

Biology, Specialization: Molecular Biology (MSc) – course structure 2024-2025

1st year

1st semester

Courses	No. of hours	Lecture	Classes	Form of course completion	Credits ECTS	
					O	E
Advanced molecular biology ¹⁾	60	20	40 (Lab)	Ex	5	-
Molecular microbiology ²⁾	60	20	40 (Lab)	Ex	5	-
Advanced biochemistry	60	20	40 (Lab)	Ex	5	-
Regulation of cellular processes	45	15	30 (Lab)	Ex	4	-
Analysis of biomolecules	45	-	45 (Lab)	Pg	4	-
Statistical methods in biology	30	-	30 (Lab)	Pg	2	-
Molecular evolution	15	15		Pg	1	-
Diploma seminar (1 module - Writing and presentation of scientific papers)	30		30 (S)	Pg	3	-
On-line trainings: Work Hygiene and Safety (4 hours), Ethics and Disciplinary Liability of Students (2 hours), Library Training (2 hours)	(8)	-	-		-	-
Total:	345 (+8)				29	29

Forms of classes (L – Lecture, Lab – Laboratory, K – Tutorial, S – Seminar); Ex – exam, Pg – pass with grade; O – obligatory course, E – elective course; 1) 2) elective complementary/extending courses will follow

2nd semester

Courses	No. of hours	Lecture	Classes	Form of course completion	Credits ECTS	
					O	E
Bioinformatics ³⁾	60	-	60 (Lab)	Ex	5	
A) Next-generation sequencing and beyond ³⁾ or B) Molecular modelling ³⁾	30	-	30 (Lab) 30 (K)	Ex	-	3
A) Microbial infectivity, drug resistance and diagnostics ²⁾ or B) Microbial genomics ²⁾	30	15 15	15 (Lab) 15 (Lab)	Ex	-	3
Innovations in environmental microbiology and sustainable development	15	15	-	Pg	1	-
Biochemical and molecular ecology	45	15	30 (Lab)	Ex	3	-
Other elective courses (2 to be chosen): 1. Human ecology 2. Animal and plant cell and tissue in vitro cultures 3. Vaccines and plasma-based preparations of therapeutic purpose 4. Host-pathogen interactions	30 30	-	-	Pg	-	3 3
Academic lecture	15	15		Pg	-	1
Foreign language	30		30 (K)	Pg	2	
Research project	100			Pg	5	
Diploma project				Pg	3	
Total:	395				19	13
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2nd year

3rd semester

Courses	No. of hours	Lecture	Classes	Form of course completion	Credits ECTS	
					O	E
Molecular biology in entrepreneurship	15	-	15 (K)	Pg	1	-
A) Protein bioengineering ¹⁾ or B) Current topics in cell signaling ¹⁾	30	10 -	20 (Lab) 30 (K)	Ex	-	3
Elective courses in Humanities (two courses to be chosen from the given list)	60	60	-	Pg	-	4
Diploma seminar (II module)	30		30 (S)	Pg	3	-
Research project	140		140 (Lab)	Pg	6	-
Diploma project				Pg	3	
Foreign language	30		30 (K)	Ex	2	-
Theme Module I or Module II Module I (<i>Molecular biology for environment and industry</i>) 1. Molecular mechanisms of adaptation 2. Biocatalysis and biotransformation Module II (<i>Molecular biology for medicine</i>) 1. Medical genetics and molecular diagnostics 2. Development of biomolecules with desired characteristics	45 45	15 15	30 (Lab) 30 (Lab)	Pg		4 4
Total:	395				15 30	15

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4th semester

Courses	No. of hours	Lecture	Classes	Form of course completion	Credits ECTS	
					O	E
Synthetic biology	30	-	30 (K)	Ex	2	
Theme Module I or Module II Module I (<i>Molecular biology for environment and industry</i>) 1. Industrial microbiology 2. Biological control of plants Module II (<i>Molecular biology for medicine</i>) 1. Cellular and molecular immunobiology 2. Tumor biology	45 45	15 15	30 (Lab) 30 (Lab)	Pg	-	4 4
Diploma seminar (III module)	30	-	30 (S)	Pg	3	-
Research project	140	-	140 (Lab)	Pg	6	-
Diploma project				Pg	3	
Diploma thesis and final exam					8	
Total:	290				22 30	8

Forms of classes (L – Lecture, Lab – Laboratory, K – Tutorial, S – Seminar); Ex – exam, Pg – pass with grade; O – obligatory course, E – elective course