Level: bachelor
Course title: Bioinorganic chemistry
Status: elective
ECTS: 5

Requirements: none Learning objectives

To introduce the role and function of metals in living systems, to provide deeper understanding of metal bonding in a range of protein based and non-protein organometallic molecules; to introduce students to the mechanisms of transport and storage of metals, transport and storage of oxygen, transport and storage of electrons in biological systems, metalloproteins and photosynthesis.

Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, the student should be able to:

- 1. Describe the bonding of metal ions in a range of biological molecules;
- 2. Explain how oxygen is transported and identify which metal centres perform these tasks;
- 3. Describe the most common metal centres for electron-transfer reactions those based on copper and iron ions;
- 4. Demonstrate knowledge of different processes involved in the transport and storage of metal ions;
- 5. Explain the role of metal centres in the enzymes;
- 6. Describe the role of metal centres in photoredox systems.

Syllabus

Theoretical instruction

Principles of coordination chemistry related to bioinorganic research. Biological ligands for metal ions. Metallobiomolecules. Metalloproteins involved in oxygen transport (haemoproteins and non-haem). Electron-transfer proteins (cytochromes, FeS proteins, copper proteins). Metal transport and storage. Metalloenzymes and coenzyme (oxidoreductases, hydrolases, isomerase). Membrane transport. Ion carriers, channels and pumps. Photosynthetic reaction centres.

Weekly teaching load				Other:
Lectures: 2 Exe		Other forms of teaching: 2	Student research:	