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3. Justification and Learning Objectives for the Course. (Indicate whether required or elective, and whether it meets University Writing, and/or Language requirements) [Use as much space as necessary]

The course is an integrative, interdisciplinary course with significant content, ideas and ways of thinking from several disciplines: physics (principles and instrumentation), biology (anatomy and physiology), the health sciences (radiology and diagnosis) and computer science (algorithms). It will present an overview of imaging systems and a critique of the systems and images produced. The course would be available for selection within the Science emphasis in the Teaching and Learning option of the Liberal Studies program, and would be an elective in the Biology, Math and Computer Science majors. It would be particularly suitable for pre-med students.

Through this course, students will be able to

- explain the principles and basic concepts of five clinical imaging modalities
- analyse the images in terms of the structure and function of the organs imaged
- compare the diagnostic utility of images from different modalities
- use image processing software to enhance clinical images
- appreciate the interdisciplinary nature of medical imaging
- critically evaluate scientific and medical literature
- analyse complex issues in diagnostic imaging
- organize and express ideas clearly and convincingly in oral and written forms.

This course is not designed to satisfy the University Writing or Language requirements.

4. Is this a General Education Course

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5. Course Content in Outline Form. [Be as brief as possible, but use as much space as necessary]

Introduction to imaging modalities. Principles and instrumentation used in certain imaging modalities (FIVE to be chosen from: projection radiography, mammography, DEXA for bone density measurement, ultrasonography, digital subtraction angiography, computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, nuclear medicine techniques (SPECT and PET)): image formation and reconstruction techniques.

Typical images and their correlation with structure and function of organs within the body, and to disease conditions. Image critique and enhancement.

Diagnostic utility and limitations. Risk vs. benefit.

There will be 2 projects, in which small teams will (i) investigate the limitations of a particular imaging modality and (ii) either explore the risk vs. benefit of a particular methodology or examine the diagnostic usefulness of applying enhancement techniques to particular images. Reports on the projects will be typed and include figures, graphs, images and references. The second report will be presented orally using PowerPoint.

Field trips (2) to Radiology Departments will demonstrate the use of the various modalities and the relationships within the medical teams that acquire and diagnose the images, and foster a continuing interest in health-care issues.

6. References. [Provide 3 - 5 references on which this course is based and/or support it.]

The course presents an overview of biomedical imaging, but minimizes the mathematical treatment used in similar courses within Biomedical Engineering programs (e.g. Case Western Reserve, Southern California, Purdue, Illinois at Urbana-Champaign). It emphasizes the usefulness of the images in determining structure and function, and is similar to material presented to radiographers (e.g. Atlantic State) and those in the biomedical sciences (e.g. Toledo University).
The content of and emphasis within the course has benefited from continuing discussions with Prof. Gary Sayed, Chair of Diagnostic Imaging at Thomas Jefferson University and Dr. Jesse Lee, a local oncologist.

Textbook: Introduction to Biomedical Imaging, A. Webb (John Wiley).

7. List Faculty Qualified to Teach This Course.

Dr. Geoff Dougherty

8. Frequency.

a. Projected semesters to be offered: Fall _____ Spring _X____ Summer _____

9. New Resources Required.

a. Computer (data processing), audio visual, broadcasting needs, other equipment

Use of PC Lab #118 for teaching and activities (4 h per week)
Double-width viewing boxes for viewing radiographs (2)
Dell PC (similar to Office) dedicated to transfer and storage of radiologic images and their analysis

b. Library needs

Books:

“Human Anatomy and Physiology”, E.N. Marieb (Benjamin/Cummings, 2000)
“Principles of Radiologic Imaging”, R.R. Carlton and A.M. Adler (Delmar, 2001)

Journals:
Medical Physics (Journal of AAPM)
Medical Engineering and Physics
Journal of Clinical Imaging

c. Facility/space needs

Transport for two field trips to Radiology Departments.
Storage space for films (within office space already being acquired for Physics)

10. Consultation.

Attach consultation sheet from all program areas, Library, and others (if necessary)

11. If this new course will alter any degree, credential, certificate, or minor in your program, attach a program modification.

__Proposer of Course: Geoff Dougherty    Date: 10/16/02

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