

## Mathematics and Modeling

### Modeling of biological networks

#### IDENTIFICATION

CODE : BS-5-S1-EC-BMRESEA  
ECTS : 2.0

#### HOURS

Lectures : 18.0 h  
Seminars : 14.0 h  
Laboratory : 0.0 h  
Project : 0.0 h  
Teacher-student  
contact : 32.0 h  
Personal work : 18.0 h  
Total : 50.0 h

#### ASSESSMENT METHOD

Report and presentation of mini-projects

#### TEACHING AIDS

Slides, articles

#### TEACHING LANGUAGE

English

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#### AIMS

At the end of this module the student will be able to construct a model of a biological network (genetic or metabolic) and to analyze it by means of various mathematical and computational tools.

The educational objective is to master kinetic modelling as applied to gene and metabolic networks. This will concern both the theoretical foundations and concrete applications to diverse systems of biological regulation. Applications will rely on the practical use of computer tools for the modelling, analysis and simulation of biological networks.

#### CONTENT

Courses:

- Introduction : systems biology and biological networks
- Modeling of metabolic networks: flux balance analysis, kinetic modeling, metabolic control analysis
- Modeling of gene regulatory networks: kinetic modeling, qualitative modeling, stochastic modeling
- Calibration and validation of models, model-based integration of multi-omics data

Practical exercises:

- Flux balance analysis (COBRA)
- Integrated modeling of metabolism, gene expression and growth using ODE models (Matlab)

Mini-projects:

- Mini-projects on a topic of choice or on a proposed topic (literature study, report and/or presentation)

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#### PRE-REQUISITE

Basic knowledge in molecular biology and biochemistry  
Basic knowledge in linear algebra, ordinary differential equations, and dynamical systems