

Immunology of Infectious Diseases

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Use of Languages

Principal working language: english (eng)
Some groups entirely in English: Yes
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Prerequisites

To access to study "Immunology of Infectious Diseases", the student must have attained the learning skills of Immunology in the course corresponding to their degree.

Objectives and Contextualisation

SECTION I

Review of the main aspects of innate and adaptive immune response

MALT: Mucosa-Associated Lymphoid Tissue

MALT: Morphological and anatomical description. Lymphocyte recirculation

Immune response in the MALT: mechanisms of innate and adaptive immunity.

SECTION II

Immune response to bacteria

Analysis of antibacterial mechanisms mediated by innate and adaptive immunity.

Immune effector mechanisms operating against intra or extracellular bacteria.

Evasion mechanisms that bacteria use to avoid the immune system.

Pathology and treatment of diseases caused by bacterial infections

Learning to recognize and describe diseases caused by bacterial infections that are clinically important.

Identification of emerging bacterial diseases.

Vaccines.

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SECTION III

Immune response to parasites

Learning the basics of parasitic infections.

Immune mechanisms used to deal with different types of parasitic infections.

Different strategies and different mechanisms used by parasites to evade the host's immune response.

Pathology and treatment of diseases caused by parasites

Learning to recognize and describe diseases caused by parasitic infections that are clinically important.

Vaccines.

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SECTION IV

Immune response to viruses

Basic concepts of antiviral immunity.

Specific mechanisms of innate and adaptive immunity involved in defense against viral infections.

Different strategies used by viruses to evade the antiviral immune response.

Pathology and treatment of diseases caused by infections

Learning to recognize and describe diseases caused by infections that are clinically important.

Identification of emerging viral diseases.

Vaccines.

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Competences

- Act with ethical responsibility and respect for fundamental rights and duties, diversity and democratic values.
- Display knowledge of the bases and elements applicable to the development and validation of diagnostic and therapeutic techniques.
- Display knowledge of the basic life processes on several levels of organisation: molecular, cellular, tissues, organs, individual and populations.
- Display knowledge of the concepts and language of biomedical sciences in order to follow biomedical literature correctly.
- Display theoretical and practical knowledge of the major molecular and cellular bases of human and animal pathologies.
- Make changes to methods and processes in the area of knowledge in order to provide innovative responses to society's needs and demands.
- Read and critically analyse original and review papers on biomedical issues and assess and choose the appropriate methodological descriptions for biomedical laboratory research work.
- Students must be capable of applying their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional way and they should have building arguments and problem resolution skills within their area of study.
- Students must be capable of collecting and interpreting relevant data (usually within their area of study) in order to make statements that reflect social, scientific or ethical relevant issues.
- Students must be capable of communicating information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialised and non-specialised audiences.
- Students must develop the necessary learning skills to undertake further training with a high degree of autonomy.
- Students must have and understand knowledge of an area of study built on the basis of general secondary education, and while it relies on some advanced textbooks it also includes some aspects coming from the forefront of its field of study.
- Take account of social, economic and environmental impacts when operating within one's own area of knowledge.
- Take sex- or gender-based inequalities into consideration when operating within one's own area of knowledge.
- Work as part of a group with members of other professions, understanding their viewpoint and establishing a constructive collaboration.

Learning Outcomes

1. Act with ethical responsibility and respect for fundamental rights and duties, diversity and democratic values.
2. Analyse the relationship between the nature of the immune response and the molecular and physical characteristics of the antigens that induce it.
3. Display practical skills in performing a diagnostic analysis in immunopathology.
4. Explain the mechanisms of activation and regulation of the cellular and humoral immune response and their link to immunopathology.
5. Explain the relationships between a possible pathogen and its host.
6. Identify the principal elements intervening in the immune response to infections and tumours, and in the situation of allogeneic transplant.
7. Make changes to methods and processes in the area of knowledge in order to provide innovative responses to society's needs and demands.

8. Students must be capable of applying their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional way and they should have building arguments and problem resolution skills within their area of study.
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13. Take account of social, economic and environmental impacts when operating within one's own area of knowledge.
14. Take sex- or gender-based inequalities into consideration when operating within one's own area of knowledge.
15. Understand scientific texts and write review papers on immunology and biology.
16. Understand the scientific literature and the databases specialising in problems of immunology and immunopathology, and interpret the results of a scientific project.
17. Work as part of a group with members of other professions, understanding their viewpoint and establishing a constructive collaboration.

Content

Contents of the subject:

Section I

Review innate and adaptive immunity: inflammasoma, TLR signaling, cell lineages Th cells (Th1, Th2, Th17, regulatory T cells)...

MALT anatomy of mucosal lymphocyte recirculation, a description of cellular elements (intraepithelial lymphocytes) and humoral (IgA) and immune response associated with MALT.

Section II.

Immune response to bacteria.

Pathology of diseases caused by bacterial infections.

*Seminars include a monographic session on *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.*

Section III.

Immune response to the parasite.

Pathology of diseases caused by parasites.

*Seminars include a monographic session on *Plasmodium falciparum*.*

Section IV.

Immune response to the virus.

Pathology of diseases caused by viral infections.

Seminars include a monographic session on HIV.

Methodology

Teaching methodology of the subject:

LECTURES:

The topics of the Teaching Units will be taught in 30 sessions. Some of the sessions will be taught by guest professors and specialists in the field of clinical research into diseases caused by pathogens. The content of the theory program will be taught mainly by teachers in the form of master classes with audiovisual support. The presentations used in class by the teacher will be previously available in the Virtual Campus of the subject.

SELF-LEARNING:

Autonomous learning will be based on achieving the specific learning competencies that will accompany the beginning of each Block into which the subject program is divided. It is advisable that students regularly consult the books recommended in the Bibliography section of this teaching guide to consolidate and clarify, if necessary, the contents explained in class. In this sense, it is also advisable for students to use the links indicated on the Virtual Campus, which contain videos and animations related to the processes explained in class.

COOPERATIVE LEARNING:

Problem-based learning (ABP) or CASE sessions will be scheduled. To solve the cases, the cooperative learning methodology will be applied: groups of 3 or 4 students will be made. Case information will be posted on the Virtual Campus (CV).

1) Prepare an oral presentation: choose the fundamental parts of the work and present it to the rest of the class.

2) Linked to the oral presentation, there will be an infographic accompanied by a descriptive summary of it.

The details of the work will be given during the presentation of the subject.

Annotation: Within the schedule set by the centre or degree programme, 15 minutes of one class will be reserved for students to evaluate their lecturers and their courses or modules through questionnaires.

Activities

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Classes	30	1.2	2, 4, 5, 6
Classroom practicals	12	0.48	2, 16, 15, 3, 4, 5, 6, 17
Type: Supervised			
Preparation of oral presentation	16.5	0.66	2, 16, 15, 3, 4, 5, 6, 17
Preparation of written report	15	0.6	2, 16, 15, 3, 4, 5, 6, 17
Type: Autonomous			
Interpretation of data from a scientific publication or from a clinical case	20	0.8	2, 16, 15, 3, 4, 5, 6, 17
Study hours	50	2	2, 16, 15, 3, 4, 5, 6

Assessment

The evaluation of the course will be continued through individual tests that assess:

- Individual learning by students from exams
- Cooperative learning from the training activities scheduled as classroom practices, written and oral presentation skills.

The evaluation activities scheduled in the subject of Immunology are:

Exams: two partial exams. Each test will be worth 35% of the final grade. Exams will be multiple choice questions of a minim of 25 questions with five options and only one correct. A correction value of 1/5 will be subtracted per every incorrect answer. To pass this part of the course, the sum of the partial exams must be more than 50% weight of the total grade. Students must achieve a minimum 40% in partial 1 to compensate with partial 2.

Cases (ABP): The cases are for cooperative work in groups of 3-4 students. They will be practical problems. The aim is for students to develop their skills of self-learning search and selection of information and eventually develop the ability to synthesize and written communication. Also workgroup.

The evaluation of cases represent 30% of the final grade in the course as follows:

- 10% for the writtenwork.
- 20% oral presentation.

To pass this part of the course grades must be greater than 50% of their total value.

The final grade for the course will be composed of the score of the two partial exams and cases.

Along the semester, there will be questionnaires online or in class that will serve as continuous evaluation and can help the final scores.

If they fail to pass the course or want to improve grades, students can retake a full or partial final exam. By doing an exam to improve grades, the student renounces to the previous score obtained.

Failure to appear to any of the tests must be justifiedto get a second chance.

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. Thus, the student will be graded as Non-evaluable if the weighing of all conducted evaluation activities is less than 67% of the final score.

Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Final Examination (only the student does not reach50% of the total in the two partial exams)	70%	2	0.08	2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Oral presentation of collective work	10%	0.5	0.02	1, 14, 13, 2, 16, 15, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 11, 10, 8, 9, 17
Partial Examination P1	35%	1.5	0.06	2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Partial Examination P2	35%	1.5	0.06	2, 16, 15, 3, 4, 5, 6

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Annual Review of Immunology

<http://arjournals.annualreviews.org/loi/immunol>

Current Opinion in Immunology

http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws_home/601305/description#description

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/09527915>

Immunological Reviews

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/118503650/home>

Nature Reviews in Immunology

<http://www.nature.com/nri/index.html>

Seminars in Immunology

http://www.elsevier.com/wps/find/journaldescription.cws_home/622945/description#description

Trends in Immunology

<http://www.cell.com/trends/immunology/>

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Journal of Microbiology, Immunology and Infection

<http://www.e-jmii.com/>

Comparative Immunology, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases

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Software

Microsoft Office is sufficient to carry out this subject.