

COURSE DESCRIPTION

COURSE DETAILS

Title (of the course): **ENZIMOLOGÍA**

Code: 638016

Degree/Master: **GRADO EN BIOTECNOLOGÍA**

Year: 2

Field: ENZIMOLOGÍA

Character: OBLIGATORIA

Duration: FIRST TERM

ECTS Credits: 6.0

Classroom hours: 60

Face-to-face classroom percentage: 40.0%

Study hours: 90

Online platform: <https://moodle.uco.es/m2021/>

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PREREQUISITES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Prerequisites established in the study plan

English level B1.

Recommendations

Knowledge in thermodynamics and kinetics of chemical reactions, chemical functional groups, reactivity and types of reactions.

Handling simple algebraic equations, integrals and derivatives. Statistical analysis.

This knowledge is taught in Physics-Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Mathematics and other subjects of the first year.

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INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES

CB2	es
CB5	es
CG1	es
CG4	es
CG7	es
CG8	es
CE1	es
CE4	es
CE11	es
CE15	es
CE17	es
CE20	es

OBJECTIVES

The development of the capacities related to the skills established for the course.

Acquire knowledge in the field of Enzymology, current status and advances. Special emphasis will be placed on the biotechnological application of enzymes in the medical, agroforestry, agri-food and industrial sectors. Specifically we will refer to understand and learn the basic principles of the Enzymology as a science, its historical evolution, current state and future direction and challenges. Emphasis will be put on both practical and theoretical aspects. From the study of the enzymes it is pretended to deep into the knowledge of the living organisms, to understand the cell metabolism, how it does work, is integrated and regulated. Also how to exploit its biotechnological potential in the biomedicine, agrifood and analytical fields. Enzymology is a complex discipline whose body of knowledge results from an integration of mathematics, physics, chemistry, and biology, hence giving an integrated view of the biochemistry. The course is organized in lectures, lab experiments and practical sessions in which questions and exercises will be proposed and solved. From the basic principles developed during the lectures the student should be able to prepare a writing manuscript, present, defend and discuss it critically. At the end of the course he/she should be familiarized with the current literature in the field, the employed scientific terminology, to design an experiment on enzymes, to interpret the experimental results and also to know why and how the enzymes can be used in disease diagnosis and treatments, in food quality improvement and for analytical purposes, just as a few examples. It is pretended not only to present a classical view of the discipline but also a modern one, trying to conect it to molecular biology, -omics approaches, and systems biology. It can be done through the attendance of the lectures and the reading of general text books, but, more importantly, of classical historical papers, the Nobel Prize lectures, and the most recent ones appearing in relevant journals such as Nature and Science. The use of the modern informatic and bioinformatic tools, databases and specialized web pages is also included as an important objective.

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CONTENT

1. Theory contents

INTRODUCTION. Enzymes as catalysts. History of Enzymology. Enzyme biotechnology. Nomenclature and classification of enzymes.

ENZYME INVESTIGATION. Methods and techniques. Experimental design. Extraction of enzymes. Enzyme activity assays. Enzyme purification and structural and kinetic characterization. Enzyme immobilization. Enzymology in the Molecular Biology and -omics era. In silico analysis, algorithms and databases.

STRUCTURAL ENZYMOLOGY. Simple and conjugated enzymes. Apoenzyme, coenzymes, and prosthetic groups. Structure and enzyme function relationship. Enzyme evolution. Active and ligand centres. The active site.

ENZYME CATALYSIS. The mechanisms of enzyme action.

RIBOZYMES and SYNTHETIC ENZYMES. Catalytic RNA. Abzymes. Sinzymes. Enzyme engineering.

ENZYME KINETICS, MODELS AND LAWS. Single-substrate reactions. Michaelis-Menten theory. Steady-state theory. Determination of kinetic parameters. Kinetic mechanisms and models.

EFFECT OF PHYSICO-CHEMICAL PARAMETERS ON ENZYME ACTIVITY. Effect of pH. Effect of temperature. Effect of ionic strength. Enzyme activity in hydrophobic solvents.

MODULATORS OF ENZYME ACTIVITY. Enzyme inhibitors. Inactivators. Reversible inhibitors. Pseudoirreversible inhibitors. Suicide substrates. Substrate and product inhibition. Enzyme activators. Metal activation.

REACTIONS INVOLVING TWO OR MORE SUBSTRATES. Mechanisms and models. Reaction rate equations.

ENZYME CONTROL AND REGULATION. Enzymes and metabolic control. Conformational mechanisms, allosterism. Covalent modification. Protein synthesis and degradation. Protein complexes.

ENZYME BIOTECHNOLOGY. Enzymes in biomedicine, agrifood, and forestry sectors. Industrial enzymes. Enzymes in analysis.

2. Practical contents

CLASSROOM PRACTICES

Search for information on enzymes. Scientific literature. Portals and databases on enzymes.

How to prepare and write a scientific manuscript. How to present and discuss it.

Exercises on enzyme classification and nomenclature.

Exercises and problems on enzyme kinetics.

LAB PRACTICES

Invertase as a model enzyme. Chemical and enzymatic assays used to determine invertase activity.

Inhibition of invertase

Invertase immobilization in alginate gels. The effect of temperature on the activity of the immobilized enzyme.

Invertase reactors for the production of sugar inverted syrups from sucrose.

The use of mathematics, statistics, and bioinformatic tools in the treatment of the experimental data.

Presentation and discussion of the results.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS RELATED TO THE CONTENT

No poverty

Zero hunger

Good health and well-being

Quality education

Gender equality

Clean water and sanitation

Affordable and clean energy

Decent work and economic growth

Industry, innovation and infrastructure



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Reduced inequalities
Sustainable cities and communities
Responsible consumption and production
Climate action
Life below water
Life on land
Peace, justice and strong institutions
Partnerships for the goals

METHODOLOGY

General clarifications on the methodology (optional)

Assessment activities includes class questions and weekly exercises (problems)
Case studies includes the weekly reading of nature and Science journals
Bibliographic consultations includes the preparation of oral (seminar) and written work.
Seminars will be presented by the students themselves.

Methodological adaptations for part-time students and students with disabilities and special educational needs

The methodological strategies and evaluation system contemplated in this Guide will be adapted according to the needs presented by students with disabilities and special educational needs in the cases that are required.
For part-time students it is mandatory to assist to the "Lab practices"

Face-to-face activities

Activity	Large group	Medium group	Total
<i>Assessment activities</i>	2	2	4
<i>Case study</i>	-	8	8
<i>Lab practice</i>	-	14	14
<i>Lectures</i>	20	-	20
<i>Seminar</i>	11	3	14
Total hours:	33	27	60

Off-site activities

Activity	Total
<i>Exercises</i>	20
<i>Information search</i>	15
<i>Reference search</i>	15
<i>Self-study</i>	40

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Activity	Total
<i>Total hours</i>	<i>90</i>

WORK MATERIALS FOR STUDENTS

Coursebook
Exercises and activities
Oral presentations
References

EVALUATION

Intended learning	Case Studies	Document Analysis	Exams	Laboratory Practice	Oral Presentation
CB2	X	X	X	X	X
CB5	X	X	X	X	X
CE1	X		X	X	
CE11	X		X	X	
CE15				X	
CE17	X	X		X	X
CE20	X				X
CE4	X	X	X	X	
CG1	X		X	X	X
CG4	X	X	X	X	X
CG7	X	X			X
CG8	X	X			X
Total (100%)	25%	10%	25%	20%	20%
Minimum grade	5	5	5	5	5

(*)Minimum mark (out of 10) needed for the assessment tool to be weighted in the course final mark. In any case, final mark must be 5,0 or higher to pass the course.

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Attendance will be assessed?:

No

General clarifications on instruments for evaluation:

Exams: it includes class questions and weekly exercises.

Document analysis includes written works on relevant articles published in Nature and Science

Oral presentation corresponds to the seminars prepared and presented by the students

Case studies includes the written work on an enzyme and on the contents of the lectures.

All scores obtained in each evaluation activity will keep throughout the course. The score of the laboratory practices approved in previous courses will be respected.

Clarifications on the methodology for part-time students and students with disabilities and special educational needs:

These students may be evaluated with the same assessment tools as full-time students. Alternatively, they can be evaluated through a final exam. In this case, the final grade will be: Exam: 60%, Internship report: 20% and Seminar: 20%.

Clarifications on the evaluation of the extraordinary call and extra-ordinary call for completion studies:

The final grade will be: Exam: 60%, Internship report: 20% and Seminar: 20%.

Qualifying criteria for obtaining honors:

The grade is equal to or higher than 9.0. The number of MH that may be awarded must be in accordance with the conditions indicated in article 80.3 of the Academic Regulations of the UCO.

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2. Further reading

It will be provided to the students along the semester

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COORDINATION CRITERIA

Joint activities: lectures, seminars, visits ...

Tasks performance

SCHEDULE

Period	Assessment activities	Case study	Lab practice	Lectures	Seminar
1# Fortnight	1,0	2,0	0,0	4,0	0,0
2# Fortnight	1,0	2,0	0,0	4,0	0,0
3# Fortnight	1,0	0,0	5,0	4,0	0,0
4# Fortnight	1,0	0,0	5,0	4,0	0,0
5# Fortnight	0,0	0,0	4,0	4,0	0,0
6# Fortnight	0,0	2,0	0,0	0,0	7,0
7# Fortnight	0,0	2,0	0,0	0,0	7,0
Total hours:	4,0	8,0	14,0	20,0	14,0

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