 *General description of blood flow, modelling of the arterial and venous systems*. Study of blood flow in singularities (curves, bifurcations, etc). Vascular structure and its relation with the characteristics of blood flow.

2.3 *Flow in elastic ducts*. Windkessel model, wave propagation. Dynamics of bubbles and cavitation in blood flow. Mechanical similarity in arterial motion.

2.4 *Applications of computational fluid mechanics to blood flow*. Workshops: flow in bifurcations under steady flow conditions. Workshop: CFD study of left coronary arteries

5.2. Syllabus

1. Finite Elements for hard and soft tissue biomechanics

1.1. Introduction to nonlinear problems

1.2. Concepts in nonlinear continuum biomechanics. Nonlinear elasticity and damage

1.3. Formulation and solution of the discrete nonlinear equations

1.4. Adaptive remeshing. Application to bone model

1.5. Meshless methods (SPH) and applications to biomechanics

1.6. Patient-specific studies: segmentation from medical images, mesh generation.

2. Computational Fluid Mechanics for Haemodynamics

2.1. Haemodynamics

2.2. General description of blood flow, modelling of the arterial and venous systems

2.3. Flow in elastic ducts

2.4. Applications of computational fluid mechanics to blood flow

6. Schedule

6.1. Subject schedule*

Week	Classroom activities	Laboratory activities	Distant / On-line	Assessment activities
1	Topic 1.1 Duration: 01:30 Lecture	Topic 1.1 Assignment / exercise Duration: 01:00 Laboratory assignments		
2	Topic 1.2 Duration: 01:30 Lecture	Topic 1.2 Assignment / exercise Duration: 01:00 Laboratory assignments		
3	Topic 1.3 Duration: 01:30 Lecture	Topic 1.3 Assignment / exercise Duration: 01:00 Laboratory assignments		
4	Topic 1.4 Duration: 01:30 Lecture	Topic 1.4 Assignment / exercise Duration: 01:00 Laboratory assignments		
5	Topic 1.5 Duration: 01:30 Lecture	Topic 1.5 Assignment / exercise Duration: 01:00 Laboratory assignments		
6	Topic 1.6 Duration: 01:30 Lecture	Topic 1.6 Assignment / exercise Duration: 01:00 Laboratory assignments		
7	Topic 2.1 Duration: 01:30 Lecture	Topic 2.1 Assignment / exercise Duration: 01:00 Laboratory assignments		
8	Topic 2.2 Duration: 01:30 Lecture	Topic 2.2 Assignment / exercise Duration: 01:00 Laboratory assignments		
9	Topic 2.3 Duration: 01:30 Lecture	Topic 2.3 Assignment / exercise Duration: 01:00 Laboratory assignments		
10	Topic 2.4 Duration: 01:30 Lecture	Topic 2.4 Assignment / exercise Duration: 01:00 Laboratory assignments		
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				<p>Assistance to lectures and responses to short questionnaires, during each lecture Individual work Continuous assessment and final examination Presential Duration: 00:00</p> <p>Exercises and practical assignments, developed weekly for each lesson Problem-solving test</p>

17				<p>Continuous assessment and final examination Presential Duration: 00:00</p> <p>Presentation of final course project Individual work Continuous assessment and final examination Presential Duration: 03:00</p>
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Depending on the programme study plan, total values will be calculated according to the ECTS credit unit as 26/27 hours of student face-to-face contact and independent study time.

* The schedule is based on an a priori planning of the subject; it might be modified during the academic year, especially considering the COVID19 evolution.

7. Activities and assessment criteria

7.1. Assessment activities

7.1.1. Assessment

Week	Description	Modality	Type	Duration	Weight	Minimum grade	Evaluated skills
17	Assistance to lectures and responses to short questionnaires, during each lecture	Individual work	Face-to-face	00:00	15%	4 / 10	CB07 CG-MIB01
17	Exercises and practical assignments, developed weekly for each lesson	Problem-solving test	Face-to-face	00:00	45%	5 / 10	CB07 CG-MIB01
17	Presentation of final course project	Individual work	Face-to-face	03:00	40%	5 / 10	CB07 CG-MIB01

7.1.2. Global examination

Week	Description	Modality	Type	Duration	Weight	Minimum grade	Evaluated skills
17	Assistance to lectures and responses to short questionnaires, during each lecture	Individual work	Face-to-face	00:00	15%	4 / 10	CB07 CG-MIB01
17	Exercises and practical assignments, developed weekly for each lesson	Problem-solving test	Face-to-face	00:00	45%	5 / 10	CB07 CG-MIB01
17	Presentation of final course project	Individual work	Face-to-face	03:00	40%	5 / 10	CB07 CG-MIB01

7.1.3. Referred (re-sit) examination

No se ha definido la evaluación extraordinaria.

7.2. Assessment criteria

For passing the course it will be required to assist to the lectures, including short questionnaires, and complete the practical assignments / exercises, as well as the final course project.

Course-based marks ("Evaluación progresiva")

This is the preferred way to pass the course. The grades will be based on three criteria:

- PE1 Attendance and participation in classes (15% of grades, with a minimum attendance of 70% of classes)
- PE2 Assignments and exercises (45% of grades)
- PE3 Final coursework: report, presentation and discussion (40% of grades)

Global marks ("Evaluación global")

This is only for those students unable to attend the lectures during the course. Students with poor results in item PE2 (assignments) will be given a chance to repeat them in the final exam). The weights will be as follows:

- PE2 Assignments and exercises (50% of grades)
- PE3 Final coursework: report, presentation and discussion (50% of grades)

8. Teaching resources

8.1. Teaching resources for the subject

Name	Type	Notes
Slicer	Web resource	https://www.slicer.org
Meshlab	Web resource	http://www.meshlab.net
FEBio	Web resource	https://febio.org
ABAQUS	Web resource	Software de Elementos Finitos no lineal https://edu.3ds.com/en/software/abaqus-learning-edition
Simvascular	Web resource	http://simvascular.github.io
Paraview	Web resource	https://www.paraview.org/
Vascular Biomechanics	Bibliography	T.C. Gasser, 2021

9. Other information

9.1. Other information about the subject

This course contributes to the Sustainable Development Goals SDG 3 (Good health and well-being), SDG 4 (Quality education)