

NAME OF THE COURSE		Cytogenetic Chromosome Analysis				
Code	PPB253	Year of study	3			
Course teacher	Assistant Professor Ivica Šamanić, PhD	Credits (ECTS)	2			
Associate teachers	Professor Jasna Puizina, PhD	Type of instruction (number of hours)	L	S	E	F
	Assistant Professor Željana Fredotović, PhD		10	5	15	
Status of the course	Elective	Percentage of application of e-learning	10%			
COURSE DESCRIPTION						
Course objectives	Insight into the molecular and structural dynamics of mitotic and meiotic chromosomes. Theoretical and practical introduction of students with the classical and molecular cytogenetic techniques.					
Course enrolment requirements and entry competences required for the course	None					
Learning outcomes expected at the level of the course (4 to 10 learning outcomes)	<p>Student will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The integration and implementation of all the knowledge acquired during the various courses (primarily Cell biology, Genetics and Molecular biology) for studying genomes at the level of chromosomes and chromatin. 2. Explain the importance of cytogenetics in the area of basic research as well as its applications in medical genetics, biotechnology and agriculture 3. The skills and knowledge acquired throughout the training will enable students to perform <i>in situ</i> hybridization and other molecular techniques needed to work in the Molecular and Cytogenetic laboratories (employment of cytogenetic technologists or clinical laboratory technicians). 4. The acquired knowledge and skills will form the bases for further research in the field. 					
Course content broken down in detail by weekly class schedule (syllabus)	<p>Lectures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CYTOGENETICS METHODS: Molecular cytogenetic techniques; <i>In situ</i> hybridization (FISH, GISH, direct visual <i>in situ</i> hybridization (DIRVISH) on elongated DNA fibers), <i>in situ</i> PCR, PRINS (PRimed <i>IN Situ</i> labeling), Flow cytometry, Chromosome microdissection. Classical cytogenetic techniques; chromosome preparations, karyotyping, G-(Giemsa), R-(reverse), C-(centromere) and Q-(quinacrine) banding, chromosome labeling. 2. CHROMATIN STRUCTURE: Histones, DNA, nucleosome morphology and higher-level organisation; Heterochromatin and euchromatin, position effect variegation; Functional states of chromatin and alternation in chromatin organization. 3. CHROMOSOME ORGANIZATION: Metaphase chromosome; centromere and kinetochore, telomere and its maintenance; Telomeres and Aging. 					

	<p>4. CHROMOSOME TERRITORIES: The Arrangement of Chromosomes in the Nucleus: Chromosomal domains (matrix, loop domains) and their functional significance; Dynamics of CT arrangements during postmitotic cell differentiation and in terminally differentiated cells.</p> <p>5. CHROMOSOMAL ABNORMALITIES: Numerical (polyploidy, aneuploidy) and structural alterations (chromosomal rearrangements; deletion, duplication, inversion and translocation; structural abnormality: ring chromosomes and isochromosomes).</p> <p>Exercises: Telomere length analysis directly on chromosomes derived from primary cultured human skin fibroblasts and / or peripheral blood cells using quantitative fluorescence <i>in situ</i> hybridization, Q-PNA-FISH; application of molecular cytogenetic techniques (PCR, gel electrophoresis, immunofluorescence staining); optical fluorescence microscopy, image processing and analysis.</p> <p>Seminars: <i>Seminar</i> is one of the <i>course</i> requirements. Students will have to prepare presentation on topics of the <i>original research paper related to the science unit they are studying</i>. The aim is to develop writing skills and presentation skills needed to effectively communicate the purpose, scope, and conclusions of the project.</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> partial e-learning <input type="checkbox"/> field work		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> independent assignments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> multimedia <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> laboratory <input type="checkbox"/> work with mentor <input type="checkbox"/> (other)			
Student responsibilities						
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	0,5	Research		Practical training	
	Experimental work	0,5	Report		(Other)	
	Essay		Seminar essay	1,0	(Other)	
	Tests		Oral exam		(Other)	
	Written exam		Project		(Other)	
Grading and evaluating student work in class and at the final exam	<p>Research-based class seminar will be elevated.</p> <p>Students will have to prepare presentation showing background of the problem they are dealing with. The presentation will be scored according to the content of the presentation (key words, critical review of literature, presentation of scientific results), format, innovativeness and language competence as well.</p>					
Required literature (available in the	Title			Number of copies in the library	Availability via other media	

library and via other media)	1. Cooper, G.M., Hausman, R.E., 2015: Stanica-molekularni pristup. Šesto izdanje, Medicinska naklada, Zagreb 2015.		
	2. Metode u molekularnoj biologiji, 2007. Andreja Abramovič Ristov (ur). Institut Ruđer Bošković.		
Optional literature (at the time of submission of study programme proposal)	1. Molecular Biology of the Gene, Watson JD, Baker TA, Bell SP, Gann A, Levine M, Losick R, Pearson Education Inc., Benjamin Cummings, 2004. 2. Practical in situ Hybridisation, Schwarcher T, Heslop Harrison P, Bios, Scientific Publisher Ltd. 2000. 3. Plant Cytogenetics, Singh RJ, CRC Press London, 2003. 4. Species Evolution: The Role of Chromosome Change, Max King, Cambridge University Press, 1995. 5. Non radioactive in situ hybridisation application manual, Boehringer Mannheim, 1996.		
Quality assurance methods that ensure the acquisition of exit competences	Student evaluation		
Other (as the proposer wishes to add)			