

Master in Life Sciences

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Module title	Physicochemical Principles in Pharmaceutics
Code	BP8
Degree Programme	Master of Science in Life Sciences
Group	Bio/Pharma
Workload	3 ECTS (90 student working hours: 42 lessons contact = 32 h; 58 h self-study)
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Lecturers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Georgios Imanidis • Martin Kuentz
Entry requirements	Bachelor level in pharma technology, pharmaceutics, and/or chemistry and physical chemistry
Learning outcomes and competences	<p>After completing the module, students will be able to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fundamentally understand principles underlying design of drug delivery systems • define and solve challenges related to colloidal systems for pharmaceutical application • implement interfacial phenomena, solubility theory into pharmaceutical product design • apply properties of solid and semi-solid materials to delivery system development • define types and applications of polymers in a pharmaceutical context and know key properties and characterization approaches of/for polymers
Module contents	<p><i>Interfacial phenomena, micromeritics and compaction (Georgios Imanidis, 14 lessons)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interfacial Phenomena / Surfactants: multi-phase systems, liquid-liquid, liquid-air, liquid-solid interfaces. adsorption, Gibbs equation, Langmuir isotherm, wetting, spreading. Applications in drug formulation, and delivery • Micromeritics & Compaction: Compressibility, compatibility, manufacturability, tablettability, material properties of powders and compacts and relationship to process and product quality, manufacturing challenges of solid and semi-solid preparations <p><i>Solutions, computational modelling, rheology (Martin Kuentz, 14 lessons)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solutions and structured liquids including solid solutions and deep eutectics. Computational modeling & property prediction (e.g. solubility and partitioning) • Rheology: elastic/plastic behavior, viscoelasticity, thixotropy, measurement principles and systems <p><i>Pharmaceutical nanotechnology and polymers (Oliver Germershaus, 14 lessons)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmaceutical nanotechnology and colloidal systems: types of colloidal systems; optical, kinetic and electrical properties of colloids; stabilization of colloidal systems; pharmaceutical application of colloids <p>Pharmaceutical polymers: polymer types, polymer properties and characterization, pharmaceutical application of polymers</p>

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Teaching / learning methods	lecture, student presentations, group work, practical exercise
Assessment of learning outcome	Closed book examination (100 %)
Format	7-weeks
Timing of the module	Autumn semester, CW 38-44
Venue	Blended learning format. Presence sequences take place in Olten
Bibliography	Sinko: Martins Physical Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences Florence, Attwood: Physicochemical Principles of Pharmacy Kim: Advanced Pharmaceutics, Physicochemical Principles
Language	English
Links to other modules	-
Comments	-
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