BME 430 – Fundamentals of Tissue Engineering

3 Credits, 3 Contact hours
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Textbook(s)/Materials Required:
Supplemental handouts will be provided as needed.
REFERENCES (on reserve at library)

Description:
Prerequisites: BME 420, MATH 222
This course is an introduction to the field of tissue engineering. It is rapidly emerging as a therapeutic approach to treating damaged or diseased tissues in the biotechnology industry. In essence, new and functional living tissue can be fabricated by delivering cells, scaffolds, DNA, proteins, and/or protein fragments at surgery. This course will cover the advances in the fields of cell biology, molecular biology, material science and their relationship towards developing novel “tissue engineered” therapies.

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BME 420

This is a required course for the Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering Track.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs):
By the end of the course you should be able to do the following:

3. Solve Problems at the Interface of Biology and Engineering: Understand the fundamental principles of cell biology, molecular biology, and engineering towards developing tissue engineered therapies. Apply knowledge of math, engineering and science to identify, formulate, and solve problems in this area.

4. Transport and Biomechanical Modeling: Apply knowledge of math, engineering and science to understand the principles of mass transport and biomechanical modeling. Understand how to apply specific models to solve problems in the areas of cellular and tissue engineering.

5. Work in Multi-disciplinary teams: Learn to work and communicate effectively with peers on multi-disciplinary teams to attain a common goal.
6. **Understand Professional and Ethical Responsibility:** Learn the ethical issues surrounding the use of stem cells and gene therapy in creating tissue engineered therapies.

**Student Outcomes:**

- **Student outcome M-1** – ability to model bio- & physiological systems
  Related CLO - 2

- **Student outcome F** – understanding of profession and ethical responsibility
  Related CLO – 4

- **Student outcome A** – ability to apply foundations of mathematics, science, and engineering
  Related CLO – 1

- **Student outcome D** – ability to function on multi-disciplinary teams
  Related CLO - 3

**Course Topics:** Basics of molecular and cell biology, biology tools, developmental biology, mathematical models for cell motility and adhesion, bioreactor design, biomaterials as scaffolds for tissue growth, immunology, stem cells, design issue for specific tissue types/applications.