Teaching Guide				
Identifying Data				2015/16
Subject (*)	Toxicología Xenética		Code	610441017
Study programme	Mestrado Universitario en Bioloxía Molecular , Celular e Xenética			
Descriptors				
Cycle	Period	Year	Type	Credits
Official Master's Degree	2nd four-month period	First	Optativa	3
Language	SpanishGalician			
Teaching method	Face-to-face			
Prerequisites				
Department	Bioloxía Celular e MolecularPsicoloxía			
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General description	In this subject the student will learn fundamental concepts on toxicology, will get familiar with the toxicokinetic and toxicodynamic aspects underlying the action mechanims of toxic agents, and will learn the fundamentals and utility of the main methodologies used for genetic risk assessment.			

Study programme competences	
Code	Study programme competences
A6	Skills of understanding the functioning of cells through the structural organization, biochemistry, gene expression and genetic variability.
A8	Skills of having an integrated view of the previously acquired knowledge about Molecular and Cellular Biology and Genetics, with an interdisciplinary approach and experimental work.
A12	Skills to understand, detect and analyze the genetic variation, knowing genotoxicity processes and methodologies for its evaluation, as well as carrying out diagnosis and genetic risk studies.
B3	Skills of management of the information: that are able to gather and to understand relevant information and results, obtaining conclusions and to prepare reasoned reports on scientific and biotechnological questions
B5	Correct oral and written communication on scientific topics in the native language and at least in another International diffusion language.
B6	Skills of team work: that are able to keep efficient interpersonal relationships in an interdisciplinary and international work context, with respect for the cultural diversity.
B9	Skills of preparation, show and defense of a work.
C1	Skills of expressing correctly, so much of oral form as written, in the official languages of the autonomous region.
C2	Skills of dominating the oral form expression and compression and written of a foreign language.
C6	Considering critically the knowledge, technologies and the available information to solve problems with which should face.

Learning outcomes			
Learning outcomes	Study programme competences		
Working in group in a collaborative manner.		BR6	
Skills for speaking in public.		BR9	
Skills to express in scientific language and comunicate in an effective manner.		BR5	CC1 CC2
Skills to find and interpret any kind of toxicological information by using internet network and computer tools.	AR6	BR3	CC6
Learning the different methodologies for genotoxicity assessment and the role of genetic polymorphisms as individual susceptibility biomarkers.	AR6 AR12		
Learning how assessment of exposure to genotoxic agents is carried out, and the advantages of biomonitoring vs. environmental assessment.	AR12		

Learning the relationship between genotoxicity processes and cancer development.	AR6 AR12		
Learning the different relationships between the concentration of a toxic agent in the target location and the effects induced in the biological systems, and the factors influencing chemicals toxicity.	AR6 AR8		
Learning the physical-chemical processes that a toxic agent experiences when enters the body and the factors influencing absorption, distribution, metabolizing and excreting phases.	AR6 AR8 AR12		

Contents	
Topic	**Sub-topic**
I. General principles in Toxicology	1. Basic concepts in Toxicology 2. Toxicokinetics (ADME processes). 3. Toxicodynamics (dose-response curves, toxicity indexes, factors influencing toxicity).
II. Genetic Toxicology	4. Genotoxicity and its relationship with cancer. 5. Genetic risk evaluation I: Analysis of exposure to genotoxic agents. 6. Genetic risk evaluation II: Methodologies for genotoxicity assessment. 7. Genetic risk evaluation III: Individual susceptibility.
III. Reproductive toxicogenetics	8. Methodologies to evaluate chromosome and DNA damage in sperm.

Planning				
Methodologies / tests	**Competencies**	**Ordinary class hours**	**Student?s personal work hours**	**Total hours**
Short answer questions	A6 A12 B3 B5 C1	0	2	2
Guest lecture / keynote speech	A6 A8 A12	14	21	35
ICT practicals	B3 C2 C6	2	2	4
Supervised projects	A12 B3 B5 B6 B9 C1 C2	0	12	12
Seminar	B3 B5 B6 B9 C1	6	6	12
Laboratory practice	A8 A12 B3 B6 C6	4	4	8
Personalized attention		2	0	2
(*)The information in the planning table is for guidance only and does not take into account the heterogeneity of the students.				

Methodologies	
Methodologies	**Description**
Short answer questions	When the subject programme has been finished the students will fill in a short answer questions questionnaire. When the provisional qualifications are published, a date for review several days later will be fixed.
Guest lecture / keynote speech	The professors will introduce the programme contents with the aid of multimedia stuff. They will answer the questions raised by the students.
ICT practicals	Practical with computers about searching for toxicological information in internet.

Supervised projects	Supervised projects in groups of students about an issue proposed by the professors. With this aim, personalized attention will be given in order to give orientation on the points to be included in each project and provide with bibliographic stuff. The files corresponding to each project and its presentation will be delivered through the Moodle platform before the deadline fixed. All projects will be available in Moodle.
Seminar	Bibliographic seminars: students will present their projects in s maximum 15 minutes. Then a debate on each issue will be performed.
Laboratory practice	Laboratory practices to be carried out in Hospital Oncolóxico laboratories. Students will learn several methodologies for genetic damage assessment.

Personalized attention	
Methodologies	**Description**
Supervised projects	For carrying out the supervised projects, personalized attention will be given in order to give orientation on the contents to be included in each project and provide with illustrative bibliographic stuff. Upon students' request, personalized attention will be given in order to answer questions, and provide with orientation and help for developing specific and transversal study programme competencies.

Assessment			
Methodologies	**Competencies**	**Description**	**Qualification**
Short answer questions	A6 A12 B3 B5 C1	Short answer questions questionnaire. For the students not attending the lectures, this questionnaire will be marked 60% of the final qualification.	40
ICT practicals	B3 C2 C6	Mandatory attendance.	2.5
Guest lecture / keynote speech	A6 A8 A12	Regular attendance and participation will be evaluated, only when the student pass the short answer questions questionnaire.	10
Laboratory practice	A8 A12 B3 B6 C6	Mandatory attendance.	2.5
Supervised projects	A12 B3 B5 B6 B9 C1 C2	It is mandatory to carry out a supervised project. It will be evaluated only when the student pass the short answer questions questionnaire.	40
Seminar	B3 B5 B6 B9 C1	Regular attendance and participation will be evaluated, only when the student pass the short answer questions questionnaire.	5

Assessment comments

Sources of information

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Recommendations
Subjects that it is recommended to have taken before
Subjects that are recommended to be taken simultaneously
Subjects that continue the syllabus
Other comments
-Computer skills (user level) are recommended in order to use the Moodle platform and prepare the supervised project and its presentation. -English language is recommended, in order to read the bibliographic stuff.

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