



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PALERMO

DEPARTMENT	Scienze e Tecnologie Biologiche, Chimiche e Farmaceutiche		
ACADEMIC YEAR	2017/2018		
MASTER'S DEGREE (MSC)	MOLECULAR AND HEALTH BIOLOGY		
INTEGRATED COURSE	MOLECULAR GENETICS AND GENETIC AND CYTOGENETIC METHODOLOGIES - INTEGRATED COURSE		
CODE	16480		
MODULES	Yes		
NUMBER OF MODULES	2		
SCIENTIFIC SECTOR(S)	BIO/18		
HEAD PROFESSOR(S)	DI LEONARDO ALDO	Professore Associato	Univ. di PALERMO
OTHER PROFESSOR(S)	LENTINI LAURA	Professore Associato	Univ. di PALERMO
	DI LEONARDO ALDO	Professore Associato	Univ. di PALERMO
CREDITS	12		
PROPAEDEUTICAL SUBJECTS			
MUTUALIZATION			
YEAR	1		
TERM (SEMESTER)	2° semester		
ATTENDANCE	Mandatory		
EVALUATION	Out of 30		
TEACHER OFFICE HOURS	<p>DI LEONARDO ALDO Friday 14:30 16:00 Studio docente, dipartimento STEBICEF, viale delle Scienze, Ed.16 piano -1</p> <p>LENTINI LAURA Thursday 15:00 17:00 Sede del Consorzio Universitario, corso Vittorio Emanuele, 92, 93100 Caltanissetta</p> <p>Friday 11:00 13:00 Studio docente e Aula Microsoft Teams Dip. STEBICEF, viale delle Scienze, Ed.16 , piano -1.</p>		

DOCENTE: Prof. ALDO DI LEONARDO

PREREQUISITES	Basic knowledge of Genetics.
LEARNING OUTCOMES	<p>Knowledge and understanding: acquisition of terminologies and methodological elements at the base of molecular genetic approaches for the subsequent understanding of cellular pathways under genetic control.</p> <p>Ability to apply knowledge and understanding: to be able to understand the "rationale" of molecular genetics experiments. Ability to collect, interpret and process, scientific data derived from the study of scientific papers that use their own methods of molecular genetics. Problem solving abilities.</p> <p>Making judgments: to be able to integrate knowledge of the experimental data and synthesis presented in scientific papers.</p> <p>Communication skills: to be able to work in a team, ability to present scientific arguments and their conclusion orally and in writing to specialist and non-specialist audiences.</p> <p>Learning skills: ability to learn autonomously the technical and methodological approach in molecular genetic research by making use of their knowledge or of scientific sources.</p>
ASSESSMENT METHODS	<p>The evaluation will be made by a final oral exam, intermediate quiz and group seminars. The final will be comprehensive and will cover material from the entire course. The assessment will take into account the level of knowledge of the topics treated during the course and skills reasoning demonstrated during the examination.</p> <p>In detail:</p> <p>Insufficient- the student does not possess the basic knowledge of Genetics' topics.</p> <p>18-21- limited knowledge of basic subjects associated with fragmentary and incomplete exposure.</p> <p>22-25- mastery of only basic issues associated with discrete scientific language abilities.</p> <p>26-29- more than good grasp of the topics covered in the course, full of scientific language</p> <p>30-30 cum laude- excellent mastery and ability to present the arguments of both modules (1&2), demonstrating excellent reasoning skills, good mastery of scientific language.</p>
TEACHING METHODS	Class lectures on all topics of the course.

**MODULE
GENETIC AND CYTOGENETIC METHODOLOGIES**

Prof. ALDO DI LEONARDO

SUGGESTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

During the course students will be provided with PowerPoint presentation regarding the topics treated and with PDF files of the correlate scientific articles.

AMBIT	20879-Attività formative affini o integrative
INDIVIDUAL STUDY (Hrs)	102
COURSE ACTIVITY (Hrs)	48

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES OF THE MODULE

This module is aimed to provide the knowledge of scientific methods/tools underlying the research in cancer molecular genetics. The course will consist of Landmark publications in a variety of model organism systems dealing with the molecular dissection of the spindle assembly checkpoint to understand the rationale and the conclusions. In addition the use of genomic screens, siRNA approaches and molecular cytogenetics tools will be addressed.

SYLLABUS

Hrs	Frontal teaching
12	Evidences of aneuploidy as an oncogenic or as a tumor suppressor factor. Aneuploidy tolerance. proteotoxic stress as a consequence of aneuploidy. Models
16	Molecular dissection of the checkpoints working in mitosis. Defects of genes of the spindle assembly checkpoint (SAC) and aneuploidy.
16	Methods to study mutations of SAC genes and chromosomal instability. Alterations of centromeric proteins (CENPs) and chromosomal instability. The kinetochore assembly alterations and chromosomal instability. Models to explain aneuploidy occurrence. epigenetics and aneuploidy
4	Molecular Cytogenetics techniques : FISH, Chromosome painting, multicolor FISH, SKY, Comparative Genomic Hybridization; CGH array.

**MODULE
MOLECULAR GENETICS**

Prof.ssa LAURA LENTINI

SUGGESTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Tom Strachan & Andrew Read: *Genetica molecolare umana*, Zanichelli 2012.
Durante il corso vengono forniti agli studenti i necessari strumenti per lo studio della disciplina; in particolare vengono fornite dal docente le presentazioni in Power Point, files multimediali e articoli scientifici pdf.

AMBIT	50507-Discipline del settore biomolecolare
INDIVIDUAL STUDY (Hrs)	102
COURSE ACTIVITY (Hrs)	48

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES OF THE MODULE

The modules will focus on recent advances in Genomics and cancer molecular genetics. Specifically they will be addressed genetic factors with respect to altered genes and cellular pathways that control correct cell proliferation. Reading material is taken from the primary literature.

SYLLABUS

Hrs	Frontal teaching
4	Analysis of the structure of genes, chromosomes and genomes. Gene function in the post-genomic Era.
10	-Genetics in the post-genomic Era: Structural, comparative and functional genomics (transcriptome and proteome). -Two channels microarray and gene-chips for genomic analysis. Interpretation of microarray data. CGH array. -Organization of the human genome: gene structure, genomic polymorphisms: SNPs, RFLP, VNTR, STRs. Haplotype. -Pharmacogenomics.
4	-The cell cycle regulation and analysis of the cell cycle checkpoints. Role of pRB and TP53 tumor suppressors in genomic instability. Viral oncoproteins of DNA viruses (E6-E7; E1A-E1B; LargeTag) their cellular targets and checkpoints.
2	-The ATM gene, CHK1 CHK2 effectors and their function in the cell cycle checkpoints.
4	Role of cyclin-dependent kinases inhibitors (CDKIs) p21 and p16. The ARF locus. Relationship between ARF and MDM2. The pathway: E2F1, p14 / 19ARF.
10	-Genetics and genomics of cancer: The origin of cancer: mutations in oncogenes (activation) / tumor suppressor genes. -Carcinogenesis and tumor progression models (retinoblastoma, colorectal, head / neck). Cancer stem cells.
4	-Hippo pathway: LATS1 / 2 genes, the role of the Hippo protein pathway in response to anti-mitotic drugs (coactivator TAZ) (experiments).
8	Human genetic diseases models: cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy, Huntington's chorea. Gene therapy
2	Gene Therapy