



## Subject card

Subject name and code	Elements of pharmacology, PG_00053342						
Field of study	Biomedical Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Biomedical Engineering						
Date of commencement of studies	February 2027	Academic year of realisation of subject			2026/2027		
Education level	second-cycle studies	Subject group			Optional subject group Specialty subject group Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study		
Mode of study	Full-time studies	Mode of delivery			at the university		
Year of study	1	Language of instruction			Polish		
Semester of study	1	ECTS credits			2.0		
Learning profile	general academic profile	Assessment form			exam		
Conducting unit	Department of Pharmaceutical Technology and Biochemistry -> Faculty of Chemistry -> Faculties of Gdańsk University of Technology						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr hab. inż. Agnieszka Potęga					
	Teachers	dr hab. inż. Agnieszka Potęga					
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan	Participation in consultation hours	Self-study	SUM		
	Number of study hours	30	2.0	18.0	50		
Subject objectives	Expanding the knowledge of medicinal substances in the field of general pharmacology and applied pharmacology, in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understanding the mechanisms of drug action, their fate in the body and the relationship between dose and pharmacological effect of a drug.</li><li>• Learn about side effects and drug interactions.</li><li>• Getting to know the form of the drug and methods of creating the form of the drug.</li></ul>						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification				
	[K7_K02] is ready to provide critical evaluation of received content and to acknowledge the importance of knowledge in solving cognitive and practical problems	The student is able to use his knowledge of basic subjects to predict the behavior of a medicinal substance in biological systems.	[SK5] Assessment of ability to solve problems that arise in practice				

Subject contents	<p>Course content – lecture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Introduction</b> - definitions (active substance, medicinal substance, poison, potency, efficacy, pharmacology), drug effect (pharmaceutical phase, pharmacokinetic phase, pharmacodynamic phase), pharmacological effect.</li> <li>• <b>Absorption and transport of the drug through membranes</b> - methods and sites of drug administration, barriers to be crossed during absorption, absorption and transport mechanisms (passive diffusion, facilitated diffusion, active transport, pinocytosis, phagocytosis, persorption), transport proteins (for medicinal substances).</li> <li>• <b>Distribution of the drug in the body</b> - compartments, protein binding, distribution factors.</li> <li>• <b>Biotransformation</b> - phase I reactions (oxidation, reduction, hydrolysis, decarboxylation), phase II reactions (conjugation with endogenous substrates), induction of transporting proteins and drug metabolising enzymes, first pass effect, inhibition of enzymatic activity, bioinactivation, biotransformation influencing factors.</li> <li>• <b>Bioactivation</b> - reactive intermediate metabolites, drug toxicity.</li> <li>• <b>Excretion</b> - enteric and hepatic routes, rate and amount of renal excretion.</li> <li>• <b>Pharmacokinetics</b> - Pharmacokinetic parameters (bioavailability, bioequivalence, elimination half-life, minimum therapeutic concentration and minimum toxic concentration) and pharmacokinetic models (one-compartment model, two- or multi-compartment model, changes in blood plasma concentration after intravenous and oral administration, pharmacokinetics in special situations - pathological conditions, the elderly).</li> <li>• <b>Pharmacodynamics</b> - mechanisms of drug action, pharmacological action through receptors (receptor concept, types and subtypes of receptors, receptor reserve, agonists and antagonists, ion channels).</li> <li>• <b>Dosage and drug action dependence on dose or concentration</b> - dependence curves, indices and pharmacological values.</li> <li>• <b>Adverse drug reactions</b> - allergic reactions to drugs, side effects, drug dependence.</li> <li>• <b>Drug interactions</b> - pharmaceutical interactions, pharmacokinetic interactions, pharmacodynamic interactions, avoiding interactions.</li> <li>• <b>Searching for and testing new drugs</b> - preclinical and clinical trials, placebo action, types of drug testing.</li> <li>• <b>Chronopharmacology</b></li> <li>• <b>Applied pharmacology</b> - drug forms and methods of preparation (powders, granules, tablets, capsules, liposomes, microspheres, medicinal aerosols, syrups, ointments, creams, parenteral drugs), drug administration routes, injection drug form technology (ampoules, vials).</li> </ul>											
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Basic knowledge of biochemistry and enzymology.											
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	<p>Sample questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Define the terms: AUC and drug bioavailability - describe how these kinetic parameters can be determined.</li> <li>2. List the mechanisms of transport and absorption through biological membranes. Characterize active transport.</li> <li>3. List the main enzymes of phase I and II metabolism. Characterize the physiological function of one family of isoenzymes from each group, also giving examples of catalyzed reactions.</li> </ol>											
Practical activities within the subject	Not applicable											

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