



**Jordan University of Science and Technology**  
**Faculty of Engineering**  
**Biomedical Engineering Department**

**BME 342 BioFluid Mechanics**

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**Course Catalog**

3 Credit hours (3 h lectures). This course emphasizes the application of fluid mechanics principles to major human organ systems. Principles such as the conservation of energy and mass will be applied to various human body systems in addition to fundamental equations including continuum equations and Navier Stokes equations. The course will also cover the behavior of both Newtonian and Non-newtonian physiological fluids.

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**Textbooks**

Rubenstein D. A., Yin W. and Frame M.D. (2015). *Biofluid Mechanics*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Academic Press.

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**References**

**Books**

- 1) Waite L., and Fine, J. (2007). *Applied Biofluid Mechanics*. Printice Hall.
- 2) Mazmuder J.N. (1992). *Biofluid Mechanics*. World Scientific Publishing

**Journals**

- 1) Journal of Biomechanics

**Internet links**

<http://www2.imperial.ac.uk/~ajm8/BioFluids/>

<http://ocw.mit.edu/courses/biological-engineering/20-330j-fields-forces-and-flows-in-biological-systems-spring-2007/>

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**Instructor**

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**Prerequisites**

<b>Prerequisites by topic</b>	General Physics, Ordinary Differential Equations
<b>Prerequisites by course</b>	PHYS 101, MATH 203
<b>Co-requisites by course</b>	-
<b>Prerequisite for</b>	BME 441

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**Topics Covered**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topics</b>	<b>Chapters in Text</b>
1	Course Introduction	Chapter 1
1-3	Fundamentals of Fluid Mechanics	Chapter 2
4-6	Conservation Laws	Chapter 3
7	The heart and the cardiac cycle	Chapter 4
8-10	Blood Flow in Arteries and Veins	Chapter 5
11-12	Microcirculation	Chapter 6
13-15	Applications on other systems	Chapter 8,9

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**Evaluation**

<b>Assessment Tool</b>	<b>Expected Due Date</b>	<b>Weight</b>
First Exam	According to the department schedule	25 %
Second Exam	According to the department schedule	25 %
Participation	According to Advisor instructions	10 %
Final Exam	According to the University final examination schedule	40 %

<b>Objectives and Outcomes<sup>1</sup></b>	
<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Outcomes</b>
1. Understand the basics and fundamentals of fluid mechanics [a]	1.1. Understand the basic concepts of fluid mechanics such as the continuum model, kinematics, and conservation laws. [a] 1.2. Differentiate between fluid mechanics and biofluid mechanics scopes [a,l]
2. Explain the heart and cardiac cycles [a,l]	2.1. Understand cardiac physiology [a,l] 2.2. Identify the components and phases of the cardiac cycle [a,l] 2.3. Explain heart valves functions and the relation to their anatomy [a,l] 2.4. Relate different cardiovascular diseases to the anatomy and physiology of the cardiac system [a,b,l]
3. Differentiate biofluid properties and behavior [a,e,l]	3.1. Define viscosity. [a] 3.2. Differentiate between Newtonian and non-Newtonian fluids [a,e] 3.3. Explain the effect of different physiological parameters on the mechanical properties of biofluids [a, l]
4. Apply fluid mechanics principles on biofluid flows in arteries and veins [a,e,l]	4.1. Understand arterial and venous physiology [l] 4.2. Apply basic fluid mechanics concepts on venous and arterial flows [a,e,l]
5. Understand microcirculation and understand the fundamental difference between physiological micro and macrocirculation [a,e,l]	5.1. Identify the components of microcirculation and their control of local blood flow [a,l] 5.2. Differentiate macro from micro flow and understand when the each applies [a,e] 5.3. Understand fluid phenomena in microcirculation such as capillary plug flow and Fahraus-Linqvist effect [a,e]
6. Apply fluid mechanics principles to physiological systems such as the renal and respiratory system [a,b,e,l]	6.1. Apply fluid mechanics principles to flows in the renal and respiratory system [a,b,e,l] 6.2. Understand the effect of the systems' anatomy and physiology on fluid behavior in that system [a,b,e,l]

### Contribution of Course to Meeting the Professional Component

The course contributes to building the fundamental basic concepts, applications, and design of biofluid mechanics and lays the foundation for more advanced courses such as physiological fluid mechanics.

### Relationship to Program Outcomes (%)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
50	15				10		15	10

### Relationship to Biomedical Engineering Program Objectives

PEO1	PEO2	PEO3	PEO 4
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<sup>1</sup> Lower-case letters in brackets refer to the Program outcomes

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