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Macromolecules of life: Structure-function and Bioinformatics 356 (BCM 356)

Kwalifikasie	Voorgraads
Fakulteit	Fakulteit Natuur- en Landbouwetenskappe
Modulekrediete	18.00
Programme	BSc Biochemie BSc Biotegnologie BSc Fisika BSc Genetika BSc Mensfisiologie BSc Mensgenetika BSc Mikrobiologie BSc Plantkunde BSc. Voeding
Voorvereistes	BCM 251 en BCM 252
Kontaktyd	1 praktiese sessie per week, 2 lesing per week
Onderrigtaal	Dubbelmedium
Akademiese organisasie	Biochemie
Aanbiedingstydperk	Semester 1



Module-inhoud

Perspectives on the flow of information from nucleic acids to proteins, the structure and functions of nucleic acids and proteins and their organisation into hierarchical, interdependent systems. Nucleic acid structure as observed in fibres and crystals as well as global DNA and RNA analyses (methods and bioinformatic analyses). Biochemical analyses of nucleotides. DNA-DNA recognition: non-standard and higher order DNA structures. The RNA structural world, RNAi, miRNA and ribosomes. Cellular functions of coding and non-coding nucleic acids. Principles of small molecule-DNA recognition. Principles of protein-DNA recognition and interactions. Bioinformatics predictions of protein and small molecule DNA interactions. Chemical reactivity of amino acids. Domain structures of proteins and Ramachandran plots. Protein folding, sequence motifs and domains, higher order and supramolecular structure, self-assembly, conjugated proteins, post-translational modifications, conjugated proteins and bioinformatics predictions. Principles of protein function and protein structure relationships. Protein-ligand and protein-protein interactions. Protein aggregation in disease. Examples of the diverse functions of proteins and peptides, including enzymes, hormones, neurotransmitters, antibodies, receptors, transport and membrane proteins. Global analysis of proteins through proteomics. Basic principles of nuclear magnetic resonance, mass spectrometry and X-ray crystallography. Protein purification and characterization including, pI, molecular mass, amino acid composition and sequence. Practical training will include interactive computer-guided demonstrations of protein analysis, hands-on practical sessions for nucleic acid purification and chemical structure characterisation, protein expression and purification (including SDS-PAGE), protein sequence analysis including mass spectrometry, protein structure analysis by 3D protein modelling and protein folding (Bioinformatics).

Die inligting wat hier verskyn, is onderhewig aan verandering en kan na die publikasie van hierdie inligting gewysig word.. Die [Algemene Regulasies \(G Regulasies\)](#) is op alle fakulteite van die Universiteit van Pretoria van toepassing. Dit word vereis dat elke student volkome vertrouwd met hierdie regulasies sowel as met die inligting vervat in die [Algemene Reëls](#) sal wees. Onkunde betreffende hierdie regulasies en reëls sal nie as 'n verskoning by oortreding daarvan aangebied kan word nie.