

## 27128 - Microbial Biotechnology

### Syllabus Information

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**Academic Year:** 2020/21

**Subject:** 27128 - Microbial Biotechnology

**Faculty / School:** 100 - Facultad de Ciencias

**Degree:** 446 - Degree in Biotechnology

**ECTS:** 6.0

**Year:** 4

**Semester:** First semester

**Subject Type:** Compulsory

**Module:** ---

## 1.General information

### 1.1.Aims of the course

### 1.2.Context and importance of this course in the degree

### 1.3.Recommendations to take this course

## 2.Learning goals

### 2.1.Competences

### 2.2.Learning goals

### 2.3.Importance of learning goals

## 3.Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

### 3.1.Assessment tasks (description of tasks, marking system and assessment criteria)

## 4.Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources

### 4.1.Methodological overview

The methodology followed in this course is oriented towards the achievement of the learning objectives. A wide range of teaching and learning tasks are implemented, practice sessions and tutorials:

- 1- Lectures: Acquisition of basic concepts of this subject (3 ECTS)
- 2- Practice sessions: Laboratory work (2 ECTS)
- 3- Tutorials: Tutorized projects (1 ECTS)

### 4.2.Learning tasks

***The teaching and evaluation activities will be carried out in-person unless, due to the health crisis situation, the depositions issued by the competent authorities and by the University of Zaragoza dispose to carry these activities out by telematic ways.***

The course includes the following learning tasks:

- Lectures: Acquisition of basic concepts of this subject (3 ECTS). Methodology: participative lectures which will be accomplished by the use of supporting material available in the ADD web.
- Practice sessions: Laboratory work (2 ECTS). Methodology: problems and practical cases in the laboratory. This activity will be evaluated in individual and team work.
- Tutorials: Tutorized projects (1 ECTS). Methodology: Design of biotechnological processes involving

microorganisms. This work will be accomplished by examining the scientific literature and the basic concepts of the subject and it will be performed in groups of 6-8 students (small group). Presentation of the project and the subsequent scientific discussion will be carried out with the whole student group.

### 4.3.Syllabus

The course will address the following topics:

- Topic 1. Introduction to microbial biotechnology. Microbial diversity. Taxonomy. Culture type collections
- Topic 2. Applications of microbial biotechnology: human therapeutics, agriculture, food science and technology, environmental applications, daily life
- Topic 3. Genetic manipulations of microorganisms. Synthetic Biology, Omic disciplines
- Topic 4. Protein expression and purification in bacteria and fungi. Biocatalysis
- Topic 5. Microbial biopolymers (polysaccharides and polyesters)
- Topic 6. Food fermentations (wine, beer, dairy products)
- Topic 7. Primary metabolites (organic acids, vitamins and aminoacids)
- Topic 8. Secondary metabolites. Antibiotics (detection, genetic improvements, scaling, purification) and hormones
- Topic 9. Phage Therapy
- Topic 10. Microbiota concept and applications. Fecal microbiota transplants and probiotics
- Topic 11. Vaccines
- Topic 12. Applications in diagnostics and fight against bioterrorism
- Topic 13. Biofuels and ethanol production
- Topic 14. Agriculture. Biomass (interactions plant-microorganism, mycorrhizae, bioremediation, *Bacillus thuringiensis*). Biodegradation. Wastewater treatment

### 4.4.Course planning and calendar

Lectures will take place during the second half of the academic course. Schedules can be downloaded from: <https://ciencias.unizar.es/grado-en-biotecnologia>

These lectures will be imparted according to the Academic Schedule approved by the University of Zaragoza.

Problems and Seminars will take place during the aforementioned schedule for the Lectures. The deadline to submit works performed by the students will be notified through the ADD web.

Concerning laboratory sessions and groups, this information will be notified in the classroom and through the ADD web.

### 4.5.Bibliography and recommended resources

[http://biblos.unizar.es/br/br\\_citas.php?codigo=27128&year=2020](http://biblos.unizar.es/br/br_citas.php?codigo=27128&year=2020)