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The Department of Radiology does not offer degrees; however, its faculty teaches courses open to the medical students, graduate students, and undergraduates. The department also accepts students in other curricula as advisors for study and research. Undergraduates may also arrange individual research projects under the supervision of the department's faculty. This discipline focuses on the use of radiation, ultrasound, and magnetic resonance as diagnostic, therapeutic, and research tools. The fundamental and applied research within the department reflects this broad spectrum as it relates to anatomy, pathology, physiology, and interventional procedures. Original research and development of new clinical applications in medical imaging is supported within the Radiological Sciences Laboratory.

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Courses

**RAD 101. Readings in Radiology Research. 1-18 Unit.**

Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

**RAD 199. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Unit.**

Students undertake investigations sponsored by individual faculty members. Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

**RAD 220. Introduction to Imaging and Image-based Human Anatomy. 3 Units.**

Focus on learning the fundamentals of each imaging modality including X-ray Imaging, Ultrasound, CT, and MRI, to learn normal human anatomy and how it appears on medical images, to learn the relative strengths of the modalities, and to answer, “What am I looking at?” Course website: [http://rad220.stanford.edu](http://rad220.stanford.edu).

Same as: BIOE 220

**RAD 221. Physics and Engineering of Radionuclide Imaging. 3 Units.**

Physics, instrumentation, and algorithms for positron emission tomography (PET) and single photon emission computed tomography (SPECT). Topics include basic physics of photon emission and detection, electronics, system design, strategies for tomographic image reconstruction, data correction algorithms, methods of image quantification, and image quality assessment, and current developments in the field. Prerequisites: Completion of university level mathematics and physics.

Same as: BIOE 221

**RAD 222. Instrumentation and Applications for Multi-modality Molecular Imaging of Living Subjects. 4 Units.**

Focuses on instruments, algorithms and other technologies for imaging of cellular and molecular processes in living subjects. Introduces preclinical and clinical molecular imaging modalities, including strategies for molecular imaging using PET, SPECT, MRI, Ultrasound, Optics, and Photoacoustics. Covers basics of instrumentation physics, the origin and properties of the signal generation, and image data quantification.

Same as: BIOE 222

**RAD 222C. Advanced Research Topics in Multi-modality Molecular Imaging of Living Subjects. 4 Units.**

Covers advanced topics and controversies in molecular imaging in the understanding of biology and disease. Lectures will include discussion on instrumentation, probes and bioassays. Topics will address unmet needs for visualization and quantification of molecular pathways in biology as well as for diagnosis and disease management. Areas of unmet clinical needs include those in oncology, neurology, cardiovascular medicine and musculo skeletal diseases. The aim is to identify important problems and controversies in a field and address them by providing background and relevance through review of the relevant primary literature, and then proposing and evaluating innovative imaging strategies that are designed to address the problem. The organization of lectures is similar to the thought process that is necessary for writing an NIH grant proposal in which aims are proposed and supported by background and relevance. The innovation of proposed approaches will be highlighted. An aim of the course is to inform students on how to creatively think about a problem and propose a solution focusing on the key elements of writing a successful grant proposal. Prerequisites: none.

Same as: BIOE 229

**RAD 223. Physics and Engineering of X-Ray Computed Topography. 3 Units.**

CT scanning geometries, production of x-rays, interactions of x-rays with matter, 2D and 3D CT reconstruction, image presentation, image quality performance parameters, system components, image artifacts, radiation dose. Prerequisites: differential and integral calculus. Knowledge of Fourier transforms (EE261) recommended.

Same as: BIOE 223
RAD 224. Probes and Applications for Multi-modality Molecular Imaging of Living Subjects. 4 Units.
Foci on molecular contrast agents (a.k.a. “probes”) that interrogate and target specific cellular and molecular disease mechanisms. Covers the ideal characteristics of molecular probes and how to optimize their design for use as effective imaging reagents that enables readout of specific steps in biological pathways and reveal the nature of disease through noninvasive imaging assays. Prerequisites: none. Same as: BIOE 224

RAD 225. Ultrasound Imaging and Therapeutic Applications. 3 Units.
Covers the basic concepts of ultrasound imaging including acoustic properties of biological tissues, transducer hardware, beam formation, and clinical imaging. Also includes the therapeutic applications of ultrasound including thermal and mechanical effects, visualization of the temperature and radiation force with MRI, tissue assessment with MRI and ultrasound, and ultrasound-enhanced drug delivery. Course website: http://bioc235.stanford.edu. Same as: BIOE 225

RAD 226. In Vivo Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy and Imaging. 3 Units.
Collections of identical independent nuclear spins are described by the classical vector model of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI); however, interactions among spins, as occur in many in vivo processes, require a more complete description. Physics and engineering principles of these in vivo magnetic resonance phenomena with emphasis on current research questions and clinical applications. Topics: quantum mechanical description of magnetic resonance, density matrix theory, product operator formalism, relaxation theory and contrast mechanisms, spectroscopic imaging, spectral editing, and multinuclear studies. Prerequisites: EE 369B or familiarity with magnetic resonance, working knowledge of linear algebra. Same as: BIOE 226

RAD 226B. In Vivo MR: Relaxation Theory and Contrast Mechanisms. 3 Units.
Principles of nuclear magnetic resonance relaxation theory as applicable to in vivo processes with an emphasis on medical imaging. Topics: physics and mathematics of relaxation, relaxation times in normal and diseased tissues, magnetization transfer contrast, chemical exchange saturation transfer, MRI contrast agents, and hyperpolarized 13C. Prerequisites: RAD 226. Same as: BIOE 326B

RAD 227. Functional MRI Methods. 3 Units.
Basics of functional magnetic resonance neuroimaging, including data acquisition, analysis, and experimental design. Journal club sections. Cognitive neuroscience and clinical applications. Prerequisites: basic physics, mathematics; neuroscience recommended. Same as: BIOPHYS 227

RAD 228. Magnetic Resonance Imaging Programming Topics. 3 Units.
Primarily for students working on research projects involving MRI pulse sequence programming. Introductory and student-initiated topics in seminars and hands-on labs. Image contrast mechanisms achieved by pulse sequences that control radiofrequency and gradient magnetic fields in real time, while acquiring data in an organized manner for image reconstruction. Prerequisites: EE 369B and consent of instructor.

RAD 229. MRI Sequences and Signals. 3 Units.
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) uses sequences of radiofrequency excitation and magnetic field gradients to generate a signal and form images. Numerous common and advanced sequences will be studied, including analysis techniques to predict signal and contrast levels, and to measure and reduce unwanted image artifacts. Prerequisite: EE 369B.