

NAME OF THE COURSE		Stem Cell Biology and Tissue Engineering				
Code	PMB712	Year of study	2.			
Course teacher	Ivana Bočina, PhD professor Nives Kević, PhD Assistant professor	Credits (ECTS)	3			
Associate teachers		Type of instruction (number of hours)	L	S	E	F
			15	15	15	
Status of the course	Elective	Percentage of application of e-learning				
COURSE DESCRIPTION						
Course objectives	Course objectives are to introduce students with basic principles of stem cell biology and regenerative medicine; to present the main mechanisms of tissue engineering including growth and maintenance of the stem cell culture; and to make a point to the significance of applying stem cell and tissue engineering in the therapeutical purposes.					
Course enrolment requirements and entry competences required for the course	Students should have some basic knowledge in cell biology and histology.					
Learning outcomes expected at the level of the course (4 to 10 learning outcomes)	<p>Learning outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To know the features of the stem cells and their possibilities. 2. To understand the grow and differentiation of the stem cells. 3. To get familiar with importance of application of the stem cells in the therapeutical purposes. 4. To understand basic principles in tissue engineering. 5. To explain perspectives and ethic aspects of using stem cells and tissue engineering in biomedicine. 					
Course content broken down in detail by weekly class schedule (syllabus)	<p>Lectures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to the stem cell biology. Features of the stem cells (2 hours). 2. Embryonic stem cells. Pluripotent stem cells and multipotent stem cells (2 hours). 3. Growth and maintenance of the stem cell culture (2 hours). 4. Hematopoietic stem cells, mesenchymal stem cells, methods of derivation, culturing and applications (2 hours). 5. Stem cell niches (2 hours). 6. Mechanisms of the stem cell self-renewal (2 hours). 7. Changing of the cell phenotype (2 hours). 8. Introduction to tissue engineering. Tissue appearance and development (embryogenesis) (2 hours). 9. Intercellular communications: nanotubes and vesicles (2 hours). 10. Tissue regeneration in animals. Regenerative medicine. Wound healing (2 hours). 11. Design principles in biomaterials and scaffolds. Biological scaffolds for regenerative medicine. Hydrogels (2 hours). 12. Surface modification of biomaterials. Histogenesis in three-dimensional scaffolds. Biocompatibility and bioresponse to biomaterials (2 hours). 					

	<p>13. Skin tissue engineering (2 hours). 14. Bone and cartilage tissue engineering (2 hours). 15. Regulation and ethics (2 hours).</p> <p>Seminars: Journal Club. Students' presentation and analysis of the scientific papers (15 hours)</p> <p>Exercises: 1. Microscopy of tissue sections: epithelial tissue, connective tissue, cartilaginous and bone tissue, muscle tissue and nervous tissue (7 hours) 2. Growth and differentiation of different stem cells type on scaffold (8 hours).</p>					
Format of instruction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> lectures <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> seminars and workshops <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exercises <input type="checkbox"/> <i>on line</i> in entirety <input type="checkbox"/> partial e-learning <input type="checkbox"/> field work		<input type="checkbox"/> independent assignments <input type="checkbox"/> multimedia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> laboratory <input type="checkbox"/> work with mentor <input type="checkbox"/> (other)			
Student responsibilities	The student must attend 70% of lectures, 100% of seminars and exercises, prepare seminar essay and take written exam.					
Screening student work (<i>name the proportion of ECTS credits for each activity so that the total number of ECTS credits is equal to the ECTS value of the course</i>)	Class attendance	1	Research		Practical training	
	Experimental work	0,5	Report		(Other)	
	Essay		Seminar essay	0,5	(Other)	
	Tests		Oral exam		(Other)	
	Written exam	1	Project		(Other)	
Grading and evaluating student work in class and at the final exam	The final grade will be based on the results achieved by combination of seminar and written exam. Written exam and seminar contribute with 50% each in the final grade. The written exam will be evaluated using the following scale : < 50 % insufficient; 50-69 % sufficient (2), 70-79% good (3), 80-89% very good (4), 90-100% excellent (5).					
Required literature (available in the library and via other media)	Title				Number of copies in the library	Availability via other media
	Lanza R. et al. Essentials of Stem Cell Biology, 2nd ed. (2009), Academic Press, London, UK					
	Atala A., Lanza R., Thomson J., Nerem R. Principles of Regenerative Medicine, 2nd ed. (2011), Academic Press, London, UK					
Optional literature (at the time of submission of study programme proposal)	1. Mescher A. Junqueira's Basic Histology: Text and Atlas, 15th ed. (2018), McGraw-Hill Education, New York, USA 2. Stein G. et al. Human Stem Cell Technology and Biology (2011), Wiley-BlackWell, USA					
Quality assurance methods that ensure the	Quality monitoring will be performed at three levels: (1) University, (2) Faculty, (3) teacher.					

acquisition of exit competences	
Other (as the proposer wishes to add)	