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Bioelectricity and electronics 732 (EBE 732)

Qualification Postgraduate

Faculty Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Module credits 32.00

Programmes BEngHons Bioengineering

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 32 contact hours per semester

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Electrical, Electronic and Com

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

This module focuses on electrophysiology, using a quantitative approach. Topics covered in the first part of the module are: electrical properties of the nerve cell membrane, action potentials and the Hodgkin-Huxley model, cable theory, the neuromuscular junction, and extracellular fields. The second part of the module builds on this background to discuss the theory and practice of electrical nerve stimulation. Applications of the theoretical work is discussed, including functional electrical stimulation (e.g. electrostimulation used for standing and walking in paraplegics), and cochlear implants for the deaf.

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