



Teaching Guide

Identifying Data					2021/22
Subject (*)	Plant Physiology II	Code	610G02028		
Study programme	Grao en Bioloxía				
Descriptors					
Cycle	Period	Year	Type	Credits	
Graduate	2nd four-month period	Second	Obligatory	6	
Language	SpanishGalicianEnglish				
Teaching method	Face-to-face				
Prerequisites					
Department	Bioloxía				
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Web					
General description	The job of Biologist requires knowledge in several subjects. One of such topics is Plant Physiology, the science about how plants work. The present course is intended to provide theoretical and practical knowledge in Plant Physiology to the student, as well as a positive attitude to this science.				



Contingency plan	<p>In the ?Instrucións do 1 de xullo de 2021 da Secretaría Xeral de Universidades, de previsión de medidas de adaptación das universidades do Sistema universitario de Galicia para o curso 2021/2022?, the second point states the following rules (translated by the Coordinator of the subject: as of July 26, 2021 there is no english version on the website of the Xunta de Galicia):</p> <p>"SECOND.- Teaching guides</p> <p>1.- The teaching guides will contain, as a general rule, an adapted normal scenario, that is, a situation in accordance with the degree of face-to-face attendance estimated as the normal one at the time prior to the pandemic.</p> <p>2.- There will be a single alternative scenario, foreseen for temporary situations limited by local restrictions derived from outbreaks or closures in the locality where the educational center is located. Considering a lockdown scenario in the subject program is ruled out</p> <p>3.- In order to ensure compliance with the quality criteria, the teaching guide for each of the subjects included in the study plan of an official university degree or master degree must include a section called ?Contingency plan?. Such a plan will include the measures to adapt the subject to the foreseen alternative scenario. This includes both the teaching methodologies and the assessment systems, as well as the possibility of carrying out alternative activities in those cases in which it is unfeasible to carry out the planned practicals due to causes derived from the epidemic situation"</p> <p>Therefore, the contingency plan with the planned measures in this subject is indicated below:</p> <p>1.Modifications in the contents</p> <p>The contents will not be modified, as they are necessary for the training of students who choose this subject.</p> <p>2. Methodologies</p> <p>Teaching methodologies that are maintained</p> <p>All of them, but they will be carried out on line during the alternative scenario.</p> <p>3. Mechanisms for personalized attention to students</p> <p>Email, tutorials by Teams and forums on the ?Campus Virtual?, with daily attention on school dates in the case of email and forums, and upon request of the students in the case of tutorials by Teams.</p> <p>4. Changes in the assessment</p> <p>The indications of the governing bodies of the Universidade da Coruña will be followed. If these indications allow it, an online evaluation can be carried out (?Campus Virtual? and other institutional tools).</p> <p>Assessment observations: The indications of the governing bodies of the University of Coruña will be followed</p> <p>5. Modifications to the bibliography or webgraphy</p> <p>Alternative and/or additional books and articles in electronic format that can be accessed from the beginning of the semester (providing they were published as open access sources in the coming months or there was an institutional subscription), and in any case additional ad hoc materials generated by the lecturers.</p> <p>Alternative and/or additional books and articles in electronic format that can be accessed from the beginning of the semester (providing they were published as open access sources in the coming months or there was an institutional subscription), and in any case additional ad hoc materials generated by the lecturers.</p>
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Study programme competences	
Code	Study programme competences
A8	Illar, analizar e identificar biomoléculas.
A18	Levar a cabo estudos de produción e mellora animal e vexetal.
A26	Deseñar experimentos, obter información e interpretar os resultados.
A29	Impartir coñecementos de Bioloxía.
A30	Manexar adecuadamente instrumentación científica.
A31	Desenvolverse con seguridade nun laboratorio.



B1	Aprender a aprender.
B2	Resolver problemas de forma efectiva.
B3	Aplicar un pensamento crítico, lóxico e creativo.
B5	Traballar en colaboración.
B7	Comunicarse de maneira efectiva nunha contorna de traballo.
B8	Sintetizar a información.
B13	Comportarse con ética e responsabilidade social como cidadán e como profesional.

Learning outcomes			
Learning outcomes	Study programme competences		
To be able to prepare and present a topic in the field of Plant Physiology	A8 A18 A29	B1 B8	
To have an updated knowledge about the mechanisms regarding how plants work and about their regulation.	A8 A18 A29		
To be able to carry out basic experiments in the field of Plant Physiology.	A8 A26 A30 A31	B2	
To have a critical and constructive attitude about Plant Physiology.		B3 B13	
To be able to work in group to solve questions about Plant Physiology topics.		B1 B2 B5 B7	

Contents	
Topic	Sub-topic
PLANT DEVELOPMENT	Topic 1.- THE PLANT CELL WALL. Topic 2.- INTRODUCTION TO PLANT DEVELOPMENT. Topic 3.- AUXINS. Topic 4.- GIBBERELLINS. Topic 5.- CYTOKININS. Topic 6.- ETHYLENE. Topic 7.- ABSCISIC ACID. Topic 8.- OTHER PLANT HORMONES. Topic 9.- PHYTOCHROMES AND OTHER PHOTORECEPTORS. Topic 10.- PLANT LIFE CYCLE AND VEGETATIVE DEVELOPMENT. Topic 11.- PLANT MOVEMENTS. Topic 12.- FLOWERING. Topic 13.- PHYSIOLOGY OF PLANT REPRODUCTION. Topic 14.- FRUIT SET AND RIPENING. Topic 15.- PHYSIOLOGY OF DORMANCY AND GERMINATION. Topic 16.- AGING, SENESCENCE, ABSCISSION AND DEATH OF PLANTS.



Practicals	Practical 1	Leaf development and senescence
	Practical 2	Peroxidase activity and lignification in the stem
	Practical 3	Respiration during germination
	Practical 4	Effect of an auxin on the growth of oat coleoptyle
	Practical 5	Induction of alpha-amylase activity by gibberellins in barley seeds
	Practical 6	Induction of stomatal closure by abscisic acid
	Practical 7	Regulation of photomorphogenesis by red light and blue light.

Planning				
Methodologies / tests	Competencies	Ordinary class hours	Student's personal work hours	Total hours
Guest lecture / keynote speech	A8 A18 A29 B1 B8 B13	30	72	102
Laboratory practice	A8 A26 A30 A31 B2 B3 B5 B7 B13	15	15	30
Seminar	A18 A29 B1 B2 B3 B5 B7 B8 B13	5	5	10
Mixed objective/subjective test	A8 A18 A26 A29 A30 A31	3	0	3
Personalized attention		5	0	5

(*)The information in the planning table is for guidance only and does not take into account the heterogeneity of the students.

Methodologies	
Methodologies	Description
Guest lecture / keynote speech	Lectures. Oral presentation of topics including Power Point presentations, videos and/or blackboard explanations. During the lecture some questions about the topic can be asked to the student to favour learning.
Laboratory practice	Practicals. Practical activities as lab experiments and exercises.
Seminar	Seminars. Interactive study of one or several topics in a small group (ca. 10 students) tutorial session.
Mixed objective/subjective test	Final written exam with two parts: one about theory, another about practicals.

Personalized attention	
Methodologies	Description
Seminar	Seminars. Interactive study of one or several topics in a small group (ca. 10 students) tutorial session. Moreover, the students can ask any question about the topics of the course. For those students with official part-time dedication, the tutorial sessions might be replaced by a written work, if the student requires it.

Assessment			
Methodologies	Competencies	Description	Qualification
Seminar	A18 A29 B1 B2 B3 B5 B7 B8 B13	The activities carried out by the students during the seminar sessions will be assessed continuously by the professor.	20
Mixed objective/subjective test	A8 A18 A26 A29 A30 A31	Exam about theoretical knowledge (60%) and the practicals (20%).	80
Others			



Assessment comments

The qualification assessment will have two parts:

1) Theoretical part of the course, including two methodologies:

"Seminario" ("seminar") and the theoretical part of "proba mixta" (final exam).

2) Practical part of "proba mixta" (final exam).

To get a pass a student has to get a minimum of 4 points out of 10 in the Theoretical part of the course and a minimum of 4 points out of 10 in the Practical part. Moreover, a minimum of 4 points out of 10 has to be got in in the theoretical part of the "proba mixta" and also in the practical part of the "proba mixta". Moreover, in order to get the pass, the average/mean of the different parts and methodologies has to be at least 5 points out of 10. If the student got a mean equal or higher than 5 points but he/she got less than 4 points in any of the parts of the assessment and/or "proba mixta" indicated above, the final score will be 4.9 (fail).

In the second opportunity of assessment (July) it is only possible to repeat the "proba mixta", because the score of "Seminario" ("seminar") will be the same as obtained in the first opportunity. If the student has got a fail in the first opportunity, and the score of one of the parts (theoretical or practical) of the "proba mixta" is 5 or higher, such score will be kept in the second opportunity, repeating only the other part of "proba mixta". However, the student can instead repeat the whole "proba mixta", providing he/she tells the professor in advance.

Attendance to practicals is compulsory. If a student does not attend to one or two sessions of the practicals, he/she will have a penalty of one and two points, respectively, to be subtracted from the score of the "proba mixta".

If the student does not attend to three or more sessions of the practicals, he/she will get a fail as the final score in the course.

The students that do not carry out the "proba mixta" will be qualified as "NO PRESENTADO".

For those students with official academic exemption, the seminar sessions might be replaced by a written work, if the student requires it.

In case of fraud, plagiarism, etc., the policies at the Universidade da Coruña will be applied.

Sources of information

Basic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- BUCHANAN et al. (2015). Biochemistry and molecular biology of plants, 2nd edition. Wiley-Blackwell ? ASPB- JONES, R. et al. (2013). The molecular life of plants. Wiley-Blackwell ? ASPB- TAIZ, L., ZEIGER, E., MOLLER, I.M. & MURPHY, A. (2015). Plant Physiology and Development 6th edition. Sinauer associates, Massachusets- TAIZ, L., ZEIGER, E., MOLLER, I.M. & MURPHY, A. (2018). Fundamentals of Plant Physiology. Sinauer associates, Oxford University Press
Complementary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- ALBERSHEIM et al. (2010). Plant Cell Walls from Chemistry to Biology. Garland Science, EE.UU.- AZCÓN-BIETO J, TALÓN M. (2008). Fundamentos de Fisiología Vegetal. McGraw Hill/ Interamericana, España.- BHATLA, S.C. & LAL, M.A. (2018). Plant physiology, development and metabolism. Springer- CASAL J. (2006). Las plantas entre el suelo y el cielo. Editorial Eudeba- HELDT, H-W & PIECHULLA, B (2021). Plant Biochemistry. Academic Press <p>
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Recommendations

Subjects that it is recommended to have taken before

Chemistry/610G02001

Physics/610G02002

Biology: Basic Levels of Organisation of Life I (Cells)/610G02007

Biology: Basic Levels of Organisation of Life II (Tissues)/610G02008

Biochemistry I/610G02011

Biochemistry II/610G02012

Introduction to Botany: General Botany/610G02023

Plant Physiology I/610G02027

Subjects that are recommended to be taken simultaneously

Microscopic Organography/610G02009

Genetics/610G02019

Subjects that continue the syllabus

Applied Plant Physiology /610G02029

Plant Response to Adverse Conditions/610G02030

Other comments

(*)The teaching guide is the document in which the URV publishes the information about all its courses. It is a public document and cannot be modified. Only in exceptional cases can it be revised by the competent agent or duly revised so that it is in line with current legislation.