## Microbiology, Immunology and Cell Culture

**Code:** 103275  
**ECTS Credits:** 8

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### Use of languages

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

### Teachers

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- Andreu Blanquer Jerez  
- José Luis Corchero Nieto

### Prerequisites

This subject does not need any requirements.

### Objectives and Contextualisation

The subject Microbiology, Immunology and Cell Culture, is taught in the 2nd semester of the 3rd year of the degree of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology in the Faculty of Sciences. This is a subject with a certain degree of specialization that is divided into three large blocks (Microbiology, Immunology and Cellular cultures) in which the student is expected to acquire some basic notions to begin with the methodologies used in the culture and manipulation of bacterial cells, in immunology laboratories and in cultures and manipulation of eukaryotic cells. That is why it is a subject with an important practical component.

**Objectives of the subject:**

1) Know the bacterial cell  
2) Know the basic methodologies used in a Microbiology laboratory  
3) Knowing the basic concepts of Immunology  
4) Know the basic methodologies used in an Immunology laboratory  
5) Know the basic equipment of a cell culture laboratory  
6) Know the basic methodologies used in a Cell Culture Laboratory

### Skills
• Adapt to new situations.
• Apply the concepts, principles, theories and fundamental facts of nanoscience and nanotechnology to solve problems of a quantitative or qualitative nature in the field of nanoscience and nanotechnology.
• Apply the general standards for safety and operations in a laboratory and the specific regulations for the use of chemical and biological instruments, products and materials in consideration of their properties and the risks.
• Be ethically committed.
• Communicate orally and in writing in one's own language.
• Demonstrate knowledge of the concepts, principles, theories and fundamental facts related with nanoscience and nanotechnology.
• Handle the standard instruments and materials of physical, chemical and biological testing laboratories for the study and analysis of phenomena on a nanoscale.
• Interpret the data obtained by means of experimental measures, including the use of computer tools, identify and understand their meanings in relation to appropriate chemical, physical or biological theories.
• Learn autonomously.
• Manage the organisation and planning of tasks.
• Obtain, manage, analyse, synthesise and present information, including the use of digital and computerised media.
• Operate with a certain degree of autonomy.
• Perform correct evaluations of the environmental and socioeconomic impact of chemicals and nanomaterials.
• Propose creative ideas and solutions.
• Reason in a critical manner
• Recognise the terms used in the fields of physics, chemistry, biology, nanoscience and nanotechnology in the English language and use English effectively in writing and orally in all areas of work.
• Resolve problems and make decisions.
• Show motivation for quality.
• Show sensitivity for environmental issues.
• Work correctly with the formulas, chemical equations and magnitudes used in chemistry.
• Work on the synthesis, characterisation and study of the properties of materials on a nanoscale from previously established procedures.

Learning outcomes

1. Adapt to new situations.
2. Be ethically committed.
3. Communicate orally and in writing in one's own language.
4. Correctly use the laboratory material, microorganisms and cells used in biology laboratories.
5. Correctly use the necessary computer tools to interpret and expose the results obtained.
6. Describe the biology of microorganisms and the scientific bases of their application to nanoscience and nanotechnology.
7. Descriure el sistema immunitari i les bases científiques de l'aplicació dels anticossos als nanosensors.
8. Evaluate the danger and risks of the use of samples and reagents, and apply suitable safety precautions for each case.
9. Evaluate the environmental impact of the nanomaterials and processes used in bionanotechnology.
10. Evaluate the risks for the human health of nanomaterials used in bionanotechnology.
11. Identify and distinguish the protocols for using complex equipment for characterisation, analysis and manipulation of biomolecules and cells.
12. Identify and situate safety equipment in the laboratory.
13. Identify the basics of cell culture techniques.
14. Interpret the results obtained in biology laboratories on microbiology and animal cell cultures.
15. Learn autonomously.
16. Manage the organisation and planning of tasks.
17. Obtain, manage, analyse, synthesise and present information, including the use of digital and computerised media.
18. Operate with a certain degree of autonomy.
19. Perform basic operations in microbiology, immunology and cell culture laboratories.
20. Propose creative ideas and solutions.
21. Reason in a critical manner
22. Recognise the English terms employed in biochemistry, molecular biology, microbiology, immunology and in subjects related with nanoscience and nanotechnology.
23. Resolve problems and make decisions.
24. Safely handle chemical and biochemical reagents.
25. Safely handle microorganisms and animal cells.
26. Safely use laboratory instruments used in biochemistry, microbiology, cell cultures and bioanalysis.
27. Show motivation for quality.
28. Show sensitivity for environmental issues.
29. Understand texts and bibliographies in English on biochemistry, molecular biology, microbiology, immunology and in subjects related with nanoscience and nanotechnology.
30. Use knowledge of microbiology, immunology and cell cultures to resolve technical problems and questions with regard to nanoscience and nanotechnology.
31. Use the suitable strategies for the safe elimination of reagents, microorganisms, cells and nanomaterials.
32. Work correctly with the formulas, chemical equations and magnitudes used in chemistry.

**Content**

**Theory program**

**Microbiology**

Introduction to microbiology
Levels of organization
The bacterial cell
Techniques of observation of microorganisms
Isolation and culture techniques of microorganisms
Techniques of sterilization and conservation of microorganisms

**Immunology**

Basic principles of immunology: innate immunity and acquired immunity. The immune system: anatomy, cells and molecules

Components of innate immunity. Mechanisms of innate immunity. Connection between innate and acquired immunity
Components of acquired immunity. Mechanisms of acquired immunity. Immune response to pathogens
Immunopathology. Pathologies of the immune system. Pathologies that affect the immune response
Technologies related to the immune response. Immunotherapy and immunomotion

**Cell cultures**

Introduction to cell cultures
Laboratory of cell cultures
Types of cell cultures
Techniques of cellular characterization
Light and fluorescent microscopy

**Laboratory program**

**Microbiology**

Module 1: Counting of microorganisms

Module 2: Methods of isolation of microorganisms
Module 3: Observation of microorganisms
Module 4: Identification of microorganisms
Module 5: Ubiquity and microbial diversity

**Immunology**
Module 6: Separation of cells from the blood by Ficoll
Module 7: Analysis of cell populations by cytometry
Module 8: Immunocytochemistry for the detection of specific markers with a monoclonal antibody

**Cell cultures**
Module 9: Culture of a cell line.
Module 10: Freezing / defrosting of a cell line
Module 11: Induction and detection of apoptosis in a cell line
Module 12: Detection of microtubules by immunocytochemistry. Evaluation of the phases of the cell division
Module 13: Use of nanoparticles for cell follow-up. Confocal microscopy

**Methodology**
The subject of Microbiology, Immunology and Cell culture consists of theoretical master classes and practical classes in the laboratory.

Theoretical lectures will be made using audiovisual material prepared by the teacher, material that the students will have at their disposal in the Virtual Campus of the UAB before the sessions.

The practical classes are designed so that the students learn to use the instrumental laboratory and complement the theoretical training. The students will complete a total of 13 practical sessions with a total of about 38 hours. Students will work in groups of 2, and at the end of each practice they will have to complete a dossier with the results. These dossiers will remain in the possession of the teaching staff and will be used for the evaluation of the practical part. At the end or during the practice session the results of the different groups will be shared and will be discussed collectively.

The students will have to submit a dossier of the practices.

**Activities**

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**Evaluation**

The subject of MICC (Microbiology, Immunology and Cell Cultures) is made up of three blocks. In order to pass the subject, a minimum score of 5 on a maximum of 10 points is required in each of the three blocks (M, I and CC). Each block consists of a part of theory and a part of practices, which represent 75% and 25% respectively, of each block. In order to pass the subject the student must obtain a mark equal to or greater than 5 in the three blocks of theory (M, I and CC) and in the three blocks of practicals (M, I and CC).

The scheduled evaluation activities are:

**THEORY:**

There will be an independent examination of each of the three blocks of the subject. Each of these exams will have a weight of 25% of the final grade. To overcome them, the grade must be equal to or greater than 5. Marks lower than 5 in one of the blocks will automatically imply a fail in the block and therefore the student will have to retake the subject of the block failed in a retake exam. In this retake exam, again, each block will be evaluated separately and in order to pass the subject the student will have to obtain a grade equal to or greater than 5 in each one of the blocks to retrieve.

**LABORATORY PRACTICES:**

The practical grade will be obtained from an independent examination for each one of the blocks. In the blocks of Microbiology and Cell Culture in addition to the examination will evaluate the delivery of a dossier of practices. Attendance to practical sessions is mandatory. Students missing more than 20% of programmed sessions will be graded as "No Avaluable"

Each block will be evaluated separately and in order to pass the block the student must obtain a mark equal to or greater than 5 in each one of the examinations of the blocks. Marks lower than 5 in one of the blogs will automatically imply a fail in the blog and the student will have to retake the subject of the block failed in a retake test. Again, each block will be evaluated separately and in order to pass the subject the student will have to obtain a score equal to or greater than 5 in each one of the blocks to retake.

The note of each block will have a weight of 8.33% of the final mark and will be obtained from:

- **Microbiology:** the evaluation will consist of two tests: a) practical skill, which will consist of the daily follow-up of the different practical results during each laboratory session and b) written exam about the work done in the laboratory. These tests will have a weight of 40% and 60%, respectively, of the grade in this block.

- **Immunology:** written exam about work done in the laboratory. These tests will weigh 100% of the grade in this block.

- **Cell cultures:** a) delivery and discussion of the different results obtained in the practices in power point format (dossier) and b) written exam about the work done in the laboratory. These tests will have a weight of 40 and 60%, respectively, of the grade in this block.

**RECOVERY EXAM:**

To be eligible for the retake process, the student should have been previously evaluated in a set of activities equaling at least two thirds of the final score of the course or module. Thus, the student will be graded as "No Avaluable" if the weight in all conducted evaluation activities is less than 67% of the final score.

Students who have not passed one or more of the blocks of the theory exams and / or practices, or not if they have submitted, must present themselves to the retake exam.
To pass the retake exam, students must have a grade equal to or greater than 5 in each one of the blogs examined.

FINAL NOTE: The final grade of the subject will be obtained from the one of the following formula,

\[ \text{FINAL NOTE} = [\text{Theory} \times (M + I + CC / 3) \times 0.75] + [\text{Practices} \times (M + I + CC / 3) \times 0.25] \]

Students who in any of the blocks of theory and/or practice have a score of less than 5 will have the subject failed.

Non-Valuable: Students will obtain the "Non-Valuable" qualification when the assessment activities carried out have a weighting of less than 67% in the final grade.

IMPROVE MARKS: All students who have passed the three blocks of theory may attend the exam to improve the grade of the subject. The student will be able to examine the block/blocks that want to improve the mark (theory) as long as he has expressed in writing (mail) his willingness to do the exam of the subject at least two days before the final exam. When submitting to the exam to improve the marks, the student implicitly renounces the note that he had obtained in the previous exam. The grade that will be taken into account will be the last exam that the student has completed. There is no option to improve the practice note.

### Evaluation activities

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### Bibliography


