Course Unit Descriptor

Study Programme: BSc in Biology

Course Unit Title: BASIC MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR IMMUNOLOGY

Course Unit Code: OB056

Name of Lecturer(s): Prof. Dr Tatjana Kostic, Prof. Dr Silvana Andric

Type and Level of Studies: Bachelor degree

Course Status (compulsory/elective): Compulsory

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: 6

Prerequisites: -

Course Aims:

Objective of this course is to study the fundamental mechanisms of immune system on the molecular and cellular level.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this course students will be able to understand and describe the basic mechanisms of the immune system functions on molecular and cellular level, as well as to acquire ability to understand the scientific hypothesis and experimental results in immunological investigations.

Syllabus:

Theory

Functional organization of the immune system. Recognition of antigens. Maturation, activation and regulation of

lymphocytes. Effective mechanisms of the innate and adaptive immune response. Immune system in disease (immune

response against tumors and against diseases which are caused by immune response).

Practice

Isolation and cultivation of the lymphocytes. Immunization. Determination of the ABO-Rh blood groups. Quantitative

analysis of antigens. Antigen detection in cells and tissues. Work on the short scientific project in the field of molecular and cellular immunology.

Required Reading:

Kostic T & Andric S (2007): Molecular and Cellular Immunology (script). WUS Austria.

Abbas AK & Lichtman AH (2007): Basic Immunology. WB Saunders Company.

Wood P (2006): Understanding Immunology 2ed. Pearson Prentice Hall.

Mahon RC & Tice D (2006): Clinical Laboratory Immunology. Pearson Prentice Hall.

Janeway CA, Travers P, Walport M, Shlomchik MJ (2005): Immunobiology 6ed: The Immune System in Health and Disease with CD-ROM. Churchill Livingstone.

Paul EW (2003): Fundamental Immunology. Lipincott Williams & Wilkins

Sompayrac L (2003): How the Immune System Works. Blackwell Publishing.

Rott IM & Delves PJ (2001): Essential Immunology. Blackwell Publishing.

Weekly Contact Hours:	Lectures: 2	Practical work: 2
Teaching Methods:		

Theoretical part - Lectures Practical part – Combination of laboratory work and computer simulations Seminars - Short presentation of the specified topics

Knowledge Assessment (maximum of 100 points):

Pre-exam obligations	points	Final exam	points	
Active class		written exam	40	
participation		written exam		
Practical work	40	oral exam	20	
Preliminary exam(s)				
Seminar(s)				
The methods of knowledge assessment may differ; the table presents only some of the options: written exam, oral exam,				
project presentation, seminars, etc.				