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References:
  Check Elsevier Store and Amazon for more detailed information.

Brief Course Description:
- This course will present multidisciplinary techniques for contemporary bioanalytical chemistry and biomedical engineering, with an emphasis on microfluidic lab-on-a-chip. While focusing on microfluidic lab-on-a-chip, it will also cover other topics related to bioanalysis, such as microfabrication, separation science, capillary electrophoresis, various detection methods (e.g. laser-induced fluorescence), immunoassay, and different biological applications (e.g. single-cell analysis and genetic assays). From this course, the student will learn the fundamentals of microfluidics and its applications in chemistry, life science, and bioengineering.

Objectives:
- To learn recent techniques in modern analytical chemistry: microfluidic lab-on-a-chip.
- To develop research abilities to propose new solutions to solve problems using modern analytical chemistry techniques.
- To develop interdisciplinary research abilities.
- To become conversant with recent research advances in bioanalytical chemistry.

Contents:
- Introduction of microfluidics
- Fundamentals of microfluidics:
  - Device microfabrication
    - On Silicon, glass, polymer, and paper substrates
- Separation Science
  - Fundamentals
  - Capillary Electrophoresis (CE) separation
- Microchip CE separation
- Detectors

Applications:
- Cellular analysis (single-cell analysis)
  - 3D cell culture and tissue engineering
- Nucleic Acid analysis
- Protein analysis
- Low-cost medical diagnosis
- Other applications

Some lab/core facility tour will be arranged, if time and conditions permit.

Evaluations:
- Exams: 50% (in-class quizzes and the final exam)
- Presentation: 20%
- Research paper: 20%
- Attendance and Class Participation: 10%

Grades:
A: 89% - 100%, B: 79% - 89%, C: 70%-79%, D: 60%-69%, F: <60%

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