

Microbiology

General Microbiology

IDENTIFICATION

CODE : BS-3-S1-EC-COMICRO
ECTS : 2.0

HOURS

Lectures : 14.0 h
Seminars : 0.0 h
Laboratory : 24.0 h
Project : 0.0 h
Teacher-student
contact : 38.0 h
Personal work : 12.0 h
Total : 50.0 h

ASSESSMENT METHOD

Lab class report. 30 mn
Written individual evaluation

TEACHING AIDS

Photocopies of the illustrations will
be handed out before each lecture.
-slides
-videos

TEACHING LANGUAGE

English

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AIMS

To learn the fundamentals of handling and culture of microorganisms.
To acquire a global view of the microbial world, in nature, wastewater treatment plants, and as
pathogenic agents and biotechnological tools.
To learn the essential concepts of genetics and understand the interest of some of them in
bacterium identification and industrial microbiology.
To present the fundamentals of ecology, microbiology and genetic engineering.
To present a complete view of bacterial genetics, from the origins until now.

CONTENT

The roots of microbiology, genetics and ecology.
Archae- and Eubacteria; viruses.
The components of the bacterial cell
1. Cell envelope and secretion.
2. Internal structures: nucleide, plasmids, tubulin, actin.
Bacterial chromosome replication and bacterial division, cell cycle
3. External structures: capsule, fimbriae, flagelle. Assembly

Micro-organism diversity, role in ecosystems, bioremediation, food industry

Way of life of microorganisms: free life, biofilm, interactions with higher organism (symbiosis-
pathogenesis) Notion of Microbiome. Some examples of pathogenic bacteria.

Basic notions of genetics: genes, alleles, adaptation and mutation.
Exchange of genetic material in bacteria: conjugation, transduction, transformation.

Evolution of microorganisms, short generation time + high selection pressure, high frequency
of mutations, emergence of new strains, increased biodiversity. Case study: the emergence of
antibiotic resistance and societal impact. The major mechanisms of resistance

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PRE-REQUISITE

None.