



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PALERMO

DEPARTMENT	Biomedicina, Neuroscienze e Diagnostica avanzata		
ACADEMIC YEAR	2017/2018		
MASTER'S DEGREE (MSC)	MEDICINE AND SURGERY		
INTEGRATED COURSE	BIOLOGY AND GENETICS - INTEGRATED COURSE		
CODE	01617		
MODULES	Yes		
NUMBER OF MODULES	2		
SCIENTIFIC SECTOR(S)	BIO/13		
HEAD PROFESSOR(S)	CONIGLIARO ALICE Professore Associato Univ. di PALERMO GRIMAUDDO STEFANIA Professore Associato Univ. di PALERMO ALESSANDRO Professore Ordinario Univ. di PALERMO RICCARDO		
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CREDITS	10		
PROPAEDEUTICAL SUBJECTS			
MUTUALIZATION			
YEAR	1		
TERM (SEMESTER)	2° semester		
ATTENDANCE	Mandatory		
EVALUATION	Out of 30		
TEACHER OFFICE HOURS	ALESSANDRO RICCARDO Monday 15:00 18:00 Via Divisi 83 Friday 15:00 18:00 Via Divisi 83 CONIGLIARO ALICE Monday 15:00 18:00 Sezione di Biologia e Genetica del Dipartimento BiND in via Divisi 83, oppure attraverso la piattaforma TEAMS. A causa di possibili impegni istituzionali o riunioni di lavoro potrebbe non essere possibile ricevere gli studenti nel giorno e alle ore indicate, pertanto sarebbe preferibile fissare un appuntamento tramite e-mail. DI BELLA MARIA ANTONIETTA Tuesday 16:00 18:00 Dip. Biomedicina, Neuroscienze e Diagnostica avanzata - Sezione di Biologia e Genetica Via Divisi, 83 90133 Palermo FONTANA SIMONA Thursday 15:30 16:30 Dipartimento di Biomedicina, Neuroscienze e Diagnostica avanzata, Sezione di Biologia e Genetica - Via Divisi, 83. A causa di possibili altri impegni istituzionali o riunioni di lavoro potrebbe non essere possibile ricevere gli studenti nel giorno e alle ore indicate. Per questo è preferibile comunque fissare un appuntamento via e-mail. GRIMAUDDO STEFANIA Monday 10:00 12:00 Studio docente Piazza delle Cliniche, 2, piano -1. Dipartimento PROMISE previo appuntamento MAIL		

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	Thursday	15:00 17:00	BIND, sez. Biologia e Genetica, Via DIVISI 83, PalermoOltre all'orario di ricevimento, sono disponibile anche gli altri giorni previo appuntamento via e-mail.

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LEARNING OUTCOMES	<p>Knowledge and understanding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Acquisition of the specific language of Biology and Genetics topics;- to Know and understand the basic biological processes of living organisms and the way in which hereditary characteristics are transmitted to the offsprings;- to know and understand the genetic basis of the most common human diseases or those diseases with an high incidence in the territory. <p>Applying knowledge and understanding</p> <p>Ability to distinguish, organize and implement, in a independent way:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the knowledge of basic biological processes of cells and organisms;- The laws which regulate the transmission of hereditary characteristics in living species;- The main methods of cell biology and molecular genetics. <p>Making judgments</p> <p>Being able to evaluate and integrate, in an autonomous manner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The acquired knowledge in biology and genetics in the study of organisms and in particular man;-the consequences of the alterations of biological processes on human diseases. <p>Communication skills</p> <p>Ability to communicate and explain, in a simple way, even to a non-expert public, the biological and genetic processes.</p> <p>Learning ability</p> <p>Ability to properly use the scientific literature for a continuous update of knowledge in the biomedical field.</p> <p>Ability to learn and follow appropriately, using the knowledge acquired in the course, the subsequent teaching courses of the curriculum for the final degree in Medicine and Surgery.</p>
ASSESSMENT METHODS	<p>There will be two tests: an ongoing evaluation constituted by 6 open questions and an oral examination at the end of the course.</p> <p>Objective of the ongoing evaluation of the duration of 90 minutes and to verify the possession of disciplinary skills and knowledge gained after conducting more than a third of the program. The questions tend to verify a) the knowledge gained, and b) the ability of elaborative and synthesis skills. As for the assessment of knowledge, it will be required the ability to contextualize the topic within a specific cellular process illustrating the properties and characteristics of the molecule and / or biological activity.</p> <p>As for the verification of the elaborative abilities, it will be evaluated the ability to extrapolate the minimum details of the process in a clear and concise manner and the understanding of their implications for the topic. Each question will receive a score from 0 to IV with IV the highest score and 0 the lowest score. The evaluation scheme is the following:</p> <p>0 - insufficient knowledge of the contents required by the specific question or the student does not answer;</p> <p>I 18-20 vote; minimum basic knowledge of the subject requested and poor elaborative capacity;</p> <p>II vote 21-24; just enough knowledge of the subject, and limited language abilities;</p> <p>III 25-27 vote good knowledge of the issues and good language abilities; the student is able to correlate the different topics which has studied</p> <p>IV 28-30 vote more than good acquisition of the course content and excellent language abilities and synthesis abilities</p> <p>The oral test consists of a conversation usually lasting 20-30 minutes in order to check the knowledge of the topics of the course related to the remaining two thirds of the program. The final Evaluation will also consider the assessment reached in the ongoing evaluation.</p> <p>Final vote will be expressed according the following scheme:</p> <p>Final vote will be expressed according the following scheme:</p> <p>30-30 e Lode: A-A+ Excellent</p> <p>27-29: B Very good</p> <p>24-26: C Good</p> <p>21-23: D Satisfactory</p> <p>18-20: E Sufficient</p> <p>1-17: F Fail</p>

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INDIVIDUAL STUDY (Hrs)	90
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COURSE ACTIVITY (Hrs)	60
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EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES OF THE MODULE

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Distinguish viruses, prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells;
Analyze and compare the flow of the genetic information in the virus, in haploid organisms and in diploid organisms.
Interpret the mechanisms of gene expression in prokaryotes and eukaryotes;
Interpret the mechanisms of cellular interactions, gene regulation, cell differentiation and "planning" of development.
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SYLLABUS

Hrs	Frontal teaching
4	Scientific Method The cellular Theory; Classification of organisms; Notes on Evolution of species; The Prokariotic and Eukariotic Cell; The main classes of biological macromolecules
2	Cytomembranes, organization and functional examples.
6	The genetic material, experimental identification and genetic value of nucleic acids. Composition and structure of nucleic acids; DNA replication.
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4	Embryonic development and cell differentiation, nuclear totipotency and Cloning; Devolpment models development and homeotic genes. Stem cells
3	Eukaryotic genome, Chromosomes; nuclear and mitochondrial DNA; Genes and amount 'of DNA, repeated sequences; Gene families;

MODULE GENETICS

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To identify the patterns of inheritance of genetic traits from organism to organism and to calculate the probability for each scenario.

To compare the different modes of inheritance of genetic characters .

To identify the modes of inheritance of human traits and disorders and to distinguish the effects that occur on the phenotype during development, and by a combination gene-environment.

To understand the practical clinical applications of genetic testing and to select the approaches of analyzing mutations and studying the molecular basis of genetic diseases.

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Hrs	Frontal teaching
2	Fundamental genetic proprieties of Viruses, and Prokaryotes; The organization of the prokaryotic genome.
9	Genetic variations and Mutations. Principles of genetic variations; Crossing-over and meiosis as source of recombination. Mutations in Somatic and germ line cells; Point mutations and DNA polymorphism. Some mechanisms source of mutations and DNA repair. DNA damage and correlations with cancer, aging and disease development. Chromosome abnormalities, Aneuploidies and their origins.
4	Principles of DNA technologies; Restriction Endonucleases; Vector molecules; DNA cloning and cDNA; the uses of genomic library and cDNA library; Polymerase Chain Reaction; Analysis of DNA polymorphism , the use of DNA polymorphism in prenatal genetic testing and legal medicine
6	Classical principles of genetics, human genetics; Genotype and Phenotype; Diploidy and sexual reproduction; Mendel's laws; Dominant and recessive phenotypes; Codominant phenotypes; Linkage of alleles
10	Examples of human genetic traits; Inborn errors of metabolism; Comparison between monogenic and polygenic traits; Complex and multifactorial characters, environmental factors; Locus heterogeneity, allelic heterogeneity; Matrilineal hereditary; Genetic and Hereditary diseases; Multiple alleles and Epistasis Variable expression of phenotypes and penetrance; Genomic Imprinting and epigenetic mechanisms; Principles of population genetics
4	Sex determination in animals and humans; X-Linked recessive inheritance in Drosophila and in humans; X-chromosome inactivation and gene dosage; Y-linked inheritance
5	Standard cytogenetic karyotyping; Chromosome banding methods and chromosome FISH; Human chromosome nomenclature; Pedigrees: graphical representation and analysis; Counseling and risk assessment; prenatal diagnosis; clinical application of genetic testing to identify molecular basis of diseases and forensic genetics;

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9	Variability and mutation, molecular mechanism and biological relevance, meiosis as a genetic mixer. Somatic and germinal mutations. DNA polymorphisms and mutations. Mechanisms of Mutations onset, DNA repair, relation with human pathologies, cell aging and cancer. Chromosome and genomic mutations, cause of occurrence.
5	Methods of gene analysis, restriction endonucleases, vectors for cloning and expression, cDNA synthesis and cloning, usage of genomic and expression libraries, polymerase chain reaction, analysis of DNA polymorphisms and its usage in prenatal diagnosis and forensic medicine
6	Formal and human genetics, genotype and phenotype, diploidy and sex, Mendel and his experiments, intermediate heredity, recessive and dominant, linkage
8	Examples of genetic transmission in humans. genotype-phenotype relationship. Analysis of mono and polygenic traits. hereditary enzymatic deficiencies, co-dominant phenotype, multi-loci heterogeneity, allelic heterogeneity, cytoplasmatic heterogeneity, quantitative traits, and multifactorial traits, multiple alleles, epistasis, variability in genetic expression, expressivity, penetrance, role of environment and its incidence, background of population genetics, Imprinting and epigenetic heredity.
5	Genetic basis of sex, sex determination in animal species, X- and traits in Drosophila and in humans, gene dosage and Lyonization, Y-linked traits in humans
5	Human karyotype, chromosome banding, Methods of in situ hybridization (FISH), international representation of karyotype, genotype representation, genealogical trees, genetic counseling and prenatal diagnosis, probability in human genetics, applications of genetics in medicine, molecular methods for diagnosis of genetic diseases, forensic examples

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