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Biotecnología Avanzada	OP	1

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Prerequisites

Basic knowledge of:

- Protein structure
- Biochemistry
- Catalysis
- Kinetic enzyme
- Microbial growth
- Cell biology
- Chemical Engineering principles

Objectives and Contextualisation

The objective is to present biocatalysis and its fields of application as an alternative to classical catalysis. The knowledge of biocatalysts will be deepened as the central axis of a transformation and of the aspects of engineering of the main elements that make up biotransformation, such as the biocatalyst, the reaction medium, the bioreactor and its operation. Moreover, the classification and study of different biotransformations according to the biocatalyst used will be analyzed in different case studies. The final objective is to be able to define the main elements of a biotransformation and to design a biocatalytic process.

Learning Outcomes

1. CA06 (Competence) Implement a biocatalytic process for industrial application, integrating the current state of biocatalysis, its fields of application and the different classes of relevant biotransformations.
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3. CA07 (Competence) Explain the different types of biotransformation depending on the biocatalyst used, evaluating their main characteristics.
4. KA04 (Knowledge) Gather relevant information to determine the most appropriate operational configuration for a biotechnological process.
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6. KA05 (Knowledge) Differentiate the fundamental concepts of chemical engineering in the different forms of reactor design and operation, including catalytic reactors, with special emphasis on reactors with immobilized biological catalysts.
7. KA06 (Knowledge) Distinguish and choose between different reaction media used in biotransformations.
8. KA07 (Knowledge) Characterise biocatalyst immobilisation and distinguish between its different methods.
9. KA08 (Knowledge) Identify biomolecules and multi-enzyme processes of relevance to biotechnological applications, considering their function in biological systems and their possible role in human pathologies.
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11. SA06 (Skill) Calculate the main elements involved in biotransformation such as the biocatalyst, reaction medium and bioreactor, as well as their operation.
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Content

Assignment program:

- Topic 1 Introduction to biocatalysis
- Topic 2 Biocatalysts
- Topic 3 Biocatalyst engineering
- Topic 4 Reaction medium engineering
- Topic 5 Bioreactor operation
- Topic 6 Biotransformations: case studies

Activities and Methodology

Title	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Type: Directed			
Seminars and case studies	6	0.24	CA06, CA07, KA04, KA05, KA06, KA07, KA08, SA06, CA06
theoretical classes	49	1.96	KA04, KA05, KA06, KA07, KA08, KA04

Type: Autonomous

Accomplishment of work on a case study	20	0.8	CA06, KA04, KA05, KA06, KA07, KA08, SA06, CA06
Individual study	127	5.08	CA06, CA07, KA04, KA05, KA06, KA07, KA08, SA06, CA06
Search for documentation and bibliography	20	0.8	CA06, CA07, KA04, KA05, KA06, KA07, KA08, CA06

Directed activities:

- Theoretical lectures: Master classes on the concepts of the subject
- Seminars: Presentation to students of different cases of study of biotransformations and applied biocatalysis extracted from the bibliography
- Public presentation of the work: Students will orally and publicly present a summary of the most relevant results of the work and deliver the presentation to the professor in digital format through the virtual campus

Autonomous activities:

- Individual study: Individual study, preparation of diagrams and summaries.
- Documentation and bibliography search: Consultation of the bibliographic and documentary sources essential for the course.
- Realization of a work: work in groups of 2-4 students in which each group will elaborate a written work on a case study previously selected by the teacher. The work will be delivered to the teacher in paper format (printed) and in digital format through the virtual campus, in order to discuss in seminars and written presentation.

Communication with Students

Communication with students will take place through the Moodle Classroom on the Virtual Campus.

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Assessment

Continuous Assessment Activities

Title	Weighting	Hours	ECTS	Learning Outcomes
Oral and public presentation of the work	10%	1	0.04	CA06, CA07, KA04, KA05, KA06, KA07, KA08, SA06
Partial exam (items 1, 2 and 3)	35%	1	0.04	KA05, KA07, KA08
Partial exam (topics 4, 5 and 6)	35%	1	0.04	CA07, KA05, KA06, KA07, KA08, SA06
Written work	20%	0	0	CA06, CA07, KA04, KA05, KA06, KA07, KA08, SA06

Scheduled evaluation process and activities

Throughout the course different evaluation activities will be carried out that will lead to the final grade of the subject obtained by continuous evaluation. Specifically, the evaluable activities will be:

- Written work on a case study that is 20% of the final grade.
- Oral and public presentation of the written work that is 10% of the final grade
- Attendance at all oral presentations is compulsory for all students
- Partial exam of topics 1, 2 and 3, which represents 35% of the final grade
- Partial examination of topics 3, 4 and 5, which represents 35% of the final grade

The written assignment and the oral presentation of the assignment are non-recoverable.

The course is considered passed if the average of the 4 activities is 5 or higher. To calculate the average, each activity must have a minimum grade of 4.

If the average of the 4 activities is less than 5, or any part is below 4, the failed activities (those with less than 5) must be retaken, except the written assignment and the oral presentation, which are non-recoverable.

Any of the following circumstances will result in a "Not Assessable" grade for the course:

- Not submitting the written assignment
- Not doing the oral presentation
- Not attending any of the exams

Scheduling of assessment activities

At the beginning of the course, groups will be formed for the written assignment. The deadlines for submission and oral presentations will be communicated through the virtual campus.

Recovery process

The student may attend the recovery session only if they have completed a set of activities representing at least two-thirds of the total course grade.

Partial exams are eliminatory; therefore, a student who has passed a partial exam cannot retake it. They must retake any partial exam in which they obtained a grade below 4, regardless of their overall average, as outlined in the "Scheduled Evaluation Process and Activities" section.

The final grade will be calculated in the same way as for continuous assessment.

Grade review procedure

For each assessment activity, a time, date, and location will be set for the student to review their work with the teacher. During this review, students may raise complaints about their grade, which will be considered by the course instructors. If the student does not attend the review session, the activity will not be reviewed afterward.

Grading

The decision to award an "Honors" distinction is up to the course instructors. UAB regulations state that an Honors grade can only be awarded to students with a final grade equal to or higher than 9.00. A maximum of 5% of the enrolled students may receive this distinction.

Student misconduct, cheating, and plagiarism

Without prejudice to other disciplinary measures deemed appropriate, any irregularities committed by a student that could lead to a variation in the grade of an assessment activity will result in a grade of zero. Therefore, cheating, plagiarism, deception, or allowing others to copy in any evaluation activity will result in a zero and the activity will be non-recoverable.

If the course requires passing one of these affected activities, the entire course will be failed directly, without the opportunity for recovery during the same academic year. In this situation, the final grade recorded will be 2.

Evaluation of repeating students

There is no different evaluation system for repeating students.

Single assessment

This course does not have a single-assessment option.

The use of AI is not allowed.

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Software

No software

Groups and Languages

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(TEm) Theory (master)	1	Spanish	first semester	afternoon