UNIVERSIDADE DA CORUÑA

Teaching Guide				
Identifying Data				2019/20
Subject (*)	Molecular Plant-Pathogen Interaction Mechanisms		Code	610441018
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	SpanishGalicianEnglish			
Teaching method	Face-to-face			
Prerequisites				
Department	Bioloxía			
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General description	This subject is focused on the molecular aspects of plant-pathogen interaction and, in a short view, of interactions related to other organisms (herbivores, rhizobioa and mycorrhyzae)			

Study programme competences	
Code	Study programme competences
A4	Skills to apply molecular techniques to the study of the plant cell physiology, its response to external triggers and their biotechnological applications.
A5	Skills of understanding the microorganisms' role as pathogenic agents and as biotechnological tools.
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.
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.
B9	Skills of preparation, show and defense of a work.

Learning outcomes			
Learning outcomes	Study programme competences		
- To understand the molecular mechanisms of plant-pathogen interaction	AR4 AR5		
- To know the different mechanisms of the plant response to pathogens.	AR4 AR5 AR6 AR8		
To understand and be able to use the experimental approaches to research in this field.	AR4 AR5	BR3 BR5	
- Ability for critically reviewing scientific papers related to this subject.	AR5 AR6	BR3 BR5 BR9	

Contents	
Topic	Sub-topic

Molecular mechanisms in plant-pathogen interaction.	Recognition of the plant by the pathogen and mechanism to attack the plant. Recognition of the pathogen by the plant amnd mechanisms of defense. Pathogen Associated Molecular Patterns (PAMPs). Oxidative burst. Salicylates, jasmonates and ethylene. Hypersensitive response. Gene-for-gene resistance. Nonhost resistance. Induced resistance to pathogens: SAR and ISR. Npr1. Priming. Transcription factors involved in resistance.
Other interactions related to plant-pathogen interaction.	Recognition of herbivores, signalling and defense mechanisms. Rhizobium-plant interaction. Mycorrhizae.

Planning				
Methodologies / tests	Competencies	Ordinary class hours	Student?s personal work hours	Total hours
Guest lecture / keynote speech	A4 A5 A6 A8	12	30	42
Document analysis	A5 A6 B3 B5 B9	2	10	12
Laboratory practice	A4 A5 B3 B5	7	10.5	17.5
Objective test	A4 A5 A6 A8	2.5	0	2.5
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
Guest lecture / keynote speech	Lectures about main contents of the subject, supported by presentations and videos. Presentation is combined with critical dialogue with the students about the topics.
Document analysis	Reading and analysis of a primary research paper related to the subject, accompanied by its presentation in the classroom by the student and further discussion with the lecturer and the other students.
Laboratory practice	Practicals related to the subject, consisting in experiments, followed by data analysis, discussion and writing of a report.
Objective test	Exam about the topics of the lectures.

Personalized attention	
Methodologies	Description
Document analysis	The students can attend, in the corresponding hours, to the lecturer´s office to ask any question about the subject, and particularly about the work to do. For those students with official part-time dedication, the attendance to the lectures might be replaced by a written work, if the student requires it.

Assessment			
Methodologies	Competencies	Description	**Qualification**
Guest lecture / keynote speech	A4 A5 A6 A8	Attendance and participation in the lectures.	10
Document analysis	A5 A6 B3 B5 B9	Aspects to be assessed: Proper understanding of the paper by the student, the presentation in the classroom and the participation in the discussion in the classroom (including the critical review of the paper).	40
Laboratory practice	A4 A5 B3 B5	Attendance and participation in the laboratory, as well as a written report.	20
Objective test	A4 A5 A6 A8	Exam about the topics in the lectures.	30

Assessment comments

The students who pass the subject in the first opportunity, will be prefentially considered to get the highest qualification (with honors).
For those students who are semipresential or with official part-time dedication, the attendance to the lectures might be replaced by a written work, if the student requires
it.

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
Plant Biotechnology/610441019
Subjects that continue the syllabus
Cellular Techniques/610441001 Molecular Techniques/610441002 Cell Signaling/610441004
Other comments

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