Teaching Guide				
Identifying Data				2020/21
Subject (*)	Genetic Toxicology		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	Optional	3
Language	SpanishGalician			
Teaching method	Face-to-face			
Prerequisites				
Department	BioloxíaDepartamento profesorado másterPsicoloxía			
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Web				
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 of toxic agents, and will learn the fundamentals and utility of the main methodologies used for genetic risk assessment.			
Contingency plan	1. Modifications to the contents: No modifications. 2. Methodologies: *Teaching methodologies that are maintained: Keynote speechs. Seminars. Supervised projects. Mixed test. *Teaching methodologies that are modified: Laboratory practice: substituted by a questionnaire (the same as for blended students). ICT practicals: substituted by a questionnaire (the same as for blended students). 3. Mechanisms for personalized attention to students: -E-mail: Daily. It will be used to make questions, request virtual meetings to solve doubts and follow up the supervised projects. -Teams: Weekly. Sessions to discuss the contents of the keynote speechs and control the progress of the supervised projects, in the time scheduled for the subject by the faculty. Moreover, the students may make questions by the Teams group,and different channels may be created for different discussion topics. According to the students' requests, there will be meetings with small groups to follow up and support the supervised projects. 4. Modifications in the evaluation: No modifications. Regular attendance and participation will be considered only until the interruption of face-to-face activity in case the students do not have connectivity that allow synchronous access to Teams. *Evaluation observations: 5. Modifications to the bibliography or webgraphy: No modifications.			

Study programme competences / results	
Code	Study programme competences / results
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	Adequate oral and written expression in the official languages.
C2	Mastering oral and written expression in a foreign language.
C6	Acquiring skills for healthy lifestyles, and healthy habits and routines.

Learning outcomes			
Learning outcomes	Study programme competences / results		
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 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		
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 relationship between genotoxicity processes and cancer development.	AR6 AR12		
Learning how assessment of exposure to genotoxic agents is carried out, and the advantages of biomonitoring vs. environmental assessment.	AR12		
Learning the different methodologies for genotoxicity assessment and the role of genetic polymorphisms as individual susceptibility biomarkers.	AR6 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 / Results	Teaching hours (in-person & virtual)	Student?s personal work hours	Total hours
Mixed objective/subjective test	A6 A12 B3 B5 C1	1	0	1
Guest lecture / keynote speech	A6 A8 A12	12	21	33
ICT practicals	B3 C2 C6	2	3	5
Supervised projects	A12 B3 B5 B6 B9 C1 C2	0	20	20
Seminar	B3 B5 B6 B9 C1	2	3	5
Laboratory practice	A8 A12 B3 B6 C6	5	5	10
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	
Methodologies	Description
Mixed objective/subjective test	At the end of the programme, an exam consisting of short answer and/or test-type questionnaire will be conducted.
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 and managing toxicological information in internet.
Supervised projects	Supervised projects in groups of students about an issue proposed by the professor. Personalized attention will be given in order to provide orientation on the contents to be included in each project. The files corresponding to each project and its presentation will be delivered through Moodle before the deadline fixed. Later on, all projects will be available in Moodle.
Seminar	Bibliographic seminars: students will present their projects. Then a debate on the topic of their presentation will be carried out.
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	Blended students: materials used in lectures, and any other useful material, will be available in Moodle . Deadlines for supervised projects will be the same than for regular students, and will be specified in Moodle. Students not attending lab or computer practices due to justified reasons must complete a questionnaire and upload it in Moodle before the established deadline. Upon students' request, personalized attention will be provided in order to give support and orientation on the contents to be included in each project, to answer questions, and to provide with help for developing specific and transversal study programme competencies.

Assessment			
Methodologies	Competencies / Results	Description	Qualification
Mixed objective/subjective test	A6 A12 B3 B5 C1	Exam: short answer and/or test-type questionnaire. For blended students this questionnaire will represent 55% of the final marks. Passing this exam is mandatory to pass the whole subject.	40
ICT practicals	B3 C2 C6	Mandatory attendance, excepting for blended students. These students must deliver a questionnaire on the activities conducted during the practice.	2.5
Guest lecture / keynote speech	A6 A8 A12	Regular attendance and participation will be evaluated, only when the student pass the exam.	10
Laboratory practice	A8 A12 B3 B6 C6	Mandatory attendance, excepting for blended students. These students must deliver a questionnaire on the activities conducted during the practices.	2.5
Supervised projects	A12 B3 B5 B6 B9 C1 C2	It is mandatory to carry out a supervised project in group (if there are enough students). Marks obtained will be the same for all group members. It will be evaluated only when the student pass the exam.	40
Seminar	B3 B5 B6 B9 C1	Regular attendance and participation will be evaluated, only when the student pass the exam.	5

Assessment comments
Rquirements to pass the subject: to deliver and present the supervised project, to attend the ICT and laboratory practices (or deliver the questionnaires the blended students), to obtain a minimum of 50% marks in the exam, and to obtain a minimum of 50% marks in the total subject. Second oportunity evaluation: students must deliver and present a supervised project (in case they did not do it before) and conduct the exam. Moreover, if students did not attend the ICT and laboratory practices, they must deliver a questionnaire on activities addressed in those practices.

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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.-In order to contribute to a sustainable environment, documents prepared for this subject must be delivered in digital format. In case of using paper:Plastics must not be used.Printing must be both sides.Recycled paper must be used.Draft printing must be avoided.

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