

Bioinformatics (I002610)

Cursusomvang *(nominale waarden; effectieve waarden kunnen verschillen per opleiding)*

Studiepunten 5.0 **Studietijd 150 u**

Aanbodsessies in academiejaar 2025-2026

A (semester 1) Engels Gent

Lesgevers in academiejaar 2025-2026

Van Criekinge, Wim LA26 Verantwoordelijk lesgever

Aangeboden in onderstaande opleidingen in 2025-2026

	stptn	aanbodsessie
Master of Science in Bioscience Engineering: Cell and Gene Biotechnology	5	A
Uitwisselingsprogramma bio-ingenieurswetenschappen: cel- en genbiotechnologie (niveau master-na-bachelor)	5	A

Onderwijstalen

Engels

Trefwoorden

Algorithms for sequence analysis, gene structure and function prediction, phylogenetics, hidden Markov models, biological databases

Situering

This course on bio-informatics focuses on the algorithmic and computational aspects of biological datamanagement and -exploitation. It complements the students mathematical and computational background and lays the foundation for the bio-informatician.

Inhoud

The contents of bio-informatics courses at foreign universities is extremely variable. Considering the background of the bio-engineer student, the following elements are essential for this course:

1. Databases: types, querying, design, internet-aspects, existing biological databases
2. Computational molecular biology:
 - 2.1. String and sequence algorithms: similarity of sequences, (multiple) alignments, sequence assembly
 - 2.2. Tree algorithms: phylogenetic trees, parsimony, consensus trees
 - 2.3. Graph algorithms: interval graphs, physical mapping
3. Probability and statistics: hidden Markov models, clustering
4. Biological applications: gene discovery, structure prediction, function prediction

These elements will be combined in a consistent manner, with a balance between the mathematical, computational aspects and their biological relevance.

The exercises will familiarize the student with the algorithms with the help of pen and paper and by own implementation (e.g. in Perl). The exercises will also show how to use and evaluate some of the many available bio-informatics tools on the internet.

Begincompetenties

Mathematics and computer science courses on Bachelor level.

Eindcompetenties

- 1 Clear understanding of what Bioinformatics is
- 2 A working knowledge of biological databases
- 3 Knowledge in algorithms used in sequence manipulations (alignment, assembly and pattern recognition)
- 4 Understanding of protein modeling and phylogeny
- 5 Understanding in how bioinformatics can be applied in white, green, blue and red biotechnology

Creditcontractvoorwaarde

Toelating tot dit opleidingsonderdeel via creditcontract is mogelijk na gunstige beoordeling van de competenties

Examencontractvoorwaarde

Dit opleidingsonderdeel kan niet via examencontract gevolgd worden

Didactische werkvormen

Werkcollege, Hoorcollege, Zelfstandig werk

Toelichtingen bij de didactische werkvormen

Theory: oral lectures

Exercises: computer and paper exercises

Studiemateriaal

Geen

Referenties

On-line forum (<http://www.bioinformatics.be>)

Vakinhoudelijke studiebegeleiding

On-line forum (<http://www.bioinformatics.be>)

Evaluatiemomenten

periodegebonden evaluatie

Evaluatievormen bij periodegebonden evaluatie in de eerste examenperiode

Mondelinge evaluatie

Evaluatievormen bij periodegebonden evaluatie in de tweede examenperiode

Mondelinge evaluatie

Evaluatievormen bij niet-periodegebonden evaluatie**Tweede examenkans in geval van niet-periodegebonden evaluatie**

Niet van toepassing

Toelichtingen bij de evaluatievormen

Theory: period aligned evaluation (50%)

Exercises: period aligned evaluation (50%)

Theory: oral (closed book) examination

Exercises: written/computer (open book) examination

Eindscoreberekening

Theory: period aligned evaluation (50%)

Exercises: period aligned evaluation (50%)

Students who eschew period aligned and/or non-period aligned evaluations for this course unit may be failed by the examiner.