

- Specifications, categories
 - Smart devices
 - Off-the-shelf solutions
- 5 Communication and powering
- 1 Wearable devices
 - Low-power wireless technologies
 - IoT Healthcare
 - Edge/Fog/ Cloud Computing strategies
 - Privacy and Security
 - 2 Implantable devices
 - Categories and specifications
 - Communication
 - Powering strategies
- 6 Case studies of embedded systems
- Wearables: ECG, PPG
 - Implantables: Pacemaker, Insulin Pump
- 7 Fabrication technologies for electronic microsystems
- Fabrication of chips, extrapolation to MEMS
 - Chip packaging, system integration
 - Si substrates
 - Si wafer fabrication
 - Si conductivity adjustment by doping and oxidation
 - Deposition of materials
 - PVD, CVD, ALD
 - Patterning of materials
 - lithography
 - wet etch, dry etch
 - Micro-fabrication of metal patterns
 - planarization
 - metal plating
 - Transfer of Si wafer to device
 - chip packaging
 - system integration
- 8 Cleanrooms, contamination control
- 9 Architecture and fabrication of wearable/implantable microdevices
- Specific fabrication technologies
 - Flexible and stretchable system integration
 - Miniaturization of devices
 - Sterilization, sterile packaging
 - Regulatory aspects and risk analysis
- 10 Case studies of fabrication aspects
- Neural probe for intra-fascicular implantation
 - Smart contact lens
 - Microfluidic system for DNA analysis

Initial competences

- General knowledge of biomaterials
- Principles of physiological systems
- Principles of electromagnetism
- Principles of electronic circuits and devices

Final competences

- 1 Understanding of the micro-and nanofabrication technologies for wearable and implantable biomedical devices and systems.
- 2 Skills to decide on the powering and the telemetry aspects of biomedical devices and systems.
- 3 Understanding of the contamination control in cleanroom environments.
- 4 Understanding the design constraints of the electronic and peripheral components of implantable devices.
- 5 System integration, sterilization and packaging aspects of biomedical devices and systems.
- 6 Design skills of the embedded system aspects.
- 7 knowledge of the basis principles regarding regulatory aspects in order to introduce a new medical device on the market, including basis principles of

required testing and related ethical aspects

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Group work, Lecture, Independent work

Extra information on the teaching methods

lectures; on-line lectures; on-line knowledge-clips with plenary Q&A sessions; group work 1: regulatory aspects for medical systems; group work 2: virtual visit to clean room; group work 3: self-study of embedded biomedical system.

Study material

Type: Handouts

Name: handouts course part Bruno da Silva

Indicative price: € 14

Optional: yes

Language : English

Type: Handouts

Name: handouts course part Maaïke Op de Beeck

Indicative price: € 14

Optional: no

Language : English

References

Scientific literature

Implantable Medical Electronics, Vinod Kumar Khanna

Course content-related study coaching

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Oral assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Oral assessment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is not possible

Extra information on the examination methods

Permanent evaluation during semester:

- report on group work regarding working in cleanrooms (5%)
- report on group work regarding the movie 'The bleeding edge' and regarding section 8 of the course: safety and risk analysis of a biomedical system (5%)
- report on group work regarding the component assessment and design constraints of an embedded biomedical system (5%)

Periodic evaluation: oral examination comprising two parts:

- biocompatibility & biostability (section 2.2), communication & powering for implantable systems (section 5.2), fabrication aspects (section 7, 9, 10): open book, oral examination without preparation time
- all other topics except section 8: closed book oral examination with limited preparation time

Calculation of the examination mark

Periodic evaluatie (examen): 85%

Permanent evaluation: 15%

