



IDENTIFYING DATA

Molecular Basis of Adaptation to the Marine Environment

Subject	Molecular Basis of Adaptation to the Marine Environment			
Code	V02M098V01107			
Study programme	Máster Universitario en Biología Marina			
Descriptors	ECTS Credits	Choose	Year	Quadmester
	3	Mandatory	1st	1st
Teaching language	Spanish			
Department				
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General description	Molecular mechanisms underlying the phenomenon of adaptation. Integration of the biochemistry compared.			

Training and Learning Results

Code				
A1	(*)Posuír e comprender coñecementos que acheguen unha base ou oportunidade de ser orixinais no desenvolvemento e/ou aplicación de ideas, adoitado nun contexto de investigación.			
A2	(*)Que os estudantes saiban aplicar os coñecementos adquiridos e a súa capacidade de resolución de problemas en contornos novos ou pouco coñecidos dentro de contextos máis amplos (ou multidisciplinares) relacionados coa súa área de estudo.			
A3	(*)Que os estudantes sexan capaces de integrar coñecementos e se enfrontar á complexidade de formular xuízos a partir dunha información que, sendo incompleta ou limitada, inclúa reflexións sobre as responsabilidades sociais e éticas vinculadas á aplicación dos seus coñecementos e xuízos.			
A4	(*)Que os estudantes saiban comunicar as súas conclusións, e os coñecementos e razóns últimas que as sustentan, a públicos especializados e non especializados dun xeito claro e sen ambigüidades.			
A5	(*)Que os estudantes posúan as habilidades de aprendizaxe que lles permitan continuar estudando dun xeito que terá que ser, en grande medida, autodirixido e autónomo.			
B2	Búsqueda, análise e integración de información a partir de diferentes fontes y capacidad para su interpretación y evaluación			
B5	Desarrollo de la habilidad de elaboración, presentación y defensa de trabajos e informes técnicos			
B6	Desarrollo de la curiosidad científica, de la iniciativa y la creatividad			
C2	Conocimiento de la diversidad de organismos marinos y sus estrategias adaptativas			
C3	Conocimiento y comprensión de las interacciones de los organismos marinos y los ecosistemas marinos y costeros			
C13	Divulgación de conocimientos de la biología y el medio marinos: programas de formación y docencia; planificación y dirección de acuarios, museos, centros de interpretación ambiental, parques naturales y espacios naturales protegidos			
C14	Elaboración, discusión, interpretación, asesoramiento y peritaje de informes científico-técnicos, éticos, legales y socioeconómicos relacionados con el ámbito marino y pesquero			
D1	Desarrollo de las capacidades comprensivas, de análisis y síntesis			
D2	Desarrollo de la capacidad de razonamiento crítico y autocrítico			
D4	Desarrollo de la capacidad para actualizar el conocimiento de forma autónoma			
D7	Desarrollo de habilidades para la divulgación de ideas en contextos tanto académicos como no especializados			

Expected results from this subject

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Knowledge of basic mechanisms and adaptive strategies at molecular level	A1 A2 A3 B2 B6 C2 C3 C13 D1 D2 D4
Integration ability to understand the molecular basis of adaptive phenomena from the perspective of comparative biochemistry.	A2 A3 B6 C2 D1 D2
Ability to evaluate and interpret the effects of environmental changes from marine environment on organisms and their interactions.	A2 A3 B2 C2 C3 C14 D1 D2
Ability to obtain information, analyse it critically and apply it to the interpretation and sustainability of marine environments.	A2 A3 A5 B2 B6 C13 C14 D1 D2 D4
Ability to develop individual and / or team works, and to expose them and discuss them in public.	A3 A4 A5 B2 B5 B6 C13 D1 D2 D4 D7

Contents

Topic	
Biochemical adaptation: basic mechanisms and strategies.	Biochemical adaptation. Basic mechanisms of the biochemical adaptation. The time of the biochemical adaptation.
Adaptive points of cellular metabolism.	Points of metabolic adaptation in glycolysis. Origin and phylogenetic distribution of the urea cycle. Adaptations of mitochondrial energy metabolism.
Adaptation of enzymes to metabolic functions.	Mechanisms of enzymatic regulation.
Molecular and metabolic adaptation to the physical-chemical factors of the marine environment: Adaptation to the limited oxygen availability.	Anaerobic metabolism of marine invertebrates. Anaerobic metabolism of marine vertebrates. Adaptation to hypoxia.
Molecular and metabolic adaptation to the physical-chemical factors of the marine environment: Adaptation to salinity.	Osmoregulation in aquatic organisms. Response regulation to osmotic shock.
Molecular and metabolic adaptation to the physical-chemical factors of the marine environment: Adaptation to temperature.	Compensatory mechanisms from poikilotherm organisms to temperature changes. Acclimatization mechanisms to temperature. Adaptation to ice.
Molecular and metabolic adaptation to the physical-chemical factors of the marine environment: Adaptation to pressure.	Effects of the hydrostatic pressure on the biological systems. Mechanisms of perception and compensation to the changes of pressure.

Planning			
	Class hours	Hours outside the classroom	Total hours
Lecturing	10	20	30
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Seminars	4	10	14
Objective questions exam	1	0	1

*The information in the planning table is for guidance only and does not take into account the heterogeneity of the students.

Methodologies	
	Description
Lecturing	In master sessions the teacher will give the fundamental concepts so that the student understands the bases of Adaptation at the Molecular and Metabolic level.
Lecturing	In master sessions the professor will give the fundamental notions so that the student understands the molecular and metabolic mechanisms of adaptation to the variable factors of the marine environment.
Seminars	In seminars, students will work aspects or bibliographic data related with subject, and will elaborate coments and oral and/or written presentations.

Personalized assistance

Methodologies	Description
Lecturing	The doubts resolution and necessary orientation in the personal work of the student will be attended through voluntary tutorships.
Seminars	The doubts resolution and necessary orientation in the personal work of the student will be attended through voluntary tutorships.
Lecturing	

Assessment

Description	Qualification	Training and Learning Results			
LecturingThe theoretical knowledge acquired on general issues of molecular and metabolic adaptation will be assessed through a final test exam.	35	A1 A2 A3 A5	C2 C3	D1 D2	
LecturingThe theoretical knowledge acquired on the molecular and metabolic mechanisms of adaptation to variable factors of the marine environment will be assessed through a final test exam.	35				
SeminarsIn the work from seminars, the ability to relate the acquired knowledges and concepts, the correct use of specific terminology and the criticism and synthesis ability will be assessed.	30	A1 A2 A3 A4 A5	B2 B5 B6	C13 C14	D1 D2 D4 D7

Other comments on the Evaluation

The realization of seminars and / or bibliographic work is compulsory for passing the subject.

The final test exam is compulsory for passing the subject. The average note of the exam will have to be of 3,5 (35% of the assessment of subject) for to sum the score of the seminars or bibliographic work assessment.

Sources of information

Basic Bibliography

Complementary Bibliography

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Di Prisco, G., **Life under extreme conditions**, 1991

Ewart K.V., **Fish antifreeze proteins. Molecular aspects of fish and marine biology**, 2002

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Nelson D.L and Cox M.M., **Lehninger. Principios de Bioquímica**, 6ª Ed., 2014

Salway J., **Metabolism at a glance**, 2004

Somero G.N., Lockwood B.L., Tomanek L., **Biochemical Adaptation: Response to Environmental Challenges from Life's Origins to the Anthropocene**, 1ª Ed, 2017

Ulrich, K., **Comparative Animal Biochemistry**, 1994

Recommendations

Subjects that continue the syllabus

Physiology of Marine Organisms/V02M098V01106

Subjects that are recommended to be taken simultaneously

Marine Ecology/V02M098V01105

Physiology of Marine Organisms/V02M098V01106

Marine Zoology/V02M098V01103