

History of Biology

Code: 100744
ECTS Credits: 6

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
2500250 Biology	OT	4	0

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Use of languages

Principal working language: catalan (cat)
Some groups entirely in English: No
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes
Some groups entirely in Spanish: No

Prerequisites

None.

Objectives and Contextualisation

History of Biology is taken in the 4th year of the Degree of Biology and is part of the group of optional subjects.

The main objectives are:

Introduce the student to the consideration and experimentation of history as a vehicle for reflection and cultural construction, as an instrument of research, documentation and popularization, and as a pedagogical tool in the field of science. Within the specific scope of the history of biology, give the student the necessary tools to identify and critically analyze the main historiographical currents related to the natural sciences.

Introduce the student to the knowledge of the processes of generation, circulation, communication and management of scientific knowledge (particularly in the natural sciences), as well as his impact on socio-cultural transformations throughout history.

Introduce the student to the analysis of the role and the situation of the natural sciences and their social relations today and throughout history. Consider the social, cultural, strategic and economic importance of life sciences in society. And thus, give the student the necessary tools to synthesize, from the historical consideration of the natural sciences, a perspective of the current and future reach of these sciences.

Content

Distributive blocks

A. Introduction to the history of natural sciences and biological thought in the field of history of science.

B. Mythical narratives, daily narratives.

C. East / West.

D. The mathematization of nature.

E. The two cultures.

F. The construction of contemporary biology.

G. The historical vision of life.

H. Individuals, society and information.

I. Urban narratives about nature.

J. Conclusion: debates and challenges.