BIOFLUID DYNAMICS

MECH 433

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Class Format
Three 1-hour classes each week (M, W, F – 15.00-16.00)
SWNG 307

Course Description
The need for engineers with integrated multidisciplinary knowledge is expected to grow along with the rapid advances in biomedical science and technology. This course elaborates on the application of fluid mechanics principles to major human organ systems. The course is an introduction to physiologically relevant fluid flow phenomena, underlying physical mechanisms from an engineering perspective. The focus of the course is on the integration of various fluid mechanics concepts to address relevant problems of the human body’s systems.

Learning Objectives
By the end of the course it is expected that students will be able to:

- Understand the physiology and anatomy of studied systems,
- Analyze fluid mechanics models currently used for clinical research problems,
- Integrate fluid dynamics engineering concepts to examine and to model the biological flow in human body,
- Identify specific diseases and how they are related to fluid dynamics,
- Have the capability to carry out a biofluid dynamics design project.
Prerequisites
MECH 380.

Textbook
There is no required textbook for the course. Lecture notes will be provided on the course website. Informational sources could be found via the following textbooks:


A general fluid mechanics textbook will be useful (White, Cimbala

Assessment Strategies

Midterms
Three midterms of 1 hour duration will be given during the term. It will represent 66 % of the final grade. You must pass the midterms in order to pass the course.

Problem sets
After each major topic (5), an assignment based on a problem set will be distributed. It will represent 10% of the final grade.

Term Projects
Students will individually perform a biofluid dynamics design project from a list of possibilities provided by the instructor. Examples include: redesign of ventricular assisted device, design of a graft, redesign of an artificial heart valve. The design or redesign will be done using approaches presented in the lectures. It will represent 22% of the final grade.

**Seminar (6-7)**
Times and dates have to be decided. Attendance and participation are required (2%)

**Grading System**

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**Academic Integrity**

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**Detailed Course Outline**

1. **Review of basic fluid mechanics**
2. **Biorheology**
Constitutive equations. Non-Newtonian fluid models.

3. **Circulatory biofluid mechanics**

4. **Synovial fluid in joints**

5. **Respiratory biofluid mechanics**

6. **Flow and pressure measurement techniques in human body.**
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