



Universitat de Lleida

DEGREE CURRICULUM

ADVANCED MICROBIOLOGY

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Subject's general information

Subject name	ADVANCED MICROBIOLOGY			
Code	101528			
Semester	2nd Q(SEMESTER) CONTINUED EVALUATION			
Typology	Degree	Course	Character	Modality
	Bachelor's Degree in Biomedical Sciences	3	OPTIONAL	Attendance-based
	Master's Degree in Biomedical Research		COMPLEMENTARY TRAINING	Attendance-based
Course number of credits (ECTS)	6			
Type of activity, credits, and groups	Activity type	PRALAB		TEORIA
	Number of credits	3		3
	Number of groups	2		1
Coordination	DE LA TORRE RUIZ, M. ANGELES			
Department	BASIC MEDICAL SCIENCES			
Teaching load distribution between lectures and independent student work	40% face to face 60% autonomous study			
Important information on data processing	Consult this link for more information.			
Language	Spanish Catalan English (when required)			
Distribution of credits	2,2 ECTs Master class 0,8 ECTs Seminars 3 ECTs Practices			

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Learning objectives

1. Know the concept of toxin and mechanisms of microbial pathogenicity
2. Be able to describe the specific and nonspecific defense systems against microbial infection mediated by the human body.
3. Understand general responses to stress.
4. Understand the molecular basis of response to stress and virulence in microbial cell models.
5. Know how to apply the theoretical knowledge learned in this subject to specific experimental situations as well as to elaborate results and conclusions of the same.
6. Know how to solve biological problems derived from the topics covered in the subject, autonomously.
7. Learn to work as a team in a basic research laboratory.
8. Prepare the experimental results obtained during the practical development of the subject, individually and in teams
9. Know the mechanisms of action of the main antibiotics and antimicrobials of the last generation and be able to infer an application.

Competences

CB1 That students have demonstrated that they have and understand knowledge in an area of study that is based on general secondary education, and is usually found at a level that, while supported by advanced textbooks, also includes some aspects that involve knowledge from the forefront of their field of study

CB2 That students know how to apply their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional way and possess the skills that are usually demonstrated through the development and defense of arguments and problem solving within their area of study

CB3 That students have the ability to gather and interpret relevant data (usually within their area of study) to make judgments that include reflection on relevant issues of a social, scientific or ethical nature.

CB4 That students can transmit information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialized and non-specialized audiences.

CB5 That students have developed those learning skills necessary to undertake further studies with a high degree of autonomy.

CG1. Have a correct oral and written expression

CG2 Master a foreign language.

CG4 Respect the fundamental rights of equality between men and women, the promotion of Human Rights and the values of a culture of peace and democratic values.

CG5 Apply the gender perspective to the tasks of the professional field

CE15. Differentiate the biology of microorganisms in their structural, physiological and genetic aspects, as well as their diversity.

CE16. Describe the main infectious agents and their mechanisms of action.

CE17. Apply basic techniques for handling microorganisms.

CE45. Define the molecular bases and mechanisms of the flow of genetic information and its regulation.

CE51. Define the fundamentals and apply the methodology used in the genetic modification of organisms.

CE65. Analyze scientific information through specialized publications, as well as be able to summarize and present it in different formats.

CE66. Recognize the scientific methodology of research.

Subject contents

THEORETICAL CLASSES

Master classes

Temary:

1. POSITIVE INTERACTIONS PARASITE (MICROORGANISM) -HOSPEDADOR (HUMAN). Autochthonous microbial flora.

2. NEGATIVE PARASITE-HOSPEDADOR INTERACTIONS. Toxin concept. Endotoxin and Exotoxin. Nonspecific and specific defense system mediated by the immune system. Serological tests for the detection of infectious diseases. Microbial models of exotoxins and endotoxins. Bacterial secretion systems.

3. MICROBIAL SIGNALLING: Quorum sensing. Two component system.

4. MOLECULAR AND BIOCHEMICAL APPROACH TO SOME VIRULENCE MECHANISMS DEVELOPED BY MICROORGANISMS.

5. GENERAL RESPONSES TO STRESS. Responses in prokaryotes. SOS system. DNA damage repair mechanisms. Eukaryotic responses. Consequences of the stress response and development of resistance. Types of microbial adaptations to stress and response mechanisms.

6. ROUTES OF SIGNALING MAP KINASES IN FUNGI (model *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*). IMPORTANCE IN VIRULENCE AND POSSIBLE TARGETS OF REGULATION.

7. MOLECULAR MECHANISMS OF ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE AND CURRENT PRODUCTION OF BIOPHARMACS. Main mechanisms of antibiotic resistance characterized at the molecular level to date. Multi-resistant strains. New antimicrobials, biomedical and biotechnological perspectives.

PRACTICAL CLASSES

- Seminars. A. Collaborative work seminar. B. Small group seminar (4-5 people). Thematic development of review works related to new antimicrobials. A group summary and a Power Point presentation must be made to the entire class.

-Laboratory practices.

Students will learn to:

Obtain plasmid DNA

Transform bacteria

Analyze antibiotic resistance

Transform yeasts

Identify interactions between proteins in vivo, using the Double Hybrid technique and PET system

Methodology

THEORETICAL CLASSES

1. On-line mostly through video conference
2. Presentations with explanatory audio incorporated + synchronous tutorials to discuss and resolve doubts
3. Flipped classroom

PRACTICAL CLASSES

Laboratory practices. In the laboratory+ on-line or fully online, depending on pandemic situation.

Part of the practices will be done in small groups in the laboratory and part through online explanatory pills or explanatory audio presentations. Online practices will be accompanied by synchronous and participatory online seminars and problems.

Seminars: All will be carried out in small groups of 4 people preferably.

A. The collaborative learning technique will be applied if the situation allows

B. Groups will work on reviews related to latest antimicrobials. They will make a summary, power point presentation that they will have to present each of the group members. Then there will be a mandatory discussion.

Evaluation

ASSESMENT OF LEARNING	GRADING (%)	ASSESMENT TYPE

Master class	50	Short questions and test, written exam. The theoretical part will be divided into two evaluable parts in each of the two available courses for the subject. The average will only be made with a grade equal to or greater than 5. To pass the course, it is necessary to obtain at least a 6 in this test.
Practices	25	Written test on contents and practical concepts. Presence is compulsory. To pass the subject it is necessary to obtain at least a 6 in this test.
Seminars	25	Seminar A. Group evaluation. Oral and written test (25%) + discussion (25%) of the grade Seminar B. Group written test (10%), Group oral presentation (10%), Individual oral test (exposition 20% + discussion 20%)

ALTERNATIVE EVALUATION

Students who take the alternative assessment must take a single exam that will coincide with the date and time of the exam scheduled for the second assessment, in the schedule published for the subject. This exam will account for 50% of the mark. In this exam all the theoretical knowledge of the subject will be evaluated. On the same day, the student will take the practice exam, which will be independent from the theory exam and will account for 25% of the final grade.

Attendance to seminars is not mandatory, therefore the student can decide whether to attend or not, however, since the grade is from the group, if the student does not attend, they will not be able to obtain the percentage of the grade corresponding to these activities and therefore the maximum final grade to which you will be able to choose will be 75%, that is to say, 7.5. Alternative activities to non-compulsory activities will not be carried out.

The date of recovery of the alternative evaluation will be the same as the scheduled date for recovery in the schedule published for the subject

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 G. San-Blas and R.A. Calderone. Pathogenic Fungi. Caizer Academic Press, Norfolk, UK.
 M. Schaechter, J.L. Ingraham y F.C. Neidhardt. Microorganismes. Reverté.
 E.A. Groisman. Principles of bacterial pathogenesis. Academic Press, California, USA.
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