

Anno Accademico 2017/2018

INTRODUCTION TO RADIATION PROTECTION	
Enrollment year	2016/2017
Academic year	2017/2018
Regulations	DM270
Academic discipline	FIS/07 (APPLIED PHYSICS (CULTURAL HERITAGE, ENVIRONMENT, BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE))
Department	DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS
Course	
Curriculum	Fisica biosanitaria
Year of study	2°
Period	2nd semester (01/03/2018 - 15/06/2018)
ECTS	6
Lesson hours	48 lesson hours
Language	Italian
Activity type	ORAL TEST
Teacher	GIROLETTI ELIO (titolare) - 6 ECTS
Prerequisites	Notions about electric, magnetic and electromagnetic fields; electromagnetic wave spectra and their properties; atom structure and nuclear particles; radioactive decay; radioactive families; ionizing radiation interaction with matter.
Learning outcomes	At the end of the course the student should manage the basic and physical concepts related to the protection against ionizing radiations and also the principles of radiation protection of workers, patients and the population. The student should know also the basic principles stated by the International Commission on Radiological Protection as well as the legal features about radiation protection.
Course contents	The main topics are: physical aspects of radiation protection; possible detriments of ionizing radiations; external and internal exposure; radiometric quantities; the radiation protection system; radiation

protection quantities; individual dose limits; radiation protection practical aspects and safety procedures: exposure length, source distance and radiation shielding; protection from internal contamination; artificial sources used in industry, research and medicine; natural sources (radon, NORM, TeNORM, cosmic rays); international and national organization about radiation protection; European directives and Italian law.

Teaching methods

Classical lectures followed by exercises. A visit to some radiological plants complete the course.

Reccomended or required readings

- Pelliccioni M, Fondamenti fisici della radioprotezione, ed. Pitagora, Bologna, 1990
- Vergine A.L, Giroletti E, Radiazioni ionizzanti: protezione dei lavoratori, della popolazione e dei pazienti, ed. Esse Libri, 2003
- Course slides available at UniPv KIRO web-page- Shapiro J, A radiation protection guide for scientists and physicians, Harvard university press, IVth ed.
- Martin E, Physics for Radiation Protection, Wiley-Interscience, 2000
- Knoll G.F., Radiation detection and measurement, J. Wiley, last edition
- Johns H. E, Cunningham J. R, The physics of radiology, Springfield, Charles Thomas Publ, III edition, 1987
- Attix, Introduction to Radiological Physics and Radiation Dosimetry, Book seller
- Dorschel B, Schuricht V, Stener J, The physics of radiation protection, Nuclear Technology Publ., Asford, 1996
- Delacroix D. et al., Radionuclide and radiation protection data Handbook 2002, Rad. Prot. Dosim., vol.98: 1, 2002
- Shleien B., The health physics and radiological health handbook, Silver Spring, MD, 1992 rev. ed.
- International Commission on Radiological Protection publications, www.icrp.org
- National Council on radiation protection reports, www.ncrp.orgCourse slides provided by the teacher

Assessment methods

Oral exam about all the course topics. We recommend students to focus particularly on theoretical aspects and on methodology facing the typical radiation protection scenarios, such as: internal contamination, external dosimetry, shielding calculations, radiation monitors, radiation protection quantities, etc. Usually no calculations are required

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