UNIVERSIDADE DA CORUÑA

Teaching Guide				
Identifying Data				2023/24
Subject (*)	Molecular Plant-Pathogen Interaction Mechanisms		Code	610441019
Study programme	Máster 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	BioloxíaDepartamento profesorado másterPsicoloxía			
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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	Ability to draft, represent, analyze, interpret and present technical documentation and relevant data in the field of the branch of knowledge of the master's degree in the native language and at least in another International diffusion language.
B9	Skills of preparation, show and defense of a work.
C2	Ability to know and use appropriately the technical terminology of the field of knowledge of the master, in the native language and in English, as a language of international diffusion in this field

Learning outcomes			
Learning outcomes	Study programme competences		
- To understand the molecular mechanisms of plant-pathogen interaction	AR4 AR5		CC2
- To know the different mechanisms of the plant response to pathogens.	AR4 AR5 AR6 AR8		CC2
To understand and be able to use the experimental approaches to research in this field.	AR4 AR5	BR3 BR5	CC2
- Ability for critically reviewing scientific papers related to this subject.	AR5 AR6	BR3 BR5 BR9	CC2

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 C2	2	10	12
Laboratory practice	A4 A5 B3 B5 C2	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/or 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. There will be a field practical.
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 C2	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 C2	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 have part-time dedication and oficcial academic exemption, the attendance to the lectures may be replaced by a written work upon request.
Any academic dishonesty (plagiarism, cheating in exams, etc.) will be
penalised in accordance with the provisions of the UDC regulations.

Sources of information	
Basic	Hammond-Kosack, K.E. & Jones, J.D.G. 2015. Responses to plant pathogens. En: Buchanan, B.B., Gruissem, W. & Jones, R.L (eds.) "Biochemistry and molecular biology of plants" Capítulo 22, pp. 984-1050. Wiley-Blackwell-ASPB. Lucas, J.A. 2020. Plant pathology and plant pathogens. Wiley Blackwell.Smith, A.M., Cupland, G., Dolan, L., Harberd, N., Jones, J., Marin, C., Sablowski, R. & Amey, A.. 2009. Plant Biology. Garland Science. Capítulo 8.Taiz, L., Zeiger, E., Moller, A.M. & Murphy, A. 2022. Plant Physiology and Development, 7th ed. Oxford University Press. Tronsmo, A. M., Collinge, D.B., Djurle, A., Munk, L., Yuen, J. & Tronsmo, A. 2020. Plant Pathology and Plant Diseases. CABI.Walters, D. R. 2011. Plant defense. Wiley-Blackwell.
Complementary	- Agrios, G. N. 2005. Plant pathology, 5ª Ed. Academic Press.- Albersheim, P. Darvill, A., Roberts, K., Sederoff, R. & Staehelin, A.. 2010. Plant Cell Walls: from Chemistry to Biology. Garland Science. Capítulo 8.- Dickinson, M. 2003. Molecular Plant Pathology. Bios Scientific Publishers.- Dyakov, Y., Dzhavakhiya, V. & Korpela, T. 2007. Comprehensive and molecular phytopathology. Elsevier.- Nuez, F., Pérez de la Vega, M. & Carrillo, J.M. 2004. Resistencia genética a patógenos vegetales. Univ. Politécnica de Valencia ? Univ. de León.- Pallás, V., Escobar, C., Rodríguez Palenzuela, P. & Marcos, J.F. 2008. Herramientas biotecnológicas en fitopatologia. Ed. Mundi-Prensa.- Parker, J. 2009. Molecular aspects of plant disease resistance. Blackwell Publishing Ltd.- Taiz, L., Zeiger, E., Moller, I.M. & Murphy, A. 2015. Plant Physiology and development, Sixth Edition. Sinauer Associates, Inc. Capítulo 23.- Walters, D., Newton, A. & Lyon, G. 2007. Induced resistance for plant defence. A sustainable approach to crop protection. Blackwell Publishing.otection. Blackwell Publishing.

Recommendations
Subjects that it is recommended to have taken before
Subjects that are recommended to be taken simultaneously
Plant Biotechnology/610441020
Subjects that continue the syllabus
Cellular Techniques/610441001 Molecular Techniques/610441002 Cell Signaling/610441004
Other comments

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