

MEDI 7004 APPLICATIONS OF MAGNETIC RESONANCE FROM CANCER TO NEUROANATOMY

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 401203

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Description Magnetic resonance (MR) provides a suite of versatile information rich and non-invasive techniques of which magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy (MRS) and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectroscopy are the best known. These techniques have enormous applications across the sciences (e.g., inorganic and organic chemistry) but increasingly to medicine (e.g., to cancer diagnosis and treatment). Western Sydney University has state-of-the-art MR infrastructure and an international reputation in MR development. This unit will explore the diverse applications and teach experimental practice and fundamental physical principles that underpin all the MR-based techniques. It is intended for medical science, medical and science students who use/intend to use NMR/MRI technology or merely want a deeper understanding of its rapidly expanding capabilities (e.g., functional MRI) and applications.

School Science

Discipline Medical Studies, Not Elsewhere Classified.

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 2 10cp

Level Postgraduate Coursework Level 7 subject

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Articulate a clear understanding of the concepts of magnetic resonance and imaging.
2. Discuss the current and potential applications of magnetic resonance to medicine and other fields.
3. Conduct basic and advanced magnetic resonance experiments.
4. Process and analyse MRS and MRI data.
5. Apply magnetic resonance and imaging to other disciplines.
6. Understand OH&S issues related to magnetic resonance.

Subject Content

1. Safety in the Research Magnetic Resonance/Clinical MRI Laboratory
2. Basic NMR theory
3. Chemical shift and spin-spin coupling
4. Spin relaxation and diffusion
5. Standard 1D and multidimensional NMR experiments
6. Basic magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) experiments
7. Magnetic resonance spectroscopy (MRS) in brain and tissues
8. Functional magnetic resonance imaging of the brain
9. Medical image processing
10. Diffusion imaging
11. Advanced Techniques in magnetic resonance

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Item	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/Group Task
Written worksheet submission	5 x 3 hours	30	N	Individual
Essay	1,500-2,000 words	20	N	Individual
Written Examination	2 hours	50	N	Individual

Teaching Periods