



COURSE DESCRIPTION CARD - SYLLABUS

Course name

Molecular biology

Course

Field of study

Bioinformatics

Area of study (specialization)

Level of study

First-cycle studies

Form of study

full-time

Year/Semester

2/3

Profile of study

general academic

Course offered in

Polish

Requirements

compulsory

Number of hours

Lecture

30

Laboratory classes

30

Other (e.g. online)

Tutorials

Projects/seminars

Number of credit points

6

Lecturers

Responsible for the course/lecturer:

dr Agnieszka Żmienko

Responsible for the course/lecturer:

Institute of Bioorganic Chemistry PAS

Prerequisites

The student starting this course should have a basic knowledge of the structure of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells, biochemistry and genetics. He/She should also have the ability to obtain information from the indicated sources and be ready to cooperate within the team.

Course objective

The aim of the Molecular Biology course is:

- providing students with general knowledge about the molecular basis of life and the mechanisms of genetic information storage and flow in biological systems
- to familiarize students with the basic techniques used in molecular biology
- developing the ability to perceive molecular, structural and functional relationships between different levels of the organization of a living matter



Course-related learning outcomes

Knowledge

Student:

- has knowledge about the biochemical and molecular basis of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells functioning
- has knowledge on the processes responsible for the maintenance, transmission and expression of genetic information at the molecular level
- knows basic methods of nucleic acids and protein analysis, used in molecular biology
- has basic knowledge of -omics approaches

Skills

Student:

- can obtain information from literature, databases and other sources in order to consolidate and expand their knowledge in the field of molecular biology
- uses basic molecular biology techniques and standard laboratory equipment useful in the analysis of nucleic acids and proteins
- can plan and carry out simple experiments in the field of molecular biology under the supervision of a research tutor, interpret their results and draw conclusions

Social competences

Student:

- can work on a designated task independently and work in a team
- can properly define priorities for the implementation of a task set by himself or others
- understands the need to improve their competences and follow the latest discoveries and achievements in molecular biology field

Methods for verifying learning outcomes and assessment criteria

Learning outcomes presented above are verified as follows:

On-site/on-line assessment via the ekursy.put.poznan.pl platform:

Lecture:

Ongoing verification based on answers to questions relating to the presented material and taking part in discussions. Systematic participation and activity in lectures is rewarded. Final verification takes the form of a written exam covering all the material discussed in the lectures and indicated in the literature, in the form of 7 questions / problem tasks, each scored on a 0-2 point scale (point fractioning acceptable). The condition for a positive evaluation is exceeding the fifty-percent threshold of obtained points. The resit examination is in a written or oral form.



Laboratories:

Evaluation of the student's preparation for individual laboratory classes in terms of familiarity with the exercise. Reports from classes subjected to evaluation by the instructor (one report per laboratory team submitted electronically via the platform ekursy.put.poznan.pl at the latest one day before the start of the next scheduled laboratory class). Final credit test during the last class. Credit is based on the following grades: average grade from the reports (50% of the final grade) and grade from the final credit test (50% of the final grade). The condition for a positive evaluation is exceeding the fifty-percent threshold of obtained points.

On-site assessment: average mark for the reports (50% of the final mark) and mark for the final credit test consisting of 6 single or multiple choice and 6 open questions (50% of the final mark). Credit from 50%.

On-line assessment: average mark for the reports (50% of final mark) and mark for the final credit test consisting of 6 single- or multiple-choice and 6 open questions (50% of final mark). Credit from 50%.

Programme content

The program of the course covers the following contents in the field of molecular biology:

Lectures:

Structure and role of DNA; Chromatin organisation; Structure and role of RNA; Structure and role of proteins; Organization of the prokaryotic and eukaryotic genome; DNA replication; Transcription in prokaryotes; Transcription in eukaryotes; Genetic code and translation; Expression regulation mechanisms; DNA mutagenesis and repair; Epigenetics; Structure and life cycle of viruses; Tumor viruses and oncogenes; Cell signalling; Methods and applications of molecular biology.

Laboratories:

Isolation of nucleic acids; Methods of separation and visualization of nucleic acids; Polymerase chain reaction; Restriction enzymes; Protein analysis, Biological databases.

Teaching methods

Lecture illustrated with a presentation containing the discussed program content, discussion

Laboratories - laboratory exercises (individual and team work), discussion

Student's independent work with literature covering the program issues

Bibliography

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Breakdown of average student's workload

	Hours	ECTS
Total workload	150	6,0
Classes requiring direct contact with the teacher	76	3,0
Student's own work (literature studies, preparation for laboratory classes/tutorials, preparation for tests/exam, project preparation) ¹	74	3,0

¹ delete or add other activities as appropriate