370522 - MICRO - General and Ocular Microbiology

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Degree: BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN OPTICS AND OPTOMETRY (Syllabus 2009). (Teaching unit Compulsory)
ECTS credits: 6  
Teaching languages: Catalan

Teaching staff

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Degree competences to which the subject contributes

Specific:
1.0.1. Prevent problems with visual health
0.9. Being able to perform literature searches.

Generical:
T4.0.1. Analyze and relate the knowledge and acquired skills.
T3. Teamwork
T4.2.3. Working with evidence, methodology and rigour.
T3.2.1. Define the general objectives and to carry out a specific group
T2.2.1. Synthesize and organize information to convey it effectively orally and / or written
T2.1.1. Extract the main points of a text or any source of information (oral or written)
T3.1.1. Develop methods to encourage teamwork participation of its members, critical thinking, mutual respect, the ability to negotiate to achieve common goals
T4.1.1. Assessing the acquisition of the course objectives.

Teaching methodology

Lectures - Lectures will be explanations according to the school schedule and the official timetable. The last part of the course (microorganisms of eye disorders) will be through tutored work. Each group (3-4 students) must make a presentation in class for 15-20 min. explaining the topic assigned. The material should be presented preferably using one of the programs available for presentations (PowerPoint or similar). Once the lectures has finished the student must submit the presentation, the annexes with the bibliography and a summary with a maximum of three pages that will be evaluated.

Laboratory - The practices were designed to reinforce learned concepts during lectures, especially the concept of disinfection, transmission of infectious diseases and the structure and characteristics of each group of microorganisms. They will be made in pairs and each one will have to provide a report with the results.

Learning objectives of the subject
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Provide students with the basic knowledge of general microbiology, to understand how different microorganisms can affect the eye. Introduce microorganisms causing eye infections.

At the end of the subject of General and Ocular Microbiology, the student must have achieved the following objectives:

- Distinguish the structure and general characteristics of the main groups of microorganisms (bacteria, viruses, fungi and protzoa).
- Compare the general mechanisms of infection from microorganisms in the human body and immune system response.
- Set the different types of existing treatments for control of infections, either with antibiotics or biocides.
- Differentiate the microorganisms that cause eye infections.
- Use basic microbiological techniques to grow, observe and differentiate the main groups of microorganisms that cause eye infections.

And the specific objectives:

Knowledge
In lectures, students must acquire basic knowledge of microbiology and describe the structure and general characteristics of the main groups of microorganisms (bacteria, fungi and viruses). They have also to understand the mechanisms that presents the human body to fight infections caused by microorganisms, especially by causing eye infections. Laboratory sessions aim that students master all the concepts studied in the theoretical classes.

Skills
It is intended that the students reach the knowledge necessary to grow and manipulate, safely, bacteria and fungi in the laboratory. In this respect, it has to familiarize in using aseptic techniques, sterilization and disinfection, and the use of the optical microscope, since it is necessary to perform observations of microorganisms. Oral expression and ability to synthesize will be valued.

Competences
To facilitate the acquisition of these skills, students will have to make a group work on the last part of the course, microorganisms that cause eye infections. In small groups (3-4 people), the work will be conducted by teachers previously explaining the basics of both the presentations and their structure. Students will have to develop the ability to work in teams, become familiar with the use of bibliographic databases, search and manage information, defend their views and make critical reasoning, plan working and set the basis to being a good professional.

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## Content

### 1. Introduction and methods

**Learning time:** 14h 30m  
- Theory classes: 0h  
- Practical classes: 5h  
- Laboratory classes: 2h  
- Guided activities: 0h  
- Self study : 7h 30m  

**Description:**  
1.1- The microbiological science  
1.2- The world of the microorganisms  
1.3- Sterilization techniques of microorganisms  
1.4- Culture techniques of microorganisms  

**Related activities:**  
- Laboratory sessions:  
  Practice 1.- Presentation and explanation of the laboratory sessions. Preparation of culture media. Pure and mixed cultures  

### 2. Structure and physiology of the bacterial cell

**Learning time:** 34h  
- Theory classes: 0h  
- Practical classes: 12h  
- Laboratory classes: 4h  
- Guided activities: 0h  
- Self study : 18h  

**Description:**  
2.1- Bacterial cell  
2.2- Cytoplasm and motility  
2.3- Cellular division and differentiation forms  
2.4- Bacterial metabolism  
2.5- Growth and development of microorganisms  
2.6- Biofilms  

**Related activities:**  
- Laboratory sessions:  
  Practice 2 and 3.- Presence of microorganisms in our environment. Colonial and cellular morphology of bacteria
3. Viruses, fungi and protozoa

**Learning time:** 21h 30m  
Theory classes: 0h  
Practical classes: 7h  
Laboratory classes: 4h  
Guided activities: 0h  
Self study: 10h 30m

**Description:**
3.1- Morphology, structure and composition of viruses. Relationship of the viruses-host cell, and classification of viruses  
3.2- Microscopic fungi. General characteristics and cell structure. Filamentous fungi, yeasts and dimorphic fungi  
3.3- Colonization of contact lenses by fungi  
3.4- Protozoa. General characteristics. Life cycle of Acanthamoeba

**Related activities:**
- Laboratory practices:  
  Practice 5.- Morphology of fungi. Observation of the colonies and the fungal structures. Microscopic observation of the contact lenses colonized by fungi  
  Practice 6.- Morphology of aquatic protozoa. Microscopic observation of protozoa.

4. Pathogenesis and immunology

**Learning time:** 27h  
Theory classes: 0h  
Practical classes: 10h  
Laboratory classes: 2h  
Guided activities: 0h  
Self study: 15h

**Description:**
4.1- Infectivity and pathogenesis  
4.2- Innate immune response  
4.3- Adaptative immune response  
4.4- Antimicrobial agents

**Related activities:**
- Laboratory practices:  
  Practice 4.- Liquid disinfection effectiveness of hydrophilic contact lenses
Planning of activities

1. ACTIVITY: LABORATORY PRACTICES

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(ENG) 2. ACTIVITAT: TUTORITZACIÓ DELS TREBALLS

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Qualification system

The evaluation will be based on continuous assessment.
The evaluation of the course is distributed between the theory sessions (T), teamwork (Tr) and lab (L).
The theory grade will be based on two tests (T1 + T2). The laboratory grade will be based on a test (L1) and the reports (L2).

The final grade (N) will be obtained by the formula: 
\[ N = 0.3 \times T1 + 0.3 \times T2 + 0.2 \times Tr + 0.1 \times L1 + 0.1 \times L2 \]

The laboratory classes of the S1 group will be evaluated in the same way.

Regulations for carrying out activities

In case of partial or total copy of any evaluations of the course will apply the provisions of General Academic Regulations UPC: perform any act of fraudulently assessment involves, at least a score of 0 in that evaluation, and possibly more severe disciplinary processes.
Bibliography

Basic:


Complementary:


Others resources: