

**Syllabus:** EMA 4062; section 173H Spring 2016

Biopolymers: Manufacture, Stability and Biocompatibility

**1. Course Description** from the registrar. (3 credit hours) – Polymer manufacturing processes and biochemical/biophysical behavior are considered from the perspective of achieving those properties needed for the engineering of polymeric implants and devices. Unique economic, ethical and regulatory issues are also presented.

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**2. Pre-requisites and Co-requisites:** EMA3066 Introduction to Organic Materials

**3. Course Objectives:** This course will provide an introduction to the field of polymeric biomaterials used in the design of medical devices, and to augment or replace soft and hard tissues. Discussion will include the manufacturing, applications, and in vivo behavior of different classes of natural and synthetic biomaterials and analysis of the regulatory process as well as failure analysis of implantable polymeric biomaterials/devices. Finally, evaluations of relevant case studies covering biomaterial approaches will be conducted.

**4. Instructor:** Dr. Chris Batich

a. Office location: MAE 317

b. Telephone: 352-392-6630

c. E-mail address: cbatl@ufl.edu

d. Class Web site: The course website can be found on the Sakai system <http://lss.at.ufl.edu>. There you can find the course syllabus, lecture notes, grades, and announcements.

**5. Teaching Assistant:** none

**6. Office hours-** Dr. Batich will have office hours by appointment.

**7. Meeting Times-** Tuesday, period 6 (12:50-1:40)  
Thursday periods 6 and 7 (12:50-1:40, and 1:55-2:45)

**8. Meeting Location-** MAEB room 234

**9. Material and Supply Fees:** None

**10. Communication:** Please communicate with me through e-mail or by an office visit. The UF e-mail system is secure, and this will help ensure your privacy as a UF student.

**11. Textbooks and Software Required-** (none, but suggested reference and possible reading assignment):

Biomaterial Science: An Introduction to Materials in Medicine (3rd Edition, 2013)

B. Ratner, A. Hoffman, F. Schoen, and J. Lemons Academic Press ISBN: 978-0-12-374626-9.

*.NOTE: THIS BOOK IS AVAILBLE ONLINE FOR FREE AT THE UF LIBRARY WEBSITE (but only 3 students at one time may view it. Let me know if this is a problem, and we can see about expanded options.)*

12. **Supplemental reference materials:** Other reference material will be used throughout the class. These will be indicated by the instructor and provided as used or needed.

13. **Attendance and Expectations-** Lecture attendance is highly recommended. While attendance is not mandatory, experience has shown that those who attend lectures earn higher grades in the course. Arrival on time is expected. Please silence all cell phones upon entering class. Reading of newspapers, work on assignments for this or other classes, or other activities that are not part of the class are not allowed during lecture.

14. **Exams-** You will be given 4 exams during the semester.. There will be NO Final Exam. Each exam is weighted equally and each exam will be worth 22 % of your final grade. The remaining 12% will be for class participation and a project. Exams will be given during the Tuesday class period. Exam dates are as follows:

Exam #1: January 26

Exam #2: February 23

Exam #3: March 22

Exam #4. April 19 (last class)

Students have one week after test results are posted to resolve questions about scores/grades. No changes to your exam grade will be made after that time.

15. **Exam Conflicts with other course exams-** The official UF policy on exam conflict resolution states that when two exams conflict, the course with the higher number will take priority. There should be no exceptions to this rule.

16. **Make-up exams-** Make up exams will be provided only with the ***prior approval of the instructor in accordance with university policies.*** (In general, acceptable reasons for excused absence include illness, serious family emergencies, special curricular requirements, military obligation, court-imposed legal obligations, and religious holidays. In all cases, you may be required to provide written documentation, and obtain prior instructor approval. In the case of an emergency that prevents prior notification of an anticipated missed exam, you must notify the instructor as soon as possible. You will not be excused from any exam without following the policy above, with no exceptions. Students not in attendance for the scheduled exam will receive a score of zero. To be clear, Make-up exams will only be allowed in exceptional cases, with prior instructor approval, sufficient documentation, and in accordance of university policies. (<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>)

**You must notify the instructor no less than 1 week of the scheduled exam.**

Make-up exams for excused absences as well as exam conflicts must occur within 1 week of the missed exam, and may occur before or after the missed exam.

17. **Case Study Reports:** Throughout the semester you may be given case studies that will be used for in-class discussions. On the day of the case study discussion, you will be required to submit a brief report for each study. The report ensures that everyone has read the case study ahead of our discussion and thought about the questions we will raise during the discussion. The case studies will be provided by the instructor and will be given to students in advance of the discussion. The specific instructions for the preparation of case study reports will be provided separately.

18. **Presentation and Paper:** Students will prepare a written report and an oral presentation on an area of biomaterials research. Details will be provided separately.

19. **Grading:** 88% exams (equally weighted)

12%: Oral Presentation and Written report(s) as well as Participation

20. **Grading Scale:**

Percentage	≥92	≥88	≥84	≥80	≥76	≥72	≥68	≥65	≥62	≥59	≥56	<56
Letter Grade	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E
Grade Points	4.0	3.67	3.33	3.0	2.67	2.33	2.0	1.67	1.33	1.0	0.67	0

A "C-" will not be a qualifying grade for critical tracking courses. In order to graduate, students must have an overall GPA and an upper-division GPA of 2.0 or better (C or better). Note: a C-average is equivalent to a GPA of 1.67, and therefore, it does not satisfy this graduation requirement. For more information on grades and grading policies, please visit:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

21. **Contribution of course to meeting the professional component-**

(ABET only – undergraduate courses)

This is a 3 credit course. It provides 1 credit towards basic sciences (biomedical) and 2 credits towards engineering sciences.

This course addresses the following MSE Program outcomes (note: Numbers refer to the list of MSE Program outcomes):

1. Ability to apply knowledge of mathematics, science, and engineering to materials systems. (low coverage)
2. Ability to conduct experiments, analyze and interpret data. (low coverage)
3. (skipped)
4. Ability to apply and integrate knowledge of structure, properties, processing, and performance to solve materials selection and design problems within realistic constraints. (medium coverage)
5. Ability to function on multi-disciplinary teams. (low coverage, but not assessed)
6. Ability to identify, formulate, and solve engineering problems. (medium coverage)
7. Understanding of professional and ethical responsibility. (medium coverage)
8. Ability to communicate effectively in both oral and written form. (medium coverage)
9. Understanding of the economic impact of engineering solutions. (some discussion, but not assessed)
10. Understanding of the global, societal, and environmental impact of engineering solutions. (some discussion, not assessed)
11. Ability to engage in lifelong learning. (medium coverage)
12. Knowledge of contemporary issues. (some discussion, not assessed)
13. Ability to use the techniques, skills, and tools needed for practice as a materials engineer. (low coverage)

22. **Honesty Policy** – All students admitted to the University of Florida have signed a statement of academic honesty committing themselves to be honest in all academic work and understanding that failure to comply with this commitment will result in disciplinary action. This statement is a reminder to uphold your obligation as a UF student and to be honest in all work submitted and exams taken in this course and all others.

Note that failure to comply with this commitment will result in disciplinary action compliant with the UF Student Honor Code Procedures.

See <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/procedures/honorcode.php>

**23. Accommodation for Students with Disabilities** – Students Requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. That office will provide the student with documentation that he/she must provide to the course instructor when requesting accommodation.

**24. UF Counseling Services** –Resources are available on-campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career and academic goals. The resources include:  
UF Counseling & Wellness Center, 3190 Radio Rd, 392-1575, psychological and psychiatric services.  
Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601, career and job search services.

**25. Software Use** – All faculty, staff and student of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.