

Microbial Biotechnology

Code: 42900
ECTS Credits: 9

Degree	Type	Year	Semester
4313772 Advanced Biotechnology	OB	0	1

The proposed teaching and assessment methodology that appear in the guide may be subject to changes as a result of the restrictions to face-to-face class attendance imposed by the health authorities.

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Other comments on languages

The vehicular language is Spanish and some sessions will be given in English

Use of Languages

Principal working language: spanish (spa)

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Prerequisites

Good knowledge of microbial metabolism and physiology, molecular microbiology and culture techniques, genetic manipulation of microorganisms and engineering of recombinant proteins are required.

Objectives and Contextualisation

The objective of this module is to provide students with an overview of microorganisms of industrial interest, microbial diversity and their potential on an industrial scale in production / transformation processes.

There will also be several microbial products of industrial and biomedical interest, especially proteins, and how microbial cell factories can be used for the production and adaptation of the same for biotechnological and biomedical applications.

Competences

- Combine knowledge of microbial genetics and physiology with the methodologies of bioprocess engineering in Cell Factory applications .
- Communicate and justify conclusions clearly and unambiguously to both specialist and non-specialist audiences.
- Comparatively integrate physiological microbial diversity and the potential application of microbial products and transformations mediated by microorganisms in the biotechnological, pharmaceutical and food industries.
- Handle the biological methodologies and principles that underpin the microbial production of recombinant proteins.
- 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 related to biotechnology responsibly.

Learning Outcomes

1. Apply basic concepts in microbiology to industrial processes based on biotechnology.
2. Communicate and justify conclusions clearly and unambiguously to both specialist and non-specialist audiences.
3. Determine the best genetic strategies for the production of recombinant proteins.
4. Determine the most appropriate type of process for a microbial production strategy.
5. Determine which types of microbial products are potentially of interest in biotechnology.
6. Integrate molecular and physiological tools and strategies in microbial production and transformations.
7. Recognise microbial diversity as a biotechnological offer for the cell factory.
8. Show scientific judgement in choosing the appropriate organism to produce high-quality recombinant proteins.
9. Solve problems in new or little-known situations within broader (or multidisciplinary) contexts related to the field of study.
10. Use and manage bibliography and IT resources related to biotechnology responsibly.

Content

- R+D+I to obtain a product or a microorganism of industrial interest
- The concept of Cellular Factory: Microbial production of enzymes and recombinant drugs
- Experimental design in microbial biotechnology
- Production of recombinant proteins in bacteria, yeast, mammalian cells, insect cells and filamentous fungi
- Recombinant proteins for non-viral gene therapy
- Microbial nanobiotechnology
- Microbiology in different industrial sectors
- Visits to companies, related to the theoretical contents

*Unless the requirements enforced by the health authorities demand a prioritization or reduction of these contents.

Methodology

This module consists of two parts. The first one will be given through lectures and one work in the classroom. The second part will be developed through lectures given by microbiology specialists of different industries and one visit to companies related to microbiology. It is necessary 60 % attendance to the lectures.

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Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Visits to technology centers and companies	4	0.16	9
Lectures	40	1.6	1, 3, 5, 8, 4, 7
Type: Autonomous			
Personal study	90	3.6	1, 3, 5, 8, 4, 6, 9, 7, 10
Preparation of an oral presentation	25	1	5, 4, 6, 9, 2, 10
Preparation of group work	63.75	2.55	1, 9, 2, 10

Assessment

To pass the subject you must obtain a weighted average mark of 5 or higher and a mark of 5 or higher on the individual written tests. If this qualification is not obtained, one or both individual evaluation can be reassessed.

If the written report contains more than 10% of a literal copy of previously published works, the module will not be approved.

We consider that a student will be graded as not evaluable "NO AVALUABLE" if the assessment of all conducted evaluation activities does not allow students to achieve the overall grade of 5 on the assumption that they had obtained the highest grade in all of them.

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Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Evaluation of group assignments: written report	30	0	0	1, 3, 5, 8, 4, 6, 9, 2, 7, 10
Evaluation of group assignments: oral presentations	10	0.25	0.01	1, 3, 5, 8, 4, 6, 9, 2, 7
Individual evaluation: multiple choice test	30	1	0.04	1, 3, 5, 8, 4, 6, 9, 7

Bibliography

The necessary basic and specific bibliography will be published on the moodle course. The databases will be indicated to obtain the necessary material for the individual works.

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