



Teaching Guide

Identifying Data					2024/25
Subject (*)	Cell Biology	Code	610G04003		
Study programme	Grao en Nanociencia e Nanotecnoloxía				
Descriptors					
Cycle	Period	Year	Type	Credits	
Graduate	1st four-month period	First	Basic training	6	
Language	SpanishGalician				
Teaching method	Face-to-face				
Prerequisites					
Department	Biología				
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General description	<p>The subject is in the first year of the Degree, and the only precedent that most students have is Biology knowledge taken during Secondary Education.</p> <p>Cell Biology is included in the Basic Training module, therefore it is framed in the first semester of the first year of the Degree, in order to provide students with the basic knowledge and basic skills necessary for other subjects.</p> <p>In Cell Biology, different aspects of cells are studied in an integrated way and not only the merely structural one.</p>				

Study programme competences / results

Code	Study programme competences / results
A3	CE3 - Reconocer y analizar problemas físicos, químicos, matemáticos, biológicos en el ámbito de la Nanociencia y Nanotecnología, así como plantear respuestas o trabajos adecuados para su resolución, incluyendo el uso de fuentes bibliográficas.
A6	CE6 - Manipular instrumentación y material propios de laboratorios para ensayos físicos, químicos y biológicos en el estudio y análisis de fenómenos en la nanoescala.
A7	CE7 - Interpretar los datos obtenidos mediante medidas experimentales y simulaciones, incluyendo el uso de herramientas informáticas, identificar su significado y relacionarlos con las teorías químicas, físicas o biológicas apropiadas.
A8	CE8 - Aplicar las normas generales de seguridad y funcionamiento de un laboratorio y las normativas específicas para la manipulación de la instrumentación y de los productos y nanomateriales.
B3	CB3 - Que los estudiantes tengan la capacidad de reunir e interpretar datos relevantes (normalmente dentro de su área de estudio) para emitir juicios que incluyan una reflexión sobre temas relevantes de índole social, científica o ética
B4	CB4 - Que los estudiantes puedan transmitir información, ideas, problemas y soluciones a un público tanto especializado como no especializado
B6	CG1 - Aprender a aprender
B8	CG3 - Aplicar un pensamiento crítico, lógico y creativo.
C3	CT3 - Utilizar las herramientas básicas de las tecnologías de la información y las comunicaciones (TIC) necesarias para el ejercicio de su profesión y para el aprendizaje a lo largo de su vida
C7	CT7 - Desarrollar la capacidad de trabajar en equipos interdisciplinares o transdisciplinares, para ofrecer propuestas que contribuyan a un desarrollo sostenible ambiental, económico, político y social.
C8	CT8 - Valorar la importancia que tiene la investigación, la innovación y el desarrollo tecnológico en el avance socioeconómico y cultural de la sociedad

Learning outcomes

Learning outcomes	Study programme competences / results



Identify the main cellular components, their functions and their structure.		B3 B4 B6 B8	C3
Distinguish the mechanisms that underlie the dynamics of the vital and social processes of cells.		B3 B4 B6 B8	C3
Handle biological and instrumental material typical of a Cell Biology laboratory.	A6 A7 A8	B6	
Solve basic problems of Cell Biology.	A3 A7	B3 B8	C7 C8
Know and become familiar with the methodologies, bibliographic sources and technical terms of Cell Biology, using, in certain cases, the scientific method for their study.	A3 A7	B3 B4 B8	C3 C7 C8

Contents	
Topic	Sub-topic
Unit 1. Introduction.	Concept and historical background of Cell Biology. Organization levels and clasification of life. Acellular systems.
Unit 2. Molecular composition of the cell.	Carbohydrates. Lipids. Proteins Enzymes. Nucleic acids.
Unit 3. Cell membrane.	Structure and organization of biological membranes. Transport of molecules across the membrane.
Unit 4. The cell surface.	Extracellular matrix. Cell adhesion and cellular junctions.
Unit 5. Cytosol and cytoskeleton.	Cytosol. Cytoskeleton. Complex microtubular structures.
Unit 6. Cellular organelles I. Synthesis and degradation of macromolecules.	Ribosomes. Endoplasmic reticulum. Golgi complex. Lysosomes.
Unit 7. Cellular organelles II. Energy conversion	Mitochondria. Plastids. Peroxisomes.
Unit 8. The organization of cellular genomes.	The cell nucleus. Chromatin. Chromosomes.
Unit 9. The cell cycle.	The cell cycle Mitosis and cytokinesis Meiosis The programmed cell death.
Unit 10. Cell communication and cell signaling	Direct contact. Chemical messengers.



PRACTICAL LESSONS (Laboratory practices)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognition of carbohydrates, lipids, proteins and enzymes. - Study of fungi and protozoa (Protista). - Observation and study of animal cells. - Observation and study of plant cells. - Observation and study of plant subcellular structures. - Study of osmotic phenomena. - Study of cell division: mitosis. - Processing of samples for light microscopy. - Staining and study of blood cells.
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Planning				
Methodologies / tests	Competencies / Results	Teaching hours (in-person & virtual)	Student's personal work hours	Total hours
Introductory activities	C8	1	0	1
Guest lecture / keynote speech	A3 B6 B8 C3 C8	28	56	84
Laboratory practice	A3 A6 A7 A8 B3 B4 C7	15	30	45
Objective test	A3 B3 B4 B6 B8 C8	3	0	3
Mixed objective/subjective test	A3 B3 B4 B8 C8	4	0	4
Collaborative learning	A3 B3 B4 C3 C7	4	4	8
Seminar	B4 B8 C7	2	2	4
Personalized attention		1	0	1

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

Methodologies	
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Introductory activities	<p>It consists of a presentation session of the subject where the different sections contained in the teaching guide are exposed and explained (competences, program-contents, planning, methodology, evaluation, bibliographic resources, etc.) and where the students can propose any doubt or question related to them.</p> <p>Both the teaching guide of the subject and the calendars and times of the course will be available on the CAmpus Virtual of UDC and on the website of the Faculty of Sciences of the UDC.</p>
Guest lecture / keynote speech	50-minute face-to-face sessions on the basic content of the program. The teacher will explain the theoretical foundations of the subject through drawings, diagrams or computer presentations (content that will be made available to students through the Moodle platform). The teacher will also solve the doubts and questions raised by the students. Likewise, in order to make the most of the expository sessions, students are recommended to previously review the fundamental aspects of these topics in the recommended texts and to complete the proposed questionnaires referring to the theoretical aspects of the subject.
Laboratory practice	In laboratory practices, in addition to addressing some theoretical aspects related to experimental methodologies, manual skills typical of simple Cell Biology techniques are acquired. The student must carry out a memory/report where the objective of each practice, the results obtained and the answers to questions related to the practices will be detailed. In addition, you must describe, draw and interpret the observations made. Attendance at practices is a necessary condition to be evaluated. In the event of circumstances that prevent attendance, these must be previously communicated to the teacher in charge and duly justified. During these sessions, the teacher will present the objectives of the practice and guide the observations of the students, clarifying any doubts that may arise.
Objective test	Two of the teaching sessions in interactive groups will be dedicated to carrying out objective tests, in order to know the degree of assimilation of the contents taught. The delivered activities will be resolved and corrected during the same small group sessions, assuming 10% of the final grade.



Mixed objective/subjective test	This category includes both the two partial/learning controls that will be carried out throughout the course, as well as the final exam on the theoretical and practical contents of the subject, all of them with multiple choice questions (selection of one option among several, true/false) and/or short answer (or relatively short) about the contents of the lectures and interactive teaching sessions. In this way it will be possible to know the way in which the students are assimilating the contents and improve the processes in progress and the performance achieved.
Collaborative learning	Throughout the semester, 4 of the interactive teaching sessions will be devoted to group work. During them, various topics related to the contents of the subject will be dealt with and discussed, carrying out activities related to them for the resolution of which specific bibliography will be used (printed or using ICTs).
Seminar	<p>In small groups of 10-12 students, they will work on a topic on the agenda designated in advance by the teacher, and of which each student will prepare a summary / outline / glossary of terms, which will give a written copy to the teacher at the end of the session . The session consists of the teacher-led sharing of what the group's students have extracted from their previous work on this topic.</p> <p>There will be 2 sessions throughout the semester, both the delivery of the summary / outline / glossary of terms, as well as the active participation of the students computes 10% of the final grade for the course, with 5% corresponding to each of the sessions.</p>

Personalized attention

Methodologies	Description
Laboratory practice Seminar Collaborative learning	<p>The students are free to consult all their doubts during the theoretical sessions (of expository teaching) and/or in the interactive teaching sessions, such as during the Laboratory Practice sessions. In addition, it will have possibility of solving any doubt related to the subject or the activities in the personalized tutorials.</p> <p>In the case of students with recognition of part-time dedication, they may raise any doubts by attending individualized tutorials or by email.</p> <p>STUDENTS WITH RECOGNITION OF DEDICATION TO PART TIME AND ACADEMIC DISPENSE OF EXEMPTION FROM ASSISTANCE:</p> <p>Both in the final opportunity of the semester and in the second opportunity, the grade obtained in the theoretical exam and the corresponding to the practical exam, will be taken into account for the calculation of the overall grade, representing 80% and 20% of the final grade, respectively.</p>

Assessment

Methodologies	Competencies / Results	Description	Qualification
Laboratory practice	A3 A6 A7 A8 B3 B4 C7	<p>After finishing the period of Laboratory Practices, the students will have to deliver a report of the activities carried out with the resolution of issues related to the same. For the evaluation of the internships, some of the internships carried out as well as certain questions selected from the questionnaire associated with the internships will be taken into account.</p> <p>The qualification of this memory/report supposes 20% of the final qualification of the subject.</p>	20



Mixed objective/subjective test	A3 B3 B4 B8 C8	<p>There will be two partial theoretical written and liberatory exams throughout the semester. Each of them will account for 30% of the final grade for the course. There will also be a final theoretical exam for those students who have not passed said partials, or who have not taken them. In this case, the final exam will account for 60% of the total grade for the subject.</p> <p>The theoretical exams will consist of multiple choice questions (multiple choice, true/false) and/or short answer on the contents of the expository teaching and interactive teaching sessions.</p>	60
Objective test	A3 B3 B4 B6 B8 C8	There will be 2 written tests throughout the quaryer. These tests will consist of a combination of different types of questions: multiple choice, test-type, short answer, essay type, identification of schemes and/or images, completion and / or association.	10
Seminar	B4 B8 C7	<p>At the beginning of each of the 2 seminar sessions, the student must provide a summary / outline / glossary/ report of terms on the subject of the agenda designated in advance by the teacher. Likewise, there will be a discussion by the teacher of what the students have extracted from their previous work on this topic.</p> <p>Both the delivery of the summary / outline / glossary /report and active participation compute for the final grade of the subject; each session will account for 5% of it.</p>	10

Assessment comments



GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Attendance at practices is a necessary condition for the consideration of submitted and to be able to take the final exam of the subject.

Failure to attend more than 25% of the laboratory practices WITHOUT justification, will be considered Not Presented.

Students will have two official opportunities to pass the subject. Likewise, there will be 2 liberatory theoretical partial exams throughout the semester.

The grade of Not Presented will be applied in the event that the student does not appear for the corresponding tests in the official assessment opportunities or does not carry out the laboratory practices.

EVALUATION ASPECTS AND CRITERIA

1. STUDENTS WITH FULL DEDICATION

In the final quarter opportunity, the different sections included in the evaluation system will be taken into account for the computation of the final qualification, each of which must be passed to proceed to the calculation of the final qualification.

There will be two theoretical and written partial exams (each computes 30% of the final grade), as well as a final exam for those students who have not passed these partial exams or who have not submitted to them, representing 60% of the final qualification.

The realization and delivery (in writing or in Campus Virtual) of the memory/report of Laboratory Practices will mean 20% of the global qualification of the subject.

Both the objective tests and the seminar sessions will each represent 10% of the final qualification.

On the second opportunity and in the extraordinary opportunity of december, the theoretical (as a whole) and /or practical parts not passed may be recovered, assuming 80% and 20% of the final qualification, respectively.

2. STUDENTS WITH RECOGNITION OF DEDICATION TO PART TIME AND ACADEMIC DISPENSE OF EXEMPTION FROM ASSISTANCE

Both in the final opportunity of the semester and in the second opportunity, the qualification obtained in the theoretical exam and that corresponding to the one

obtained in the summary/report of the Laboratory Practices, representing 80%

and 20% of the global qualification, respectively.

NOTES:

For the qualifications in the different activities subject to evaluation to be taken into account, it is necessary to pass (reach 50% of the qualification) each of the sections / tests that make up said evaluation system.

If this score is not reached in any of them and even if the average of the different sections / tests is equal to or greater than 5 (out of 10), the subject will appear as a failure and the grade will be 4.9.

Honors registrations will be awarded preferably among students who present themselves at the first opportunity of each call.

All aspects related to "dedication to study", "permanence" and "academic fraud" will be governed in accordance with the current academic regulations of the UDC.



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<p>Complementary</p>	

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

The adaptation to the first year of university education supposes an important effort for every student. The learning will include aspects such as: incorporation of fundamental concepts, familiarization with the work in the laboratory, elaboration of simple memories of practices, elaboration and exposition of summaries / schemes / glossaries / reports of terms related to Cellular Biology and the search for information. Therefore, constant study and periodic reviews as the course progresses are very important. It is recommended to work on the subject of the master classes beforehand, as well as taking the relevant notes during them.

(*)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.