

Course Unit	Cellular Biology	Field of study	Biology and Biochemistry
Bachelor in	Dietetics and Nutrition	School	School of Health
Academic Year	2021/2022	Year of study	1
Type	Semestral	Semester	1
Level	1-1	ECTS credits	5.0
Code	8149-501-1102-00-21		
Workload (hours)	135	Contact hours	T - , TP 30, PL 30, TC - , S - , E - , OT 6, O -

T - Lectures; TP - Lectures and problem-solving; PL - Problem-solving, project or laboratory; TC - Fieldwork; S - Seminar; E - Placement; OT - Tutorial; O - Other

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### Learning outcomes and competences

At the end of the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:  
Know the complexity of the cell as structural and functional unit of all living beings.

### Prerequisites

Before the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:  
NONE

### Course contents

THEORETICAL- Biomembranes. Macrotransport. Microtransport. Specialities of membrane. Extracellular matrix. Nucleus. Endoplasmic reticulum. Golgi apparatus. Lysosomes. Mitochondria. Peroxisomes. Cytoskeleton. Cell communication. Cell cycle. Meiose. Gametogenesis. PRACTICE - Microscopy. Micrometria. Bacteria. Cellular composition of blood. Permeability of biomembrane. Globular resistance. Caryotipe. Polytene chromosome. Catalase activity. Mitosis. Extraction of DNA. Cells in meiosis.

### Course contents (extended version)

- PRACTICAL CLASSES Microscopy: Optical microscope Types. The electron microscope. Types. Micrometria
  - Observation of bacteria. Comparison cellular composition blood analyzed with Wright's stain method
  - Effects of heat, freezing and solvents in the biomembranes permeability.
  - Behavior of animals cells in different osmolarities
  - Preparation of karyotypes
  - Observation polytene chromosomes of salivary glands of *Drosophila melanogaster*
  - Catalase activity
  - Observation of cell divides by mitosis.
  - DNA extraction, quantification and purity determination from living tissue.
  - Observation of cell divides by meiosis.
- THEORETICAL CELL ORGANIZATION -- Biological Membranes. The lipid bilayer . Membrane proteins
- Membrane transport of small molecules. Diffusion. Active ion transport .
- Transport into the cell of large molecules and particles. Endocytosis and exocytosis. Transcytosis
- Specialities cell membrane. Cell junctions: tight junctions, adherens junctions and gap junctions
  - Microvilli cilium, flagellum, stereocilia
- Extracellular matrix of animals. Components of the extracellular matrix. Functions
- Nucleus Constitution Molecular structure, function of the genetic material Chromatin and chromosomes
- Endoplasmic Reticulum Structure and types Relationship with cellular organelles/structures Functions
  - Structure and function of the ribosomes
- Golgi apparatus. Framework . Compartmentation. Functions
- Lysosomes. Ultra-structure. The lysosomes and the intracellular digestion. Lysosomal diseases.
- Mitochondrion Ultra-structure, composition and functions. Mitochondrial DNA.
- Peroxisomes. Structure. Functions. Peroxisomical diseases.
- Cytoskeleton. Membership, organization and functional significance.
- Cell communication. Types of signals. Recetors
- Cell Cycle. Overview of the cell cycle. Mitosis. Control of the cell cycle events. Apoptosis
- Meiosis and fertilization . Meiosis. Eggs. Sperm. Fertilization.

### Recommended reading

- ALBERTS, B. et al. (2018) – *Biología Molecular de la Célula*, 6ª ed. Ed. Omega, Barcelona.
- AMABIS & MARTHO (2004) - *Biologia dos organismos*, 2ª ed. Ed. Moderna, São Paulo.
- AZEVEDO, C. & C. E. SUNKEL (2012) – *Biologia Celular e Molecular*, 5ª ed. Edições Lidel, Lisboa.
- LODISH et al. (2005) - *Biología Celular y Molecular*, 5ª ed. Médica Panamericana
- BERG, J. M. ; J. L. TYMOCZKO & L. STRYER (2004) - *Bioquímica*, 5ª ed. Guanabara Koogan

### Teaching and learning methods

Theoretical-practices - Methodology actively using the multimedia, texts and question-answer sessions. Practical classes - carrying out practical laboratory with preparation of their reports.

### Assessment methods

- Theoretical and Practices - (Regular) (Final)
  - Intermediate Written Test - 20% (Practices - Students perform one test during the semester Minimum grade 8.5)
  - Portfolio - 20% (Practices - At the end of the practical classes they deliver their portfolio to be evaluated)
  - Final Written Exam - 60% (Theoretical - Students perform a test Minimum grade 8.5)
- Theoretical and Practices - (Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary, Special)
  - Final Written Exam - 40% (Practices - Students perform a test Minimum grade 8, 5)
  - Final Written Exam - 60% (Theoretical - Students perform a test Minimum grade 8.5)
- Theoretical and Practices - (Regular) (Supplementary, Special)
  - Final Written Exam - 40% (Practices - Students perform a test

**Assessment methods**

- Minimum grade 8.5
- Final Written Exam - 60% (Theoretical - Students perform a test Minimum grade 8.5)

**Language of instruction**

Portuguese

**Electronic validation**

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