

## **BME150 BIOLOGICAL MASS TRANSFER**

(Required for BME and BMEP)

- Catalog Data:** **BME150 Biological Mass Transfer (Credit Units: 4)**  
Mass transfer in gas, liquid and solid with application to biological systems. Free and facilitated diffusion, active transport, convective mass transfer, diffusion-reaction phenomena, biological mass transfer coefficients, steady and unsteady transport, and flux-force relationships. Applications to bioengineering design. Prerequisites: BME110A-B. (Design units: 1)
- Textbook:** Truskey, G. A., Yuan, F., and Katz, D. F., *Transport Phenomena in Biological Systems*, Pearson Prentice Hall Bioengineering, 2004.
- References:**
- Coordinator:** Bernard Choi
- Course Outcomes:** Students will:  
Define cell, organ and organ system transport and biomedical engineering principles.  
Develop a quantitative understanding of transport phenomena in biological systems.  
Apply simple engineering principles to analyze and predict cellular and super-cellular processes.  
Describe and analyze elements of engineering “design” utilized in biological systems.  
Develop rational hypotheses to improve on biological designs.
- Prerequisites by Topic:** Sophomore-level calculus and biology
- Lecture Topics:** Definition and relative importance of transport and reaction processes: diffusion, convection, and binding.  
Transport within cells, transcellular transport and physiological transport systems.  
Application of transport processes in disease pathology, treatment and device development.  
Conservation relations and boundary conditions: mass, momentum.  
Fluid statics and dynamics: constitutive relations.  
Laminar and turbulent flow.  
Application to rheology and flow of blood.  
Dimensional analysis.  
Low Reynolds number flow.  
Mass transport: solute fluxes, conservation relations, and constitutive relations.  
Estimation of diffusion coefficients: steady and unsteady diffusion, Stokes-Einstein equation.  
Diffusion with convection or electrical potentials.  
Mass transport and biochemical interactions.  
Chemical kinetics: reversible and irreversible reactions.  
Enzyme kinetics: Michaelis-Menten

**Class Schedule:** Meets for 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion each week for 10 weeks.

**Computer Usage:**

**Laboratory Projects:**

**Professional Component:** Contributes toward the Biomedical Engineering Topics and Major Design experience.

**Relationship to Program Outcomes:** This course relates to Program Outcomes (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (g), (h), (i), (j), and (k) as stated at:  
<http://undergraduate.eng.uci.edu/degreeprograms/biomedical/mission>

**Design Content Description:**

**Approach:** Specific discussions on mass and momentum equations and their applications (50%). Students will use learned math and biotransport skills to design systems and devices for biotechnology (50%).

**Lectures:** 100%

**Laboratory Portion:** 0%

**Grading Criteria:**

Homework: 30%

Midterm: 30%

Final: 40%

100%

**Estimated ABET Category Content:**

Mathematics and Basic Science: 0 Credit units or 0%

Engineering Science: 3 Credit units or 75%

Engineering Design: 1 Credit units or 25%

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