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FACULTAD DE CIENCIAS
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ENZIMOLOGÍA



Course details

Course name: ENZIMOLOGÍA**Code:** 101846**Degree/Master:** GRADO DE BIOQUÍMICA**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/>

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Brief description of the contents

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

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.

Prerequisites

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.

Study programme

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.

Bibliography

1. Basic bibliography

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DIXON M, WEBB EC. 1979. Enzymes. Longman, New York.

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2. Complementary bibliography

It will be provided to students throughout the term.

Methodology

General clarifications on the methodology (optional)

The methodology used follows a continuous assessment model.

- **Projects based on the course contents** refer to the lectures given by the teaching staff.
- **Information processing activities** refer to the daily questions and weekly exercises proposed by the teacher and which have to be solved by the student. They also refer to the weekly presentation by the students of enzymatic articles published in high impact journals (Nature, Science).
- **Oral communication activities** refer to the oral presentation of a topical or interesting subject.
- **Written expression activities** refer to a written work on an enzyme.

In relation to the development and evaluation of the subject, the lecturer may implement special measures in a justified and motivated manner, especially with regard to the evaluation of students, including the possible non-approval of the subject, in cases of exceptional situations such as plagiarism, use of fraudulent methods in assignments or exams, as well as other circumstances that may affect the principle of proportionality, such as repeated absences or any violation of the basic rules of coexistence established in the Coexistence Regulations of the University of Cordoba (approved by the Governing Council on 1 July 2016).

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>Information processing activities</i>	5	8	13
<i>Oral communication activities</i>	3	5	8
<i>Practical experimentation activities</i>	-	14	14
<i>Projects based on the course contents</i>	20	-	20
<i>Written expression activities</i>	5	-	5
Total hours:	33	27	60

Off-site activities

Activity	Total
<i>Exercise and problem solving activities</i>	20
<i>Information processing activities</i>	50
<i>Information search activities</i>	20
Total hours	90

Results of the training and learning process

Knowledge, competencies and skills

- CB7 Capable of using basic IT tools for communication, research, and data processing in professional life.
- CB1 Capable of thinking critically and being self-critical.
- CB4 Possess the capacity to learn andPossess the capacity to learn and work independently.
- CB8 Be able to read scientific texts in English.
- CE3 Understand the basic principles that determine molecular structure and the chemical reactivation of simple biomolecules.
- CE5 Understand the chemical principles and thermodynamics of molecular recognition and of biocatalysis, as well as the roll of enzymes and other proteins in determining the working of cells and organisms.
- CE17 Know the methodological principles for the testing of biological activity of cellular components, especially of enzymes, both in vitro and in vivo.

- CE21 Possess the quantitative ability for work in a biochemical laboratory, including the capacity to prepare reagents for experiments in an precise and reproducible manner.
- CE23 Know how to apply experimental protocols in laboratories in the area of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.
- CE24 Possess the mathematical, statistical and IT abilities to obtain, analyse and interpret data, and to understand simple models of biological systems and processes at a molecular and cellular level.

Assessment methods and instruments

Intended learning outcomes	Examination	Group or individual globalizing projects	Means of practical execution	Oral means	Students assignments
CB1	X	X		X	
CB4	X	X	X	X	X
CB7		X	X	X	X
CB8		X		X	X
CE17	X		X	X	X
CE21			X		
CE23			X		
CE24		X	X		X
CE3	X	X	X	X	X
CE5	X	X			X
Total (100%)	25%	15%	20%	15%	25%
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.

General clarifications on instruments for evaluation:

The examinations include class questions (25%).

Under the means of practical execution, laboratory practicals and the submission of the practical report are included (20%).

Oral means include the oral presentation of a topic (15%).

Under the student assignments, the results of the bibliographic research and weekly exercises are included (25%).

Group or individual globalizing projects means the written work on an enzyme (15%).

All the marks obtained in the different assessment instruments will be maintained for all the course examinations. The marks obtained in previous years 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.

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

The final grade will be: examination: 25%, means of practical execution: 20%, oral means: 15%, students assignments: 25%, and group or individual globalizing projects: 15%.

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.

Sustainable development goals

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

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

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The methodological strategies and the evaluation system contemplated in this Teaching Guide will respond to the principles of equality and non-discrimination and must be adapted according to the needs presented by students with disabilities and special educational needs in the cases that are required. Students must be informed of the risks and measures that affect them, especially those that may have serious or very serious consequences (article 6 of the Safety, Health and Welfare Policy; BOUCO 23-02-23).
