Course Unit Descriptor

Study Programme: Veterinary medicine

Course Unit Title: Biochemistry
Course Unit Code: 3IVM2O06

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Type and Level of Studies: Integrated Academic Degree

Course Status (compulsory/elective): Compulsory

Semester (winter/summer): Summer

Language of instruction: English

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

Number of ECTS Allocated: 7

Prerequisites: None

Course Aims:

To gain knowledge on molecular aspects of biochemical processes and interactions in animal. Study on biomolecules in animal tissues and their metabolism.

Learning Outcomes:

The contribution of new knowledge in the field of animal biochemistry.

Syllabus:

Theory

Chemical composition of animal organs and tissues. Primary biomolecules – properties, structures and function (amino acids, peptides and proteins, enzymes, coenzymes, vitamins, hormones, carbohydrates, lipids and nucleic acids).

Metabolism of primary biomolecules and bioenergetics (metabolism of amino acids and proteins, metabolism of carbohydrates, lipids and nucleic acids). Biological membranes and transport of metabolites. Respiratory electron-transport chain and oxidative phosphorilation. Metabolism of water and electrolytes.

Practice

Proteins (qualitative reactions, denaturation and coagulation of proteins, determination of isoelectrical point of amino acids and proteins); Enzymes (effect of temperature, pH, substrate and enzyme concentration on enzyme activity, kinetics of enzyme reactions, antioxidant enzymes activity); Carbohydrates (qualitative reactions); Lipids (isolation of lipids from yolk and separation of compounds using thin-layer chromatography-TLC, determination of saponification and iodine number, qualitative reactions of lecithin, isolation of cholesterol from brain tissue and qualitative reactions); Hormones (quantitative determination); Vitamins and provitamins (determination of vitamin D and carotenoides in biological samples); Metabolism (glycolysis and alcoholic fermentation).

Required Reading:

Weekly Contact Hours: 5 Lectures: 3 Practical work: 2

Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Practical classes, Consultations, Research work (optional)

Knowledge Assessment (maximum of 100 points):

Pre-exam obligations	points	Final exam	points
Active class	5	written exam	
participation		written exam	
Practical work	5	oral exam	60
Preliminary exam(s)	30		
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.			