Plant Genomics and System Biology

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Degree	Туре	Year	Semester
4313771 Plant Biology and Biotechnology	ОВ	0	1

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Prerequisites

Basic knowledge of Genetics

Objectives and Contextualisation

To provide students with a comprehensive and current view of the techniques, fundamentals and applications of Plant Genomics and introduce systems biology of plants. The specific objectives include understanding the following aspects: the diversity and complexity of plant genomes, the techniques commonly used in genomic studies and applications to the genetic improvement of crop plants. Introduction to Systems Biology of Plants.

Skills

- Analyse research results to obtain new products or processes, assessing their industrial and commercial viability with a view to transferring them to society.
- Apply knowledge of plant molecular genetics to different areas of science and industry.
- Apply knowledge of the functional mechanisms of plants from the different organisational levels to the characterisation of processes of growth and development of the whole plant organism.
- Communicate and justify conclusions clearly and unambiguously to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
- Continue the learning process, to a large extent autonomously
- Develop critical reasoning within the subject area and in relation to the scientific or business context.
- Identify and use bioinformatic tools to study plant genetics, evolution and functioning.
- Solve problems in new or little-known situations within broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts related to the field of study.
- Use and manage bibliography and IT resources in the field of study.

- Use scientific terminology to account for research results and convey these in spoken and written English in an international context.
- Use the research methodology of biology and plant biotechnology.

Learning outcomes

- 1. Analyse research results to obtain new products or processes, assessing their industrial and commercial viability with a view to transferring them to society.
- 2. Apply knowledge of plant genetics and genomics to the functional study of crops.
- 3. Apply knowledge of plant genomics to the improvement of crops.
- 4. Apply systems biology models to the characterisation of complex functional processes in plants.
- 5. Apply the different tools habitually used in the sequencing, assembly and annotation of plant genomes and crop improvement.
- 6. Communicate and justify conclusions clearly and unambiguously to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
- 7. Continue the learning process, to a large extent autonomously
- 8. Describe and identify the different components present in plant genomes.
- 9. Develop critical reasoning within the subject area and in relation to the scientific or business context.
- 10. Solve problems in new or little-known situations within broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts related to the field of study.
- 11. Use and manage bibliography and IT resources in the field of study.
- 12. Use scientific terminology to account for research results and convey these in spoken and written English in an international context.
- 13. Use techniques from systems biology in the genetic improvement of crops.

Content

1 Plant Genome
2 Methods and techniques in plant genomics
3 Genetic improvement of crop plants : use of markers and importance of QTL
4 System Biology : Concepts and methodology of study (omics)
5 Importance of system biology to improve cultivated plants
6 Importance of transference University - Industry in Genomic Research and Systems

Methodology

Lectures

Expert talks

Seminars

Problems and case studies

Preparation of reports

Personal study

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Type: Directed			
Expert talks	2	0.08	
Lectures	28	1.12	
Type: Supervised			
Problems/Case studies	15	0.6	
Seminars	15	0.6	
Type: Autonomous			
Personal study	60	2.4	
Preparation of reports and works	30	1.2	

Evaluation

Continuous evaluation 40%

Reports and works 60%

Evaluation activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning outcomes
Active participation in class ans seminars	40%	0	0	1, 4, 8, 9, 6, 7, 12
Reports and papers	60%	0	0	1, 2, 3, 5, 4, 8, 9, 10, 6, 7, 13, 11, 12

Bibliography

Yunbi Xu Molecular Plant Breeding. CAB International Oxfordshire, UK disponible online a Biblioteca UAB :http://www.cabi.org/cabebooks/FullTextPDF/2010/20103101750.pdf

Articles and specific reviews recommended during classe