COURSE DATA

DATA SUBJECT

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STUDY (S)

Degree	Center	Acad. year	Period
1110 - Degree in Chemistry	Facultat de Química	1	Second quarter

SUBJECT-MATTER

Degree	Subject-matter	Character
1110 - Degree in Chemistry	Biología	BASIC

COORDINATION

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SUMMARY

Biology is a 6-ECTS-credit subject of the Chemistry Degree. It is taught in the second semester of the first year of the Degree. It is a part of the set of subjects that try to make the future graduates in Chemistry dominate and integrate the basic general knowledge of the Sciences branch.

Biology is a discipline whose objective for students of this Degree is to show that living beings are entities where chemical processes are developing, cellular interactions are progressing and responses to other organisms and the environment that surrounds them are occurring, all them from the perspective of the evolution. The intrinsic value of biodiversity makes its knowledge and conservation necessary. In addition, advances in cellular, molecular and functional aspects of organisms have allowed the development of useful applications in environmental monitoring and remediation, among others. The competences acquired through this subject constitute the basis for the students to assess the influence of human activity on nature, predispose them favorably towards environmental issues and lead them to acquire a commitment to conservation and sustainable use of natural resources.

In the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), students in this course are expected to understand and value biodiversity, as well as the mechanisms involved in its destruction and conservation (SDG6, SDG7, SDG12, SDG13, SDG14, and SDG15), and to work collaboratively in teams and multidisciplinary contexts (SDG4, SDG5, and SDG10).

PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER SUBJECTS OF THE SAME DEGREE

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

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

It is advisable that students have studied the specific subjects recommended in the degree of science bachelor.

COMPETENCES / LEARNING OUTCOMES

1108 -

Acquire a permanent sensitivity to quality, the environment, sustainable development and the prevention of occupational hazards.

Demonstrate ability to communicate information, ideas, problems and solutions to both specialist and non-specialist audiences and using information technology, as appropriate.

Demonstrate ability to work in teams both in interdisciplinary teams and in an international context.

Demonstrate a commitment to ethics, equality values and social responsibility as a citizen and as a professional.

Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of essential facts, concepts, principles and theories related to the areas of chemistry.

Demonstrate leadership and management skills, entrepreneurship, initiative, creativity, organization, planning, control, leadership, decision making and negotiation.

Demonstrate the ability to adapt to new situations.

Develop capacity for analysis, synthesis and critical thinking.

Develop sustainable and environmentally friendly methods.

Express oneself correctly, both orally and in writing, in any of the official languages of the Valencian Community.

Have basic skills in the use of information and communication technology and properly manage the information obtained.

Interpret data from observations and measurements in the laboratory in terms of their significance and the theories that underpin them.

Learn autonomously.

Recognise and evaluate chemical processes in daily life.

Relate chemistry with other disciplines.

Relate theory and experimentation.

Show inductive and deductive reasoning ability.

Show knowledge of the structure and reactivity of the main classes of biomolecules and the chemistry of the main biological processes.

Solve problems effectively.

Solve qualitative and quantitative problems following previously developed models.

Students must be able to apply their knowledge to their work or vocation in a professional manner and have acquired the competences required for the preparation and defence of arguments and for problem solving in their field of study.

Students must be able to communicate information, ideas, problems and solutions to both expert and lay audiences.

Students must have acquired knowledge and understanding in a specific field of study, on the basis of general secondary education and at a level that includes mainly knowledge drawn from advanced textbooks, but also some cutting-edge knowledge in their field of study.

Students must have developed the learning skills needed to undertake further study with a high degree of autonomy.

Students must have the ability to gather and interpret relevant data (usually in their field of study) to make judgements that take relevant social, scientific or ethical issues into consideration.

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Act autonomously in learning, making well-founded decisions in various contexts, forming judgements based on experimentation and analysis, and applying knowledge to new situations.

Collaborate effectively in work teams, assume responsibilities and leadership roles, and contribute to collective improvement and development.

Communicate effectively both orally and in writing, adapting to the context and audience.

Contribute to the design, development and implementation of solutions that respond to social demands, using the Sustainable Development Goals as a reference.

Demonstrate both inductive and deductive reasoning skills.

Demonstrate critical and self-critical thinking, considering professional ethics, moral values and social implications of the different activities carried out throughout the degree.

Demonstrate the ability to analyse, synthesise and reason critically.

Express ideas correctly, both orally and in writing, in any of the official languages of the Valencian

Community.

Identify chemical processes in everyday life.

Identify the structure and reactivity of the main classes of biomolecules and the chemistry of key biological processes.

Implement sustainable and environmentally friendly methodologies.

Propose creative and innovative solutions to complex situations or problems in the field, addressing diverse professional and social needs.

Relate chemistry to other disciplines.

Relate theory to experimentation.

Solve problems effectively.

Understand and analyse, from the perspective of the degree programme, social inequalities based on sex and gender; integrate gender-sensitive approaches into problem-solving and solution design.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

1. Introduction to Biology.

Introduction to Biology. Relationship with Chemistry. Life and its properties. Levels of biological organization. Research Methods. -omic techniques.

2. Chemical basis of Life: Biomolecules

Elements of Life: the biomolecules. Water; structure of the molecule and properties. The carbon chemistry. Structure and function of macromolecules. Carbohydrates. Lipids. Peptides and proteins. Nucleotides and nucleic acids.

3. Organization of the cells

The cell. Prokaryotic cell and Eukaryotic cell. Structure and function of cell organelles. Biological membranes.

4. Metabolism and Energy

Introduction to cellular metabolism. Characteristics of metabolic reactions. ATP and energy transfer. Fermentation. Respiration. Photosynthesis.

5. Continuity of Life: biology of the heredity, reproduction and development

Molecular bases of heredity. DNA replication and repairing. Flow of genetic information. Transcription, translation and genetic code. Recombinant DNA technology. Genomes edition. Basic principles of heredity. Mendelian genetics. Mitosis and cell cycle. Meiosis. Reproduction: definition and types. Fertilisation and ovular activation. Cell determination.

6. Biological diversity: the Tree of Life

Theories about the origin of Life. The species concept. Speciation and macroevolution. Evolution, natural selection and sexual selection. Domains and Kingdoms. Prokaryotes. Protists. Plants. Structural and functional organization of plants. Fungi. Animals. Structural and functional bauplans of animals. The internal environment and its regulation. Responses to stress. Biotechnology of organisms applied to Chemistry.

7. Organisms and Environment

Introduction to Ecology. Ecology of individuals, populations and communities. Ecosystems. Energy flows and material cycles. Conservation and restoration.

WORKLOAD

PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Hours
Tutorials	8,00

Theory	48,00
Laboratory	4,00
Total hours	**60,00**

NON PRESENCIAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	**Hours**
Attendance at other activities	0,00
Individual or group project	0,00
Independent study and work	90,00
Preparation of lessons	0,00
Preparation for assessment activities	0,00
Resolution of case studies	0,00
Total hours	**90,00**

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

Teaching methodology is based on various teaching-learning activities:

Theory sessions. Masterful exposition sessions in which the active participation of students is stimulated are the main activity. They are taught sequentially throughout the corresponding four-month period of the academic year. The thematic contents are completed with classroom activities related to question resolution, case studies, etc. The used audiovisual material may include presentations with computer programs and / or video projections and / or materials from www sources. Aula Virtual of the subject is the channel of information and distribution of teaching materials as well as of any other material of reinforcement, consultation or bibliographical guidance.

Group seminars. Groups consisting of 2-3 students will be organized to prepare a bibliographic research work about a scientific topic in the context of the subject. The professor will supervise the preparation and presentation through periodic meetings. The seminar also includes the oral presentation of the work during 15 minutes in which all the members of the group will participate. The list of groups as well as the chronogram of the written works and oral presentations will be established at the beginning of the course.

Group tutorials. Attended activities in a small group, in which concepts correlated with the theoretical matter will be established and deepened. The attainment of transversal skills such as discussion and confrontation of ideas will be encouraged. Prior to some sessions, professor can request the delivery of resolved questions and problems.

Laboratory sessions. Two practical sessions in laboratory of two hours each will be arranged. Contents will deal with key basic concepts in Biology. The students will develop the proposed activities after having read a handbook with a theoretical introduction and the protocols to follow. Each practice includes a questionnaire that the student must deliver along the course.

Complementary activities. It is recommended to attend conferences that take place in centers of the

Science Campus along the semester. Also reading and analysing scientific books and texts is another activity to consider. These and other similar activities will be voluntary work and they must have a prior agreement with the teaching staff.

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EVALUATION

The evaluation of the subject will be made taking into account the planned activities and assigning a percentage to each of them that overall will make up the final mark with a score of 10 points.

- **Theory**: A written exam with several potential options: essay questions, multiple choice test, true / false assumptions and concept relationships. The content may include theoretical issues, practical assumptions and problems. Students must adequately identify themselves to access to the exam room.

The theory exam has a value of 60% of the final mark

- **Group seminars**: This activity is part of the evaluation of the subject, but it is voluntary for all enrolled students. It is a non-recoverable activity in the second call.

The text work and the oral group presentation have a value of 10% of the final mark.

- **Group tutorials**: This activity is part of the evaluation of the subject, but it is voluntary for all enrolled students. It is a non-recoverable activity in the second call.

Attendance and active participation, and tasks completion when appropriate, have a value of 15% of the final mark.

- **Laboratory practices**: This activity is part of the evaluation of the subject, but it is voluntary for all enrolled students. It is a non-recoverable activity in the second call.

Attendance and active participation, and worksheet completion, have a value of 10% of the final mark.

- **Participation and involvement in training activities** have a value of 5% of the final mark.

Further to the participation and involvement in the teaching-learning process, in this section the student can add complementary activities (conferences, books, etc.). It is a non-recoverable activity in the second call.

A minimum qualification of 45% in the Theory section will be required to pass the subject. It will not be

necessary to pass a specific qualification in the rest of the activities such as Seminars, Tutorials, Practices and Participation.

The subject will be passed when, after adding the Theory qualification plus the qualifications of the rest of the activities, a final mark equal to or greater than 5 points is obtained.

The second course call will consist only of the theory exam, to which will be added the qualifications of the rest of activities already carried out during the same course and not recoverable in the second call. So, the qualifications of the activities, all except Theory, will be saved for the second call.

The qualification obtained in the Theory section will not be retained for subsequent academic years. The grade will only be kept for the following academic year in the case of Group Seminars, Laboratory Practice, and Group tutorials.

Final warning

Copying or plagiarism of any assignment that is part of the evaluation will make it impossible to pass the course, and the student will be subject to the appropriate disciplinary procedures.

Please note that, according to Article 13 d) of the University Student Statute (RD 1791/2010, December 30), "*it is the duty of a student to refrain from using or cooperating in fraudulent procedures in evaluation tests, in the work performed or in official University documents*".

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