

# SYLLABUS

## 1. Information regarding the programme

1.1 Higher education institution	“Babes-Bolyai” University
1.2 Faculty	Chemistry and Chemical Engineering
1.3 Department	Chemical Engineering
1.4 Field of study	Chemical Engineering
1.5 Study cycle	Master
1.6 Study programme / Qualification	Advanced Chemical Process Engineering / Master’s degree in Chemical Engineering

## 2. Information regarding the discipline

2.1 Name of the discipline	<b>Electrochemical sensors and biosensors - CMR6232</b>						
2.2 Course coordinator	Prof. habil. dr. eng. Graziella Liana Turdean						
2.3 Seminar coordinator	Prof. habil. dr. eng. Graziella Liana Turdean						
2.4. Year of study	I	2.5 Semester	1	2.6. Type of evaluation	C	2.7 Type of discipline	DS/Opt.

## 3. Total estimated time (hours/semester of didactic activities)

3.1 Hours per week	3	Of which: 3.2 course	2	3.3 seminar/ <b>laboratory</b>	2
3.4 Total hours in the curriculum	56	Of which: 3.5 course	28	3.6 seminar/ <b>laboratory</b>	28
Time allotment:					hours
Learning using manual, course support, bibliography, course notes					40
Additional documentation (in libraries, on electronic platforms, field documentation)					14
Preparation for seminars/labs, homework, papers, portfolios and essays					10
Tutorship					3
Evaluations					2
Other activities: not the case					-
3.7 Total individual study hours	69				
3.8 Total hours per semester	125				
3.9 Number of ECTS credits	5				

## 4. Prerequisites (if necessary)

4.1. curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not the case</li> </ul>
4.2. competencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not the case</li> </ul>

## 5. Conditions (if necessary)

5.1. for the course	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The students will turn off their mobile phones</li> <li>• Delays will not be tolerated</li> </ul>
5.2. for the seminar /lab activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students will attend the seminar with information of the course notes corresponding to the current seminar/lab topic</li> <li>• Students will turn off their mobile phones</li> <li>• Delays will not be tolerated</li> </ul>

## 6. Specific competencies acquired

<b>Professional competencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doing analytical and physico-chemical experiments with higher difficulty degree and interpretation of results.</li> <li>• Identification, characterization and comparison of different instrumental techniques applicable in chemical and biochemical determinations.</li> <li>• Conducting experiments in view to determine the physico-chemical properties of specific compounds, processing and interpretation of obtained data.</li> <li>• Using an integrated complex instrumental techniques and its adjustment to new soft-ware products in order to apply them in specific analysis.</li> <li>• Using appropriate uni- and multivariate analysis techniques in the evaluation of physico-chemical properties.</li> <li>• Applying innovative concepts, theories and advanced physico-chemical techniques to solve a specific research topic.</li> </ul>
<b>Transversal competencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent execution of complex professional duties and research projects using computer-aided techniques and comply with professional ethics and moral.</li> <li>• Planning, monitoring and assuming professional duties of underline group. Proving the coordination capabilities, analytical thinking, adaptability and flexibility, collaboration with team members.</li> <li>• Self-assessment of professional performances and establish the needs of continuous learning, documentation in the work fields in correlation with the labour market.</li> </ul>

## 7. Objectives of the discipline (outcome of the acquired competencies)

7.1 General objective of the discipline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The course provides theoretical and practical information about the devices and equipment necessary into applications in the bio/medical electro-analytical chemistry field</li> <li>• Obtaining theoretical knowledge about methods and stages of realization, the characterization of different types of electrochemical sensors and interpretation from analytical/kinetically point of view of the obtained responses.</li> <li>• Correlation of fundamental notions of analytical chemistry, kinetics, electrochemistry, biology, physiology, biochemistry, technology, and marketing applied in the bio/medical field.</li> </ul>
7.2 Specific objective of the discipline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Habituate the students with the newest information about electro-analytical methods for monitoring analytes in the bio/medical field using electrochemical sensors and biosensors.</li> <li>• Presentation of the construction, operating principle and working conditions or features of potentiometric, amperometric, conductimetric bio/sensors, underlying the determination methods of some important analytes.</li> <li>• Highlighting the latest analytical performance of each class of bio/sensors when used for analytical detection of species.</li> </ul>

## 8. Content

8.1 Course	Teaching methods	Remarks
8.1.1. Introduction related to the history of the development of electrochemical sensors. General characteristics of the sensors. The methodology of using sensors.	Presentation; Explanation, Conversation; Description; Debate	<i>Reference:</i> [2, p. 1-6, p. 6-22]; [4, p. 11-16, p. 206-222].
8.1.2. General characteristics of the sensors (continuation). The methodology of using sensors.	Presentation; Explanation, Conversation; Description; Debate	<i>Reference:</i> [2, p. 1-6, p. 6-22]; [4, p. 11-16, p. 206-222].
8.1.3. Potentiometric sensors based on solid	Presentation; Explanation, Conversation; Description;	<i>Reference:</i> [2, p. 22-29]; [4, p. 189-196].

membrane. Glass electrode.	Debate	
8.1.4. Potentiometric sensors based on solid membrane. Electrode based on LaF <sub>2</sub> monocrystal membrane, Electrode based on silver sulphide and metal sulphides (Ag <sub>2</sub> S-MeS) membranes. Electrode based on silver sulphide and halides silver membrane (Ag <sub>2</sub> S-AgX).	Presentation; Explanation, Conversation; Description; Debate	Reference: [2, p. 22-29]; [4, p. 189-196].
8.1.5. Potentiometric sensor based on liquid membrane.	Presentation; Explanation, Conversation; Description; Debate	Reference: [2, p. 30-52]; [4, p. 197-202].
8.1.6. Ion-selective electrode based on field effect transistors (FET, MOSFET).	Presentation; Explanation, Conversation; Description; Debate	Reference: [2, p. 30-52]; [4, p. 197-202].
8.1.7. Potentiometric gas sensors. Electrode for CO <sub>2</sub> detection, type Severinghaus	Presentation; Explanation, Conversation; Description; Debate	Reference: [2, p. 30-52]; [4, p. 197-202].
8.1.8. Potentiometric electrode based on ceramics for detection of gases at high temperature	Presentation; Explanation, Conversation; Description; Debate	Reference: [2, p. 30-52]; [4, p. 197-202].
8.1.9. Amperometric sensors. Generalities. Investigation techniques of amperometric electrode	Presentation; Explanation, Conversation; Description; Debate	Reference: [2, p. 53-86]; [4, p. 45-111]; [1, p. 15-50, 54-89].
8.1.10. Amperometric sensors for oxygen detection (Clark electrode).	Presentation; Explanation, Conversation; Description; Debate	Reference: [2, p. 53-86]; [4, p. 45-111]; [1, p. 15-50, 54-89].
8.1.11. Enzyme-based electrochemical biosensors (biological receptor, immobilization techniques, enzyme heterogeneous kinetics, K <sub>M</sub> , I <sub>max</sub> , linearization, inhibition types). Generation of biosensors.	Presentation; Explanation, Conversation; Description; Debate	Reference: [1, 6-9, 11].
8.1.12. Enzyme-based electrochemical biosensors for the detection of glucose. Continuous glucose monitoring <i>in vivo</i> , miniaturisation.	Presentation; Explanation, Conversation; Description; Debate	Reference: [1, 6-9, 11].
8.1.13. Enzyme-based electrochemical biosensors for the detection of lactate, cholesterol, creatinine, etc. Enzyme-based electrochemical biosensors for the detection of choline, heavy metals, or based on enzyme inhibition.	Presentation; Explanation, Conversation; Description; Debate	Reference: [1, 6-9, 11].
8.1.14. Immunobiosensors	Presentation; Explanation, Conversation; Description; Debate	Reference: [1, 6-9, 11].

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8.2 Laboratory/Seminar	Teaching methods	Remarks
8.2.1. Instructions for working safety in laboratory. Do a graphics: statistical errors. Hazardous reagents, use of electroanalytical equipment.	Explanation, Conversation; Description; Debate	<i>References: Law "Ordinul nr. 339/16.08.1996".</i>
8.2.2. Determination of selectivity coefficient of an ion-selective electrode. Applying of standard addition method.	Explanation, Conversation; Description; Debate	<i>Key-words: ion-selective electrode, selectivity coefficient, semilogarithmic calibration curve, interpolation, standard addition method, semi-antilog Gran's plot.</i>
8.2.3. Determination of the buffering capacity of a solution	Explanation, Conversation; Description; Debate	<i>Key-words: pH electrode, buffering capacity, constant of acidity</i>
8.2.4. Amperometric sensor for oxygen detection: calibration, response time.	Explanation, Conversation; Description; Debate	<i>Key-words: cronoamperometry, time of response.</i>
8.2.5. Characterization of an amperometric biosensor for glucose detection		<i>Key-words: calibration curve, hyperbole, kinetic parameters, analytical parameters</i>
8.2.6 - 8.2.14. Seminar: exercises and problems	Explanation, Conversation; Description; Debate; Problem solving	<i>Key-words: calculations, discussions of real cases</i>

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2. Oniciu L., Popescu I.C., Ilea P., Muresan L., Rus E.M., Gyenge E., Madaras M., Nicoara A., Muresan C., *Lucrari practice de Electrochimie si tehnologii electrochimice*, lito UBB, Cluj-Napoca, **1993**.

#### 9. Corroborating the content of the discipline with the expectations of the epistemic community, professional associations and representative employers within the field of the program

- By instructing the theoretical and practical concepts of **Electrochemical sensors and biosensors** course, the students will get the knowledge in accordance with required competencies from Diploma supplement and ANC's qualifications.

#### 10. Evaluation

Type of activity	10.1 Evaluation criteria	10.2 Evaluation methods	10.3 Share in the grade (%)
10.4 Course	Correctness of answers – proper understanding and learning of concepts discussed during lectures; Correct use of learned concept within new contexts.  Correct solving of problems as inherent part of examination subjects.	<b>On-site or online examination method:</b> The colloquy consists of a discussion about solving the theoretical subjects/exercises proposed by the course's responsible, on the scheduled date. The access to the colloquy is conditioned by the presentation of the laboratory reports corresponding to all the practical works. The intention to defraud the	80%

		colloquy is punishable by elimination from the exam, according to the ECST rules of UBB.	
10.5 Seminar/lab activities	Correctness answers, assimilation and understanding of the of concepts discussed during seminars The quality of prepared reports The work undertaken in the laboratory	<b><u>On-site or online examination method:</u></b> The reports with interpretation of results obtained during laboratory experiments are taught at latest next week from the laboratory session. The intention of plagiarism of the laboratory report is punishable by restricting access to the colloquy.	20%
<b>10.6 Minimum performance standards</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Minimum Grade 5 (five) at the written exam, and minimum grade 6 at practical activities (laboratory + seminar).</li> <li>➤ Knowledge of the concepts used; description of the operating principle of a bio/sensor; solving problem for application / explaining of a real situation.</li> </ul>			

**Date**  
April 8, 2021

**Signature of course coordinator**



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