



Teaching Guide

Identifying Data					2023/24
Subject (*)	Genetics		Code	610G02019	
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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General description	This subject's conceptual focus emphasizes the fundamental ideas of Genetics: the basics of heritable traits and an introduction to methodologies used in this discipline. By passing Genetics, students will prove to have acquired the theoretical knowledge and analytical skills needed to take the following subjects: Molecular Genetics (3rd year, compulsory), Population and Evolutionary Genetics (3rd year, compulsory), and Cytogenetics (4th year, optional).				

Study programme competences / results

Code	Study programme competences / results
A1	Recoñecer distintos niveis de organización nos sistemas vivos.
A2	Identificar organismos.
A4	Obter, manexar, conservar e observar espécimes.
A11	Identificar e analizar material de orixe biolóxica e as súas anomalías.
A12	Manipular material xenético, realizar análises xenéticas e levar a cabo asesoramento xenético.
A20	Muestrear, caracterizar e manexar poboacións e comunidades.
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.
B4	Traballar de forma autónoma con iniciativa.
B5	Traballar en colaboración.
B6	Organizar e planificar o traballo.
B8	Sintetizar a información.
B9	Formarse unha opinión propia.

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Study programme competences / results



Mendelian genetic analysis: the gene as unit of inheritance	A1 A12 A26 A29 A30 A31	B1 B2 B3 B5	
To study the chromosomal basis of inheritance, sex determination, extranuclear inheritance as well as genetic linkage and recombination.	A1 A4 A12 A26 A29 A30 A31	B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6 B9	
To learn about changes in the genetic material	A2 A11 A26 A29	B1 B2 B3 B5 B9	
Introduction to quantitative and population genetics	A1 A20 A26 A29 A30 A31	B1 B2 B3 B5 B6 B8	

Contents	
Topic	Sub-topic
1. Introduction to Genetics	Subdisciplines of Genetics Model organisms History of Genetics
2. Mendelian Genetics	Mendel's experiments: mono and dihibrid crosses Concept of geno and phenotype Terms and symbols Pedigree analysis
3. Chromosomal Basis of Inheritance and Sex Determination	Genetic implications of mitosis and meiosis Chromosomal theory of inheritance Sex determination Sex-linked inheritance Sex-limited and sex-influenced traits Gene dosage compensation
4. Extensions of and Deviations from Mendelian Genetic Principles	Modification of dominance relationships Multiple alleles Lethality Penetrance and expressivity Pleiotropy Gene interaction and epistasis Position effect Environmental interactions



5. Genetic Mapping in Eukaryotes	Linkage, recombination and mapping of genes on chromosomes Interference and coincidence Genetic map function
6. Genetic Analysis and Mapping in Bacteria and Bacteriophages	Mapping bacterial genes using conjugation, transformation and transduction Genetic recombination and gene mapping in bacteriophages Fine structure of the gene: rII system of phage T4
7. Extranuclear Inheritance	Infectious inheritance Organelle inheritance Heteroplasmy
8. Quantitative Genetics	Types of quantitative traits Infinitesimal model Components of the phenotypic variance Heritability
9. Population Genetics	Allele and genotype frequencies Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium and departures
10. DNA Organization in Chromosomes	Bacterial and viral genomes Genome size: the C-value paradox Eukaryote chromosomes DNA packaging: Nucleosomes and Chromatin Centromeres and Telomeres Lampbrush and polytene chromosomes Karyotype
11. DNA Mutation	Types of mutations Spontaneous and induced mutation
12. Variations in Chromosome Structure	Deletions Duplications Inversions Translocations
13. Variations in Chromosome Number	Euploidy and aneuploidy Trisomic analysis Polyploidy: autopolyploidy, allopolyploidy
14. Developmental Genetics	Maternal effect genes and zygotic genes controlling embryonic development in metazoans



Teaching labs	<p>Lab 1. GENETIC ANALYSIS IN CORN (<i>Zea mays</i>): INTERACTION AND EPISTASIS Description of shape and colour of F2 seeds (kernel) obtained from different crosses Hypothesis testing (chi-square) Inference of genotype and phenotype of generations P and F1 Genetic and Biochemistry basis of the observed phenotypes</p> <p>Lab 2. SETTING UP EXPERIMENTS USING <i>Drosophila</i> sp. Raising and handling <i>Drosophila</i> in the lab Life cycle Analysing fruit flies: distinguishing sex and observation of some mutant phenotypes</p> <p>Lab 3. LINKAGE MAPPING IN <i>Drosophila</i> sp. Reciprocal crosses between wild and mutant strains Analysis of offspring (F1) Testcrosses, analysis of offspring (F2) and statistical approach to determine the linkage order and map distances</p> <p>Lab 4. POLYTENE CHROMOSOME OF THE SALIVARY GLANDS OF <i>Drosophila</i> sp. Extraction of larval salivary glands Staining with orcein Examination of the slides under the microscope</p> <p>Lab 5. COMPUTER LAB. Introduction to bioinformatics databases and resources offered through the NCBI Getting familiar with the following databases: PUBMED, BOOKS, TAXONOMY, OMIM.</p>
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Planning				
Methodologies / tests	Competencies / Results	Teaching hours (in-person & virtual)	Student's personal work hours	Total hours
Laboratory practice	A2 A4 A11 A12 A26 A30 A31 B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6	15	22.5	37.5
Mixed objective/subjective test	B1 B2 B3 B8 B9	2.5	0	2.5
Guest lecture / keynote speech	A1 A11 A12 A20 A26 A29 B1 B2 B3	24	84	108
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
Laboratory practice	The teaching labs are designed to allow groups of students to work side by side in order to (i) better comprehend certain issues of the syllabus and (ii) see 'real' science as approachable, accessible and exciting. Each lab relies on a theoretical basis (teacher explanation + reading assignment) and a hands-on activity.
Mixed objective/subjective test	The final exam is usually composed by questions/essays to assess theoretical knowledge and a set of problems/exercises.
Guest lecture / keynote speech	Master class and reading groups: the teacher will explain the main contents of each lesson and will assign texts for further reading. Working with small groups will allow the exchange of ideas among students, under direct supervision of the lecturer.



Personalized attention

Methodologies	Description
	All students are welcome to receive regular tuition in both theory and practical issues of the subject. Individual or group appointments may be arranged with the teacher.

Assessment

Methodologies	Competencies / Results	Description	Qualification
Mixed objective/subjective test	B1 B2 B3 B8 B9	The final exam (theory, set of problems) aims at evaluating student's performance by (i) showing his/her understanding of theoretical concepts, (ii) developing problem-solving strategies, and (iii) communication skills.	80
Laboratory practice	A2 A4 A11 A12 A26 A30 A31 B1 B2 B3 B4 B5 B6	Laboratory attendance is mandatory. Pass mark of 50% in the corresponding lab test. Grading will reflect the students' comprehension of the topic, their analytical skills, as well as how well the document is written and presented.	20

Assessment comments



To pass the subject, students must score at least 50% pass in Laboratory Practice as well as 50% in Mixed objective/subjective test.

The Mixed objective/subjective test (final exam) will include both theory and exercises.

If the cumulative final score is 5.0 or higher, but the student failed either the Mixed objective/subjective test and/or the laboratory exam (50% pass mandatory in both of them), the grade report will read the grade of the failed exam.

Having said this, students with scores [4.5-4.9] in Laboratory Practice may pass the subject if their score in the Mixed objective/subjective test is 5.0 or higher and the final cumulative result is 5.0 or higher.

Students with scores [4.5-4.9] in the Mixed objective/subjective test may pass the subject if their score in Laboratory Practice is 5.0 or higher and he final cumulative result is 5.0 or higher. In this case, even if the final cumulative result is higher than 5.0 the final grading will be 5.0.

Pass marks (5.0 or higher) obtained in Laboratory Practice will be kept for the July examination session and the two opportunities of the next academic year if scored at least 50% pass. For example, someone who pass his/her labs in 1st opportunity of year 2020/21 may keep that mark until the July examination session of year 2021/22. Also, if he/she passed the lab exam in the 2nd opportunity of year 2020/21, that result will also be kept until the July examination session of year 2021/22.

Pass marks (5.0 or higher) obtained in the Mixed objective/subjective test (1st opportunity) will be kept for the July examination session (2nd opportunity) but never for the next academic year.

Official withdraw from the course is only possible if the student attends neither Mixed objective/subjective test (final exam) nor the Laboratory Practice exam.

Part-time students or students who participate in equality and diversity support programs are welcome to participate in this subject. The teachers will adapt the different compulsory activities in order to enable these students to fulfill the aims of the course.

If the university discovers a case of fraud or plagiarism in any exam or assignment, the student will fail the whole subject or just the assignment (respectively) as stated in the academic rules and regulations of our university.

Sources of information

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Recommendations

Subjects that it is recommended to have taken before

- Statistics/610G02005
- Biology: Basic Levels of Organisation of Life I (Cells)/610G02007
- Biology: Basic Levels of Organisation of Life II (Tissues)/610G02008
- Biochemistry I/610G02011

Subjects that are recommended to be taken simultaneously

Subjects that continue the syllabus

- Molecular Genetics/610G02020
- Population Genetics and Evolution/610G02021
- Cytogenetics/610G02022

Other comments



Attendance at the master classes enables understanding of the subject matter and allows for addressing any doubts or questions that may arise during the explanations. Any doubts or difficulties regarding any aspect of the subject should be resolved as soon as possible, either in the in-person classes or by attending individual tutorials. Attending tutorials (individual or group) facilitates the correct resolution of problems, issues, or doubts that may arise during the preparation of the material and reinforces learning. Students are advised to make use of them. Studying should involve regularly consulting the recommended bibliography. Group study and work promote understanding and develop critical thinking skills. Green Campus Program, Faculty of Sciences To help achieve an immediate sustainable environment and comply with point 6 of the "Environmental Declaration of the Faculty of Sciences (2020)," the documentary work carried out in this subject: a. Will be primarily requested in virtual format and electronic support. b. If done on paper: Plastics will not be used. Double-sided printing will be done. Recycled paper will be used. The creation of drafts will be avoided.

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