



IDENTIFYING DATA

Systems Biology

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| Subject | Systems Biology | | | |
| Code | V02M123V01212 | | | |
| Study programme | (*)Máster Universitario en Ciencias Biológicas: Biología Molecular, Computacional e Ambiental e Bio-Industrias | | | |
| Descriptors | ECTS Credits | Type | Year | Quadmester |
| | 6 | Optional | 1st | 2nd |
| Language | English | | | |
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| General description | The aims of the subject are: (1) describe cellular systems at the component and interconnections level, (2) modeling molecular networks, (3) simulating and generating hypothesis about cellular processes. | | | |

Competencies

| Type A | Code | Competences Specific |
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| | A1 | (*)To know the scientific method and the correct use of the scientific terminology as well as to acknowledge the contribution that scientific research provides to the overall knowledge and professional practice. |
| | A2 | (*)Ability to describe and to analyse biological diversity, the mechanisms determining the interactions with the biotic and abiotic environment and being able to select those which might have technical applications. |
| | A3 | (*)Ability to manage and/or to develop basic tools for validating and analysing data by means of statistics and bioinformatics. |
| | A4 | (*)To know the ethical and legal aspects governing the collection and the handling of biological samples, organisms and habitats. |
| | A5 | (*)Ability to design, evaluate and implement models of biological structures, systems and processes. |
| | A6 | (*)To learn the sampling techniques and the instrumental methodologies, in the field and laboratory, for their application in the Biological Sciences |
| | A7 | (*)To have an integrated view of the R&D processes and their possible transfer to the industrial sector. Planning and supervising facilities together with managing their human and economic resources. |
| | A8 | (*)Ability to classify, evaluate, conserve, restore and manage natural and productive systems. Developing and implementing land management and sustainability plans. |
| | A9 | (*)To understand and know how to apply quality control systems and safety protocols in any biological laboratory of the public or private sector. |

A10 (*)To acquire the professional ability to teach and spread Biology and to offer expertise advice for elaborating scientific, technical and socioeconomic biology reports. Address environmental consulting.

A11 (*)To perform an individual Master Project (critical and in-depth study) under the supervision of a tutor in a research or working environment demonstrating that skills have been acquired.

Type B Code Competences Transversal

B1 (*)Dissemination of results and conclusions of the biological studies, in oral and written English, through complex presentations that address ideas related with R&D in Biology.

B2 (*)Managing computational, laboratory, field and industrial techniques in order to obtain, process and apply the acquired information.

B3 (*)Disseminating and broadcasting ideas in contexts both academic and non-specialised.

B4 (*)Reflecting on social and ethical responsibilities.

Learning aims

| Subject competences | Typology | Competences |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Ability to manage and/or to develop basic tools for validating and analysing data by means of statistics and bioinformatics | know Know How | A3 |
| Ability to design, evaluate and implement models of biological structures, systems and processes. | know Know How | A5 |
| Dissemination of results and conclusions of the biological studies, in oral and written English, through complex presentations that address ideas related with R&D in Biology. | know Know How | B1 |
| Managing computational, laboratory, field and industrial techniques in order to obtain, process and apply the acquired information. | know Know How | B2 |
| Disseminating and broadcasting ideas in contexts both academic and non-specialised. | know Know How | B3 |

Contents

| Topic | |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Systems Biology | Basic principles |
| Genome-scale model reconstructions | Methods and resources |
| Graph theory | Principles and application to biological networks |
| Dynamic modeling | Principles and tools |
| Modeling metabolism, cell signaling and gene expression | Case studies |
| Applications in medicine and biotechnology | Case studies |
| Synthetic Biology | Basic principles |

Planning

| | Personalized attention | Assessment | Ordinary class hours A | Face-to-face hours outside the classroom Guided academic environment B | Student's work factor C | Outside the classroom hours D | Total hours (A+B+D) E |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Classroom work | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| Autonomous troubleshooting and / or exercises | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 108 | 108 |
| Master Session | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 20 | 0 | 0.5 | 10 | 30 |
| Multiple choice tests | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Total hours E: | | | | | | | 150 |
| Work load in UVIGO ECTS credits: | | | | | | | 6 |

*The information in the planning table is for guidance only and does not take into account the heterogeneity of the students.

Methodologies

| | Description |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Classroom work | Students do computational work with the professor |

Autonomous troubleshooting and / or exercises Students do computational work on their own.

Master Session The professor explains main concepts and tools included in the subject contents.

Personalized attention

| | Description |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Classroom work | Professors will be in touch with the students online (forum, discussion list, chat) to answer their questions. Professors will also help students in person if necessary. |
| Autonomous troubleshooting and / or exercises | Professors will be in touch with the students online (forum, discussion list, chat) to answer their questions. Professors will also help students in person if necessary. |
| Multiple choice tests | Professors will be in touch with the students online (forum, discussion list, chat) to answer their questions. Professors will also help students in person if necessary. |

Assessment

| | Description | Qualification |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Master Session | Students are expected to participate actively in the discussions maintained in the classroom | 5 |
| Classroom work | Students are expected to participate actively in the discussions maintained in the classroom | 5 |
| Autonomous troubleshooting and / or exercises | Students will write a report on their computational assignments | 60 |
| Multiple choice tests | Students will carry out an exam on the items discussed in the course | 30 |

Other comments and second call

Sources of information

Alon, U., An Introduction to Systems Biology: Design Principles of Biological Circuits, CRC Press, 2006

Junker, Björn H. and Falk Schreiber , Analysis of Biological Networks, Wiley Series in Bioinformatics, 2008

Klipp, E., Herwig, R., Kowald, A., Wierling, C., & Lehrach, H. , Systems biology in practice: concepts, implementation and application, Wiley-Blackwell, 2008

Recommendations

Subjects that it is recommended to have taken before

Structural Biology/V02M123V01211

Molecular Evolution/V02M123V01210

Knowledge Discovery/V02M123V01113

Computational Genomics/V02M123V01209

Statistical and Mathematical Methods in Bioinformatics/V02M123V01112

Programing for Bioinformatics/V02M123V01111