

MODULE	SUBJECT	COURSE	SEMESTER	CREDITS	TYPE
Biology	Parasites and Immunity	3º	2º	6	Optional
PROFESSOR (S)			TUTORING CONTACT INFORMATION		
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			TUTORING HOURS		
			Margarita Campos Bueno: Tuesday and Thursday, from 10:00 to 13:00.		
DEGREE IN WHICH THE SUBJECT IS TAUGHT			DEGREE IN WHICH THE SUBJECT COULD BE TAUGHT		
Pharmacy			Biology, Medicine		
PREREQUISITES AND RECOMENDATIONS					
Have taken the subjects: Parasitology, Immunology, Biochemistry, Cellular Physiology. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge of the English language. Computer user level. 					
BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE SUBJECT PROGRAMME					
Parasitic antigens and host immune response. Mechanisms of evasion of the immune response. Immunomodulation of parasitic agents. Immunopathology of parasitic diseases. Parasites and Immunosuppression. Immunoprophylaxis against protozoa, helminths and parasitic arthropods.					
GENERAL AND SPECIFIC COMPETENCES					
CG1. CG3. CG7. CG9. CG13. CG15. CE20. CE21. CE23. CE24.					
OBJECTIVES (EXPRESSED IN TERMS OF EXPECTED RESULTS OF THE TEACHING PROGRAMME)					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know how parasites are presented to the host and the impact of parasitic antigens on fundamental aspects of diagnosis, therapy and prophylaxis. 					



- Know how the host responds to the presence of the parasite.
- Understand how parasites avoid the immune response of the host and its impact on the pathology of parasitic diseases.
- Study some interactions of the parasites with the host's immune system and its consequences.
- Know basic aspects of immunoprophylaxis of parasitic diseases.
- Understand the importance of some parasitic diseases in immunosuppressed individuals.
- Know and understand the pathological manifestations that cause some species in man.

DETAILED SYLLABUS OF THE SUBJECT

THEORETICAL SYLLABUS

Knowing how parasites are presented to the host

- UNIT 1. Parasitic antigens. Study of its key features. Immunodiagnostic effect on treatment and immunoprophylaxis of parasitic diseases (1,5h).

Knowing how the host reacts to the existence of the parasite

- UNIT 2. Host immune response to parasitic invasion: peculiarities of the cellular immune response. Pressure consequences of the immune response in leishmaniasis (1,5h).
- UNIT 3. Host immune response to parasitic invasion: peculiarities of the humoral immune response. Vertebrate immunity against helminths. The intestine as a parasitic habitat (2 h).

Understanding how parasites evade the immune response of the host

- UNIT 4. Evasion of host immune response: key mechanisms. Evasion mechanisms of the innate response and its significance in parasitic protozoa (1h).
- UNIT 5. Mechanisms evasion of phagocytosis in parasitic protozoa. I. *Trypanosoma cruzi* and their escape to the cytosol (1,5h).
- UNIT 6. Mechanisms evasion of phagocytosis in parasitic protozoa. II. Study of the profound adaptation of *Leishmania spp.* to intracellular life (1,5h).
- UNIT 7. Evasion mechanisms of phagocytosis in parasitic protozoa. III. *Toxoplasma gondii* and the transformation of its intracellular compartment (1,5h).
- UNIT 8. Antigenic variation in the *Trypanosoma brucei* complex. Effect on host immune response and the pathology of the sleeping sickness (2h).
- UNIT 9. Antigenic variation and adhesive properties of *Plasmodium falciparum*. Impact on the pathology of malaria. Malaria and pregnancy (2,5h).
- UNIT 10. Molecular mimicry: definition and classification. Consequences for the host and the parasite. Exceptional study of the thrombospondin family in *Plasmodium falciparum* and its significance in the biology of the parasite. Chagas disease and autoimmunity (2,5h).



Studying the interactions of parasites with the host immune system and its association with its course.

- UNIT 11. Immunomodulation: definition and main mechanisms. Helminths as modulators of the immune system of the host: therapeutic applications (2h).
- UNIT 12. Immunity concomitant parasitic infections. Consequences for parasite and host. Special study in congenital toxoplasmosis (1h).
- UNIT 13. Immunopathology of parasitic diseases. Study of relevant examples in protozoa and helminths. Anisakiosis as a health problem with exceptional mention of the problem in Spain (2,5h).

Knowing basic aspects of immunoprophylaxis of parasitic diseases

- UNIT 14. Immunoprophylaxis in Parasitology. I. General considerations. Key problems in obtaining parasite vaccines for humans. Types of vaccines: advantages and disadvantages (1h).
- UNIT 15. Immunoprophylaxis in Parasitology. II. Special study of malaria vaccines. Existing status of major trials against parasitic diseases. Veterinary vaccines and its biological and economic impact (2h).

Understanding the significance of some parasitic diseases in immunocompromised individuals

- UNIT 16. Protozooses and immunosuppression. I. Emerging opportunists and parasites. Importance in VIH infected individuals (+). Study of the epidemiological and pathological alterations experienced in significant tissue protozosis in immunocompromised individuals. Study of human babesiosis (2h+1h seminar).
- UNIT 17. Protozooses and immunosuppression. II. Intestinal coccidiosis. Special study of cryptosporidiosis in immunocompromised and its problems. (2,5h).
- UNIT 18. Helminthiasis and immunosuppression. Strongyloidiasis and its current importance in endemic and non-endemic areas. Situation in Spain (2,5h).

Knowing and understanding the pathological manifestations that cause the presence and the establishment of some species in man

- UNIT 19. *Sarcoptes scabiei* and scabies. Importance as a marker for immune deficiency syndromes. Demodex study of gender and demodectic mange. Dermatitis caused by ticks, Study of their role as vectors of infectious agents (1h+2h seminar).
- UNIT 20. Dust mites producers of respiratory allergies and contact dermatitis. Major allergens. Prophylaxis and control mechanisms (1h, seminar).

PRACTICAL SYLLABUS:

Seminars / Workshops

- Exercises and its resolution on programee items.
- Allergies caused by dust mites.
- *Sarcoptes scabiei* and scabies. The importance in immunodeficiency syndromes.
- Study of human babesiosis.



- Dermatitis caused by ticks. Study of their role as vectors of infectious agents.

Laboratory practices:

- PRACTICE 1. Obtaining parasite antigens: somatic and excretory-secretory.
- PRACTICE 2. Study and identification of species causing allergies and contact dermatitis.
- Practice 3. Study and identification of common parasites in immunocompromised individuals.
- Practice 4. Detection of antigens and antibodies in the parasitosis. Application of direct and indirect techniques.

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- Website: <http://www.ugr.es/~parasito/otros%20enlaces.html>

The main periodical scientific publications, made available to the university community of Granada by the UGR, reviewed for consultation and updating of the topics covered in the syllabus are:

- *Advances in Parasitology*.
- *Annual Review of Immunology*.
- *Annual Review of Microbiology*.
- *Clinical Microbiology Reviews*.
- *International Journal for Parasitology*.
- *Nature Reviews. Immunology*
- *The Journal of Infectious Diseases*.



- The Lancet.
- Trends in Parasitology.
- And others.

COMPLEMENTARY BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Students will be recommended according to the autonomous tasks they have to develop.

RECOMENDED INTERNET LINKS

<http://www.ugr.es/~parasito/otros%20enlaces.html>

<http://www.who.int/es/index.html>

<http://www.who.int/tdr/>

<http://www.dpd.cdc.gov/dpdx/>

<http://www.diplectanum.dsl.pipex.com/purls/>

EVALUATION (EVALUATION INSTRUMENTS, EVALUATION CRITERIA AND FINAL RATING PERCENTAGE, ETC.)

CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

The evaluation will be made taking into account the work of the student in the various scheduled activities, not being able to pass the subject without having demonstrated a sufficient level of knowledge in the written tests. The following criteria will be met:

- Written tests on the contents of the theoretical program. To overcome it, a uniform and balanced knowledge of all the included material will be required.
- Attendance at the face-to-face activities and participation in them.
- Realization with use of the practices.
- Realization of class exercises and participation in them.
- Participation and use in seminars.
- Autonomous work and exposure, where appropriate.

Written tests: Eliminary control, with qualification from 6.5: 22 March 2019. Final control: May 24, 2019. Extraordinary call: July 10, 2019.

Practical classes: daily compulsory attendance, to overcome them, the results obtained must be delivered at the end of each session, as well as a brief discussion on the interest of the techniques used and the advantages and disadvantages they present.

Final qualification: it will be the compendium of the grades obtained in the First Partial, in the Second Partial, in the practices, as well as in the work of course that will reflect the participation and the use of the student in its development.

Percentage on the Final Rating:

- Evaluation of the theoretical contents of the first part: 45%; of the second partial: 45%.
- In the event that the first partial is suspended: the qualification is suspended or has not been presented (in which case it would be 0): 20%; qualification of the second partial (which would be the end with the whole subject): 70%.
- Evaluation of practical classes, seminars, assistance to classes and other options for active student



participation: 10%.

DESCRIPTION OF THE TESTS THAT WILL BE PART OF THE FINAL SINGLE EVALUATION ESTABLISHED IN THE "RULES OF EVALUATION AND QUALIFICATION OF STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GRANADA"

In order to benefit from the "Final single evaluation", the student must follow the procedure set forth in article 8.2 of the "Regulation of evaluation and qualification of the students of the UGR" in force.

The final single evaluation will consist of a written examination of the contents of the theoretical program of the subject, and an examination of the contents of the internship program, which may include development questions or multiple choice questions, as well as the experimental realization of any practical laboratory. Therefore it is recommended to do the internship, for which you must agree with the faculty.

To pass the course it is essential to pass the theoretical content exam, obtaining at least a score of 5 out of 10. It is also essential to pass the internship exam, obtaining at least a score of 5 out of 10.

- The final grade of the subject will be obtained from the theory grade, which will be up to 90% of the final grade, and from the practical note that will represent up to 10% of the final grade.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

