

Molecular Imaging

Programme course

7.5 credits

Molekylär avbildning

8MEA09

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Main field of study

Medical Biology

Course level

Second cycle

Advancement level

A1X

Course offered for

- Master's Programme in Experimental and Medical Biosciences

Specific information

The course aims to give the student knowledge in the vast field of molecular imaging with a focus on the molecular processes that can be monitored and studied rather than on technical aspects around imaging. The course is elective semester two or four in the Master's Programme in Experimental and Medical Biosciences.

Entry requirements

The special eligibility requirement is the possession of the Degree of Bachelor of Sciences in a major subject area with relevance for biomedical sciences. This could include previous studies at faculties of medicine, technology/natural sciences, odontology or veterinary medicine. A major part of courses included in the Bachelor degree should be in subjects such as biochemistry, cell biology, molecular biology, genetics, gene technology, microbiology, physiology, immunology, histology, anatomy, and pathology.

Applicants must also have documented skills in English corresponding to the level of English in Swedish upper secondary education (English B). For applicants who have not studied in Swedish upper secondary education, skills in English are normally attested to by means of an international language test.

Intended learning outcomes

After the course the student will be able to:

Knowledge and understanding

- Account for what kind of biological, physiological and pathophysiological processes that can be studied with molecular imaging
- Describe the contrast mechanisms in different molecular imaging modalities
- Describe methods for quantification in molecular imaging and how they relate to studied biological or physiological process
- Describe different visualization techniques in molecular imaging
- Account for how different molecular imaging techniques and other imaging techniques are combined to improve the interpretation of molecular imaging

Competence and skills

- Use image analysis and visualization software to interpret and visualize the result from a molecular imaging experiment

Judgement and approach

- Evaluate advantages and disadvantages of different molecular imaging techniques when applied in different clinical and pre-clinical situations

Course content

- Molecular imaging
- Image generation technology: Positron Emission Tomography (PET), Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography (SPECT), Magnet Resonance (MR), MR-spectroscopy, hyperpolarized MR, Electron Paramagnetic Resonance Imaging (EPR), Computed Tomography (CT), Ultrasound Imaging (US), optical methods, and electron microscopy.
- Contrasts mechanisms in molecular imaging
- Use of micro-dosing in drug design
- Image quantification, image analysis, and image visualization techniques

Teaching and working methods

General: Linköping University Master's Programme in Experimental and Medical Biosciences applies student-centered learning among which Problem Based Learning (PBL) is one pedagogical philosophy and method. To prepare the students for future employment, practical and experimental work in laboratory settings are important parts of the programme in courses as well as in individual projects.

Specific: In this course, lectures, laboratory exercises and seminars are used.

Examination

Compulsory items

Active participation in the compulsory parts is necessary to pass the course, and assessment of them is carried out continuously. Compulsory parts in this course are: laboratory exercises and seminars.

Examination

Individual written examination.

Oral presentation of laboratory exercises results (group assignment with individual assessment).

Scope of re-examination

The extent of a re-examination shall be similar to the regular examination.

Change of examiners

Students who have failed the course or part of the course twice are entitled to request another examiner for the following examination occasion, unless specific reasons are present.

Registration for examination

The procedure for registration should be stated prior to the commencement of each course. In other respects, regulations concerning examination and examiners are applied in accordance with Linköping University policy.

Grades

Three-grade scale, U, G, VG

Other information

The planning and implementation of a course must take its starting point in the wording of the course plan. The course evaluation included in each course must therefore take up the question how well the course agrees with the course plan.

The course is carried out in such a way that both men's and women's experience and knowledge is made visible and developed.

If the course is withdrawn, or is subject to major changes, examinations according to this course plan are normally offered on a total of three occasions within one year, one of them in close connection to the first examination.

Department

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