Course Unit Descriptor

Study Programme: Doctoral Academic Studies in Biochemistry

Course Unit Title: Basic of Molecular Nutrition

Course Unit Code: DSB-627

Name of Lecturer(s): Research Associate Sanja Krstić

Type and Level of Studies: PhD degree

Course Status (compulsory/elective): elective

Semester (winter/summer): winter

Language of instruction: English

Mode of course unit delivery (face-to-face/distance learning): Face-to-face

Number of ECTS Allocated: 15

Prerequisites: None

Course Aims:

The aim of the course is understanding and acquiring knowledge about molecular mechanisms through which the nutritious and bioactive components express their biological effects in the cell; to gain knowledge about the mechanisms of their integration and control, i.e. how they can influence the prevention, development and treatment of various diseases.

Learning Outcomes:

The student should, through the analysis of molecular mechanisms in human nutrition, gain insight into its significance and its connection with human health. The student is expected to be able to independently use scientific literature in oral and written form; presents the results obtained in experimental work or research and in this way develop a critical opinion on the content of this course.

Syllabus:

Theory

Cellular bioavailability and bioavailability of nutrients and bioactive food molecules; cellular transport. Intracellular transport and redistribution of macronutrients and their physiological forms. Mechanisms of action and effects of food on human health and on the development or prevention of diseases at the molecular level. Definition of terms of metabolomics and nutrigenetics. Interactions between nutrients and bioactive compounds (present in nutrition) and cellular components. The influence of selected bioactive compounds and genome. Monitoring, regulation and control of disease development (cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular and neurodegenerative diseases) in the presence of bioactive compounds from food origin; use of methods.

Practice

Introduction and application of methods and protocols used to observe molecular mechanisms within selected cell lines in the presence of bioactive compounds (pure substance or extracted from food matrix). Planning and setting up experiments. Processing obtained experimental data.

Required Reading:

1. Zempleni, J., Daniel, H. (2003) Molecular Nutrition;

2. Mechanich, J. I., M., Via, M.A., Zhao, S. (2015) Molecular Nutrition The Practical Guide 3. Malavolte, M.,

Mocchegiani, E. (2016) Molecular Basis of Nutrition and Aging

Weekly Contact Hours: 10	Lectures: 5	Practical work: 5		
Teaching Methods: Lectures, laboratory work, study projects				

Knowledge Assessment (maximum of 100 points): 100			
Pre-exam obligations	points	Final exam	points
Active class participation		written exam	45
Project presentation	30	oral exam	25
Preliminary exam(s)			
Seminar(s)			
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