

**ABDULLAH GÜL UNIVERSITY**  
**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & SCIENCE**  
**ELECTRIC and COMPUTER ENGINEERING PROGRAM**  
**COURSE DESCRIPTION AND SYLLABUS**

Course Title	Code	Semester	T+U Hours	Credit	ECTS
BIOINFORMATICS	ECE-561	FALL+SPRING	3 + 0	3	7,5

<b>Prerequisites and co-requisites</b>	Introduction to Computer Programming, Calculus, Probability and Statistics, Linear Algebra
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<b>Type</b>	Elective
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Coordinator</b>	Assist. Prof. Burcu Bakir Gungor
<b>Instructor</b>	Assist. Prof. Burcu Bakir Gungor
<b>Adjunct</b>	None
<b>Aim</b>	<p>This course aims to provide an understanding of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the types and sources of data available for bioinformatics,</li> <li>• the fundamental computational problems in molecular biology and genomics,</li> <li>• a core set of widely used algorithms in bioinformatics,</li> <li>• a set of algorithms that have important applications in bioinformatics, but which have key applications outside of biology as well.</li> </ul>
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Define the fundamental computational problems in molecular biology and genomics</li> <li>2. Understand the types and sources of data available for bioinformatics</li> <li>3. Implement a core set of widely used algorithms in bioinformatics</li> <li>4. Compare global, local and semi-global pairwise alignments.</li> <li>5. Compare PAM vs. BLOSSUM scoring matrices.</li> <li>6. Analyze protein-protein interaction networks.</li> <li>7. Gain practical experience by applying the techniques on selected bioinformatics problems.</li> </ol>
<b>Course Content</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dynamic programming</li> <li>• Pairwise sequence alignment (Smith-Waterman and Needleman-Wunsch algorithms)</li> <li>• Similarity matrices (PAM and BLOSUM)</li> <li>• Multiple sequence alignment</li> <li>• Analysis of gene expression data (Clustering and classification algorithms)</li> <li>• Methods to analyze large scale biological networks, graphs</li> </ul>

**WEEKLY TOPICS AND PRELIMINARY STUDY**

Week	Topics	Preliminary Study
1	<b>Introduction:</b> Molecular Biology and Computer Science a) The organization of DNA, proteins, cell. b) In silico biology	
2	Pairwise alignment of biomolecular sequences: Global alignment	
3	Local alignment, Semi-global alignment.	
4	Search for similarities: BLAST algorithm	
5	Scoring similarity matrices: PAM and BLOSUM matrices	
6	<b>Midterm 1</b>	

7	Multiple sequence alignment a) Iterative Methods b) Structure Based Methods	
8	Scoring multiple alignments	
9	Analysis of high-throughput biological data: Detecting differential gene expression	
10	Multiple hypothesis testing and false-discovery-rate methods for microarray data.	
11	<b>Midterm 2</b>	
12	Clustering and classification algorithms for gene expression data.	
13	Protein Folding Problem: Simulated Annealing Algorithm	
14	Protein-protein, protein/DNA interactions, gene/protein networks, pathways	
15	Construction and graphical analysis of large scale biological networks	
16	<b>Final Exam</b>	

#### SOURCES

<b>Lecture Notes</b>	Lecture slides
<b>Other Sources</b>	<p>Course Textbook:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pevsner J., Bioinformatics and Functional Genomics, Wiley-Liss, 2009.</li> </ol> <p>Additional Materials:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mount D.W., Bioinformatics: Sequence and Genome Analysis (2nd edition), Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 2004.</li> <li>2. Jones N. C. and Pevzner P. A., An Introduction to Bioinformatics Algorithms, MIT press, 2004.</li> <li>3. Pevzner P.A., Computational Molecular Biology: An Algorithmic Approach, MIT Press, 2000.</li> <li>4. Krane D.E., Raymer M.L., Fundamental Concepts of Bioinformatics, Benjamin Cummings, 2003.</li> </ol>

#### COURSE MATERIALS SHARING

<b>Documents</b>	Lecture notes, slides
<b>Homeworks</b>	10
<b>Exams</b>	2 Midterm and 1 Final Exam

#### EVALUATION SYSTEM

SEMESTER STUDY	NUMBER	CONTRIBUTION
Midterm	2	30
Homework	10	25
Semester Project	1	25
Final Exam	1	20
<b>Contribution of Semester Study</b>		80
<b>Contribution of Final Exam</b>	1	20
<b>TOTAL</b>		100

#### Course Category

Sciences and Mathematics	%50
Engineering	%50
Social Sciences	%0

#### RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LEARNING OUTCOMES AND PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS

No	Program Qualifications	Contribution Level				
		1	2	3	4	5
1	The skills of using mathematics, science and engineering information in advanced research				X	

2	The skills of analyzing, designing and/or implementing an original system that will be able to solve an engineering problem				X
3	The skills of using the required software, hardware and modern measurement equipments in their field of research				X
4	The skills of planning independent research and implementing in detail		X		
5	The skills of following literature, listening to and making technical presentation, writing a paper in academic level		X		
6	The skills of innovative and interrogative thinking and finding original solutions	X			

Increasing from 1 to 5

<b>ECTS/ WORK LOAD TABLE</b>			
Activities	Number	Duration (Hours)	Total Work Load
Course Length (includes exam weeks: 16x total course hours)	16	3	48
Out of class study time (pre-study, practice)	16	8	128
Internet search, library work, literature search	1	5	5
Presentation			
Homework	10	5	50
Midterm Exam	2	20	40
Final Exam	1	30	30
<b>Total Work Load</b>			291
<b>Total Work Load/ 30</b>			291/30
<b>Course ECTS Credit</b>			7,5