



Teaching Guide

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Identifying Data				2022/23
Subject (*)	Regulation of gene expression		Code	610441006s
Study programme	Máster Universitario en Biología Molecular, Celular e Xenética (semipresencial)			
Descriptors				
Cycle	Period	Year	Type	Credits
Official Master's Degree	1st four-month period	First	Obligatory	3
Language	SpanishEnglish			
Teaching method	Hybrid			
Prerequisites				
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General description	This course is focussed on the mechanisms of gene expression regulation in the nucleous and the cytoplasm as well as the cellular machineries involved in those processes.			

Study programme competences / results

Code	Study programme competences / results
A1	Skills of working in a sure way in the laboratories knowing operation handbooks and actions to avoid incidents of risk.
A2	Skills of using usual techniques and instruments in the cellular, biological and molecular research: that are able to use techniques and instruments as well as understanding potentials of their uses and applications.
A3	Skills of understanding the functioning of cells through the structural organization, biochemistry, gene expression and genetic variability.
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.
A9	Skills of understanding the structure and dynamics of proteins to individual and proteomic level, as well as the techniques that are necessary to analyze them and to study their interactions with other biomolecules.
A10	Skills of modifying genes, proteins and chromosomes with biotechnological applications
A11	Skills of understanding the structure, dynamics and evolution of genomes and to apply tools necessary to his study.
A13	Skills to become a professional in health, pharmacy, veterinary, animal production, biotechnology or food sectors.
B1	Analysis skills to understand biological problems in connection with the Molecular and Cellular Biology and Genetics.
B2	Skills of decision making for the problem solving: that are able to apply theoretical knowledges and practical acquired in the formulation of biological problems and the looking for solutions.
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.
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.
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 / results



Skills of make presentations regarding the actual knowledge state in the field.	AR1	BR1	CC2
Skills of understanding the functioning of cells through the structural organization, biochemistry, gene expression and genetic variability	AR2	BR2	
Analysis skills to understand biological problems in connection with the Molecular and Cellular Biology and Genetics	AR3	BR3	
Skills of understanding the functioning of cells through the structural organization, biochemistry, gene expression and genetic variability	AR5	BR5	
Skills of understanding the functioning of cells through the structural organization, biochemistry, gene expression and genetic variability	AR6	BR6	
Skills of decision making for the problem solving: that are able to apply theoretical knowledges and practical acquired in the formulation of biological problems and the looking for solutions.	AR9		
	AR10		
	AR11		
	AR13		
-Skills to be critical with the results and the hypothesis as well as evaluation and interpretation of results .	AR1	BR1	CC2
	AR3	BR2	

Contents	
Topic	Sub-topic
Topic 1	Introduction to techniques and methodology to study the regulation of gene expression.
Topic 2	The transcriptional machinery in eukaryotes. Transcriptional general factors (TFII) and TAFs. The mediator complex and the complex SRB10 kinase.
Topic 3	The complexes that remodel chromatin. ATP-hydrolyzing complexes. SWI/SNF and ISWI complexes.
Topic 4	SAGA complex and counterparts. Acetylation and regulation of gene expression: HATs. The gene repression processes and deacetylation. The repression mechanisms of gene methylation.
Topic 5	Specific transcription factors. The signaling cascades and specific transcription factors. Nuclear receptors and transcriptional control.
Topic 6	New concepts in the regulation of gene expression. Transcription factories and other models.
Topic 7	RNA processing and nucleous-cytoplasm transport: the machinery of RNA cleavage and polyadenylation, transport across the Nuclear Pore Complex and factors involved. Cytosolic polyadenylation.
Topic 8	RNA secondary structures and protein-factors with RNA-binding domains in the regulation of mRNA levels. mRNA stability.
Topic 9	RNA and protein translation. Local protein translation. The 3'-UTRs in the translation efficiency process. RNA Editing.
Topic 10	micro and siRNAs in the regulation of Gene Expression: basic and applied aspects.

Planning				
Methodologies / tests	Competencies / Results	Teaching hours (in-person & virtual)	Student's personal work hours	Total hours
Supervised projects	A5 A6 A9 A10 A11 B3 B5 B6	2	20	22
Laboratory practice	A1 A2 A3 B1 B2	7	7	14
Problem solving	A13 B1 B2	2	20	22
Objective test	A5 A6 A9 A10 A11 A13 C2	2	14	16
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
Supervised projects	The students will prepare a scientific memory about a subject related to the mechanisms of gene expression regulation and will present it to the class. The teachers will monitor the entire process in personalized tutorials.
Laboratory practice	Experimental work in the laboratory about genetic engineering and gene expression analysis.
Problem solving	Learning based on problem solving. The students will have to solve a problem with the aid of previous information about the subject.
Objective test	The exam will include questions based in multiple option selection and also problems. This will allow to modulate the final qualification of each student

Personalized attention	
Methodologies	Description
Problem solving Laboratory practice Supervised projects	<p>Students will be oriented before and during the preparation scientific memory and the development of the practical course. They will involve interpretation of results. The problems and case solving will also need an orientation from the teachers.</p> <p>Students with part-time dedication or waiver of presence should contact the teachers of the subject in the early going to establish a schedule of activities to acquire and evaluate in a complementary way the competences.</p> <p>Tutorial schedules: Pfra. Esperanza Cerdán Tuesday, wednesday and Thursday from 12.30 to 14.30. Previous appointment either by e-mail or Teams platform</p> <p>Pfra. M^a Angeles Freire Monday 13-15 or preferably by previous appointment either by e-mail or Teams platform.</p>

Assessment			
Methodologies	Competencies / Results	Description	Qualification
Problem solving	A13 B1 B2	Half-presential students will have a specific activity combining the seminar contents and the problem solving	25
Objective test	A5 A6 A9 A10 A11 A13 C2	It will consist in an exam that may include multiple answer questions, or case solving and will allow to modulate the student final evaluation note.	25
Laboratory practice	A1 A2 A3 B1 B2	The collection and management of information from databases and scientific suits available on the web. A practical case will be carried out by the students. It will also be a laboratory session focussed on a transcriptional regulation experiment.	25
Supervised projects	A5 A6 A9 A10 A11 B3 B5 B6	Students prepare a portfolio about specific aspects of work of other scientists on an issue related to regulation of gene expression. Half-presential students will have a specific activity combining the seminar contents and the problem solving	25

Assessment comments

Sources of information



Basic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lodish, Berk, et al (2013). Molecular and Cellular Biology 7th Ed. WH Freeman- Meister, G. (2011). RNA Biology. Wiley-VCH- Lodisch et al., (2005). Biología Molecular de la célula . Panamericana- Watson, Baker, Bell et al., (2006). Biología Molecular del Gen, 5ª Ed. Panamericana Articles and specialized texts will be updated in the moodle platform. Articles and specialized texts will be updated in the moodle platform.
Complementary	

Recommendations
Subjects that it is recommended to have taken before
Subjects that are recommended to be taken simultaneously
Molecular Techniques/610441002 Advanced Cellular Biology/610441003 Molecular Microbiology /610441011 Protein Structure and Dynamics/610441012 Bioinformatics and Biomolecular models /610441021
Subjects that continue the syllabus
Other comments
<p>&nbsp; &nbsp; &nbsp;Is important that the students attend to the personal tutorials to guide the works and to solve doubts. .Green</p> <p>Campus Science Faculty Program. To</p> <p>contribute to achieving an immediate sustainable environment and comply with</p> <p>point 6 of the "Environmental Declaration of the Faculty of Sciences</p> <p>(2020)", the documentary work carried out in this area:A. They</p> <p>will be requested mainly in virtual format and computer support.B. To do on</p> <p>paper:- Plastics</p> <p>will not be used.-</p> <p>Double-sided prints will be made.- Recycled</p> <p>paper will be used.- Drafts will be avoided.</p>

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