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## Environmental nanomaterials 732 (CKO 732)

<b>Qualification</b>	Postgraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	<a href="#">Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology</a>
<b>Module credits</b>	32.00
<b>Programmes</b>	<a href="#">BEngHons Chemical Engineering</a>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	32 contact hours per semester
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Chemical Engineering
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

### Module content

Introduction to nanotechnology, industrial production of nanomaterials, physico-chemical properties of nanomaterials, identification of nanomaterials sources (point vs diffuse sources) to aquatic systems. Fate, behaviour and transport of nanomaterials in different environmental media (freshwater, sediments, wastewater, and soil). Fractal theory and transformation pathways of nanomaterials: chemical, biological, physical and interactions with macromolecules transformations. Nanoecotoxicology: concept of toxicity within nanomaterials regime, nanomaterials toxicity tests (acute vs. chronic toxicity), mechanisms of nanomaterials toxicity, biocompatibility of nanomaterials, bioaccumulation and persistence. Risk assessment paradigm: Hazard identification (production volumes, material flows, nanowastes generation, bioaccumulation, long-range transport, and persistence), hazard characterization (in vitro vs. in vivo studies, adverse outcome pathways), exposure assessment (life cycle assessment and environmental uptake), risk assessment, and risk management (regulation, nanowastes and by-products management protocols). Sustainable nanotechnology paradigm: safe-by-design concept, risk modelling and predictions.

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