Subject Description Form

Subject Code	HTI5127
Subject Title	Nanobiotechnology
Credit Value	3
Level	5
Pre-requisite / Co-requisite/ Exclusion	General Physics, Chemistry, and Biology
Objectives	Nanobiotechnology is a rapidly growing field that deals with the application of biofunctionalized nanomaterials/nanostructures for biomedical diagnostics/imaging, drug delivery, implants, nanoscale devices, and many others. This subject commences with the fundamentals (i.e., synthesis, characterization, and unique properties) of the nanostructured materials, followed by their conjugation with biomolecules and specific applications.
Intended Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to: a. Understand and discuss the fundamentals of biofunctionalized nanostructured materials; b. Apply the unique properties of these bio-nanomaterials for novel biomedical applications; c. Analyze the performance of these nanoscale technologies as compared to their macro- or micro-scale counterparts; d. Integrate knowledge of chemistry, biology, and engineering to design nano-enabled devices/systems; e. Appraise the value of nanobiotechnology in scientific, economic, social, and environmental contexts; f. Identify promising areas/future directions in the nanobiotechnology field.
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus	Introductory overview; preparation, characterization, and properties of nanostructured materials (e.g., metal nanoparticle, quantum dot, carbon nanotube, polymeric nanocarrier, and silica nanoparticle); biofunctionalization of nanomaterials (e.g., cell, nucleic acid, and protein); applications of biofunctionalized nanomaterials (e.g., diagnostics and screening technologies, drug delivery); nanofabrication/nanopatterning techniques and applications; DNA nanostructures; toxicity, health, and environmental issues.
Teaching/Learning Methodology	Students will learn the concepts and applications of nanobiotechnology in lectures. Lab demonstrations will allow students to have real experience on the some of the lab skills in the field of nanobiotechnology. Students are required to investigate emerging nanobiotechnology areas in an individual project and a group project.

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For group project, students have to give an oral presentation on the commercialization of nanobiotechnology products. For individual project, students have to study some of the state-of-the-art technologies and write a short report. All the assessments are aligned to the intended learning outcomes.
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<tr><td>Student Study Effort Expected</td><td>
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<tr><td>Class contact:</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td>▪ Lectures</td><td>36 Hrs.</td></tr>
<tr><td>▪ Lab demonstrations</td><td>6 Hrs.</td></tr>
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<tr><td>▪ Individual project</td><td>42 Hrs.</td></tr>
<tr><td>▪ Self-study</td><td>42 Hrs.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Total student study effort</td><td>126 Hrs.</td></tr>
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