## ESTRUCTURAL BIOCHEMISTRY

### SUBJECT GUIDE

#### Academic year 2016-2017

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### LECTURER(S)

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### DEGREE WITHIN WHICH THE SUBJECT IS TAUGHT

Human Nutrition and Dietetics

### TUTORSHIP

Link Departamental Web
http://farmacia.ugr.es/BBM2/index.html

### PREREQUISITES and/or RECOMMENDATIONS (if necessary)

- Have studied the subjects Biology, General Chemistry I
- Have adequate knowledge of:
  - Scientific English
  - Basic Computer skills
  - Access, search and management of scientific literature

### BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE SUBJECT PROGRAMME (ACCORDING TO THE DEGREE)

- Structure of biomolecules, enzymology, membranes, cell signaling.
- Molecular Biology

### GENERAL AND PARTICULAR ABILITIES

- CE.1 Recognize and apply the fundamentals physical, chemical, biochemical, biological, physiological, mathematics and statistics necessary for the understanding and development of science and food technology

### OBJECTIVES (EXPRESSED IN TERMS OF EXPECTED RESULTS OF THE TEACHING PROGRAMME)
At the end of this course the student is expected to be able to:

- Understand the essential facts, concepts, principles and basic theories of Biochemistry.
- Apply this knowledge to the resolution of issues and problems related to Biochemistry.
- Understanding the relationship between structure and function of biomolecules and the general structure of proteins and their biological functions.
- Knowing the structure of biological membranes and their selective permeability feature. Understand their role in signal transduction into the cell.
- Learning the structure of genetic material and mechanisms of perpetuation and expression of the genome.
- Knowing what the major metabolic pathways that occur in the human.

## DETAILED SUBJECT SYLLABUS

### THEORETICAL PROGRAM

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<td>Lipids. Simple lipids. Complex lipids. Isoprenoid compounds. Sterols</td>
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<td>Liposoluble vitamins. Vitamins A, D, E and K.</td>
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<td>Chemical organization of biological membranes. Transport mechanisms through membranes.</td>
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<td>Communication between cells and tissues. Extracellular chemical messengers, hormones, neurotransmitters, growth factors and differentiation, cytokines and eicosanoids.</td>
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<td>Structure of nucleic acids. Denaturation and renaturation of nucleic acids. DNA supercoiling. Genetic organization.</td>
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<td>Regulation of gene expression in prokaryotes and eukaryotes. Levels of regulation of gene expression. Regulation of transcription. Regulation of processing pre-mRNAs. Regulation of mRNA degradation. Regulating the biosynthesis of the polypeptide chain. Epigenetics.</td>
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LABORATORY SESSIONS
1. Preparation of chromosomal DNA. Plasmid DNA purification. DNA electrophoresis.
2. Study of acetylcholinesterase activity. Location tissue. Effect of enzyme concentration on enzymatic activity
3. Determination of kinetic parameters of acetylcholinesterase
4. Colorimetric determination of protein. Lowry and Bradford methods

READING
FUNDAMENTAL READING:

COMPLEMENTARY READING:

RECOMMENDED INTERNET LINKS
http://www.biorom.uma.es/indices/index.html
http://expasy.org/cgi-bin/show_thumbnails.pl
http://www.genome.jp/kegg/pathway.html

EVALUATION (EVALUATION TOOLS, EVALUATION CRITERIA, PERCENTAGE ON FINAL MARKS ETC.)
According to the Reglament for evaluation and assessment of students at the University of Granada, (May 20, 2013) students will be evaluated in a continuous system except for specifically statement made by the student. In this case, a single final exam will be held.

CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT
It is based on the assessment of the student’s work throughout the course and assesses the active participation in lectures.
and practical realization of proposed activities, seminars, tutorials, etc. The greatest percentage in evaluation lies on written examinations.

**THEORY**
Two similar written tests, one at mid-semester and one at the end of the semester will take place. Students who do not pass the first test will have the opportunity of repeating it at end semester. All exams will be composed, partly, by multiple choice questions on basic contents of the subject and, partly, by various more specific questions by which synthesis capabilities and general comprehension of the subject by the student, will be assessed. The student must show abilities and capabilities in relating the different metabolic pathways studied. To pass the subject it is necessary to obtain a minimum score of 5 points on 10, having sufficiently answered issues in both parts, which means reaching in each part a minimum score of 40%.

**PRACTICE**
Immediately after the completion of the internship, students will perform a written examination to demonstrate the achievement of the objectives. In case of not succeeding, the student will be called for a new examination. A final exam will take place at end semester.

**To pass the course essential requirements will be:**
1. To complete the practice in the lab, successfully passing the exam. In case of a student not performing lab practices a theoretical and practical examination is needed to be passed in the laboratory.
2. Succeed both written examinations, either at the time or at the end semester.
3. Relative percentage in the final grade for the different sections, will be:
   - Practice: 10%; First exam: 45%; Second exam: 45%

**FINAL EVALUATION EXCLUSIVELY**
Students who have made the choice for this system and been admitted into it, during the first two weeks of semester, will have to pass a similar exam to continuous evaluation (90% of score) and a practical exam (10% of score).

**Additional Information**
Additional information can be found on the website of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology II:
[http://farmacia.ugr.es/BBM2/](http://farmacia.ugr.es/BBM2/)