

Introduction to microbial fermentation processes

Industrial fermentation processes. Microbial kinetics. Oxygen and CO₂ in fermentors. Optimal operation of batch, continuous and fed-batch fermentations

ONLINE COURSE

On-demand

COURSE FEE

350 € per session

COURSE ORGANIZATION

Course divided in 7 sessions

Sessions can be taken individually

Session scheduling: suggested one per week

Effort: 4 - 8 h per session

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course provides a comprehensive overview of industrial fermentation processes, including their technologies, operations, scale-up, and cost optimization. It reviews the kinetics of microbial transformations, the solubilities and transfer kinetics of oxygen and CO₂ in fermentors. It provides in-depth insights into the optimal operations of batch, continuous, fed-batch, and high-density perfusion fermentations.

The course features a combination of methodological presentations and fermentations case studies.

INSTRUCTOR

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DIGITAL LEARNING

- Learning platform with course resources
- Live or recorded slideshow videos
- Case studies on spreadsheets templates with guides
- Online quizzes
- Online collective or one-to-one tutoring

COURSE PROGRAM

Session 1: Industrial fermentation processes

Microorganisms, media, products. Process operations. Fermentors technologies and operations. Fermentation costs

Session 2: Microbial fermentation kinetics

Kinetic analysis in batch and continuous fermentors. Microbial kinetic laws. Industrial fermentations kinetics

Session 3: Oxygen and CO₂ in fermentors

Fermentors aeration technologies. Solubilities and transfer kinetics. Determination of transfer coefficient $k_L a$

Session 4: Batch fermentations optimal operation

Batch fermentation principles, kinetics and productivities. Optimization of anaerobic and aerobic fermentations

Session 5: Continuous fermentations optimal operation

Continuous fermentation principles. Dynamic and steady-state kinetics. Optimization of anaerobic and aerobic fermentations

Session 6: Fed-batch fermentations optimal operation

Fed-batch fermentation principles, operation and kinetics, Optimization of aerobic fermentations

Session 7: High cell-density fermentations

Intensification by oxygen enriched air. Perfusion fermentations with cell recycling. Limitations of high-density fermentations