

**COURSE DATA****DATA SUBJECT****Code:** 33066**Name:** Immunology**Cycle:** Undergraduate Studies**ECTS Credits:** 5**Academic year:** 2026-27**STUDY (S)**

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1100 - Degree in Biology	Facultat de Ciències Biològiques	4	Second quarter

**SUBJECT-MATTER**

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1100 - Degree in Biology	Fundamentals of health biology	ELECTIVES

**COORDINATION**

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**SUMMARY**

The subject of Immunology is located on the fourth and final year of Degree in Biology from the University of Valencia. It is an elective course that is part of the intensification Fundamentals of Health Biology (FBS), which propose introductory concepts to health and a biomedical profile to biologists. The study of immunology has been preceded by the subjects of Cell Biology I: Cell Structure, Biochemistry, Genetics, Cell Biology II: Cell and Tissue Biology, Microbiology, Animal Biology II: Animal Physiology, as well as the subjects Molecular Methods in Biology and Integrated Experiments in Biology, in which the student has developed and assimilated basic theoretical and practical knowledge for Immunology. The subject, therefore, will not develop these aspects, since they represent previously acquired knowledge, but they will be necessary for the topic.

The aim of the program of Immunology is to introduce students to the general principles of body defense. The program will develop the cellular and molecular basis of the processes of natural immunity and specific immunity, in order to understand the mechanisms of recognition, activation, maturation and immune effectors. It also delves into the immunopathological mechanisms responsible for diseases caused by alterations of the immune response. Finally, students become familiar with the main techniques used in laboratories for serological and immunological diagnostic.



## PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

### RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE

There are no specified enrollment restrictions with other subjects of the curriculum.

### OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The student must have passed 120 ECTS

## COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

### 1100 - Degree in Biology

Apreciación del rigor, el trabajo metódico, y la solidez de los resultados.

Aprendizaje autónomo y adaptación a nuevas situaciones.

Capacidad de análisis crítico de textos científicos.

Capacidad de elaborar artículos, informes o proyectos y de exponerlos a diferentes auditorios.

Capacidad de organización, planificación y gestión de la información usando bases de datos bibliográficas adecuadas.

Capacidad de resolución de problemas y toma de decisiones.

Capacidad de utilización de herramientas matemáticas y estadísticas.

Comprender los procesos moleculares que median la generación de diversidad en el repertorio de linfocitos T e inmunoglobulinas.

Conocer las bases biológicas de las disfunciones del sistema inmunitario y las estrategias para su tratamiento.

Conocer las bases moleculares, celulares e histológicas de las respuestas inmunitarias humoral y celular.

Conocer los fundamentos de los métodos experimentales con una base inmunológica.

Conocer los principales métodos y técnicas experimentales aplicadas al estudio de las enfermedades humanas, su etiología y la efectividad de los tratamientos.

Conocer y saber aplicar el método científico.

Conocimiento de bases de legislación relacionada con la Biología.

Conocimiento de las enfermedades y disfunciones más frecuentes durante las distintas etapas de la vida.

Conocimiento de sistemas de gestión en tareas profesionales en Biología sanitaria.

Habilidad para el trabajo en equipo y en contextos multidisciplinares.



- Potenciación de la capacidad de liderazgo.
- Potenciar la creatividad, iniciativa y espíritu emprendedor.
- Reflexión ética sobre la actividad profesional.
- Saber analizar datos usando herramientas estadísticas apropiadas.
- Utilización del vocabulario específico de la Biología sanitaria.

## DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

### 1. INTRODUCTION TO IMMUNOLOGY

- Item 1. Overview of immune responses.
- Item 2. Hematopoiesis and immune system cells. Organs and tissues of the immune system: anatomical basis of the immune response
- Item 3. Innate immunity. Phagocytes and their receptors.

### 2. ANTIGEN RECOGNITION

- Item 4. Antigens and antibodies. Structure of immunoglobulins. Isotypes. The B cell receptor. Generation of antibody diversity.
- Item 5. T cells and antigen receptor. Accessory molecules. Generation of diversity. Antigen-presenting molecules: the Major Histocompatibility Complex; CD1 molecules. Processing and presentation of antigens to T cells

### 3. LYMPHOCYTE MATURATION AND REGULATION

- Item 6. Differentiation of B lymphocytes
- Item 7. T cell differentiation. T cell tolerance

### 4. EFFECTOR MECHANISMS OF IMMUNE RESPONSES

- Item 8. Immune messengers: cytokines and their receptors.
- Item 9. Effector mechanisms of cell-mediated immunity. The generation of Th and Tc cell effectors. NK cells and their receptors. Macrophage activation.
- Item 10. Effector mechanisms of humoral immunity. The complement. The generation of effector B cells. Mucosal immune response.
- Item 11. The inflammatory process. Adhesion molecules and their ligands. Leukocyte trafficking.
- Item 12. Immunity against pathogens.



## 5. THE IMMUNE SYSTEM IN DISEASE

Item 13. Defects of immunity: immunodeficiency diseases. Excesses of immunity: allergy and other hypersensitivities.

Item 14. Errors of immunity: autoimmunity. Disadvantages of immunity: alloimmunity or transplant rejection.

## 6. IMMUNOLOGICAL METHODS AND APPLICATIONS OF IMMUNITY

Item 15. Fundamentals of immunological techniques. Obtaining polyclonal and monoclonal antibodies. Analysis of cell populations by flow cytometry.

## 7. Practical program

(i) Double immunodiffusion technique or Ouchterlony, qualitative or semiquantitative technique used to study population-specific antibodies and antigens in serum.

(ii) The indirect ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay) to quantify specific antibodies in serum and competitive ELISA to quantify antigens.

(iii) Quantification of phagocytic and microbicidal capacity of human blood.

## WORKLOAD

### PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Tutorials	2,00
Theory	28,00
Laboratory	20,00
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>50,00</b>

### NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	0,00
Independent study and work	62,50
Preparation of lessons	12,50
Preparation for assessment activities	0,00
Resolution of case studies	0,00
<b>Total hours</b>	<b>75,00</b>

## TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The course is divided into:



1. **Theory sessions** of one hour where the professor will expose the items of the program. These theory sessions should be preceded by the reading by students of the chapters or sections of the basic text, indicated in the Study Guides. Attendance to these sessions is **optional** for the student.

2. **Laboratory sessions** to implement the program of practical classes, after reading the booklet of practices, previously facilitated by the teacher.

Attendance to practical sessions is **mandatory** for all students and non-attendance to 20% or more of the sessions disabled students to pass that part of the course.

3. Two hours of **group tutoring** sessions focussed in resolution of pre-test questions and presenting examples of examination tests. Attendance to **group tutoring** sessions is **mandatory** for all students.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Aula Virtual is considered the official notice board and current communication between professors and students. Examination announcements, schedule changes, notification of exam results and schedules will be announced in this platform and is student's responsibility to be aware of these communications and to use and maintain the mailbox that the University provides under suitable conditions to receive the messages. Also the students in their email communications with professors must use the e-mail account of the University and no other. Messages from other sources will be ignored.

## EVALUATION

The numerical grade of knowledge and skills acquired will be set to benefit from methods that allow objective and comparable measure them with a record of results, which means qualifying written tests.

To obtain a minimum of 50 out of 100 points is necessary to approve having them distributed as follows:

**THEORY:** 80 out of 100.

- Class attendance teacher: optional

**PRACTICES:** 20 out of 100.

- Mandatory attendance: entitles examination (minimum 80% attendance)

- Practical exam: up to 20 points.

- Students in second registration (repeaters) having the minimal number of practice sessions in the previous course may, if they decide it, not to attend the lab sessions.

-To request the advancement of call, should be made practical classes of the course (as activities of compulsory attendance).



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