Course Unit Descriptor

Study Programme: Food Engineering, Biotechnology, Pharmaceutical Engineering

Course Unit Title: Biochemistry

Course Unit Code: O4BO1

Name of Lecturer(s): Dr. Mirjana Antov, Full Professor

Type and Level of Studies: Undergraduate academic studies

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: 8

Prerequisites: None

Course Aims:

Course in Biochemistry enables students to gain fundamental scientific and academic knowledge, capabilities and skills in the fields of basic classes of biomolecules, their structures and functions in different types of organisms. Course also covers fundamental metabolic processes, their regulation and integration.

Learning Outcomes:

Knowledge of structures of proteins, enzymes and coenzymes, nucleic acids, carbohydrates and lipids, and their biological functions; knowledge of pathways of their biosynthesis and degradation; knowledge of basic principles of metabolism regulation and integration.

Syllabus:

Theory

Introduction to biochemistry. Proteins. Enzymes. Coenzymes. Nucleic acids and their metabolism. Metabolism of proteins and amino acids. Carbohydrates and their metabolism. Oxidative decarboxylation and Citric acid cycle. Lipids and their metabolism. Energy preservation in membranes and oxidative phosphorylation. Integration of metabolism.

Practice

Laboratory exercises in proteins, enzymes, vitamins, nucleic acids, carbohydrates and lipids.

Required Reading:

Devlin, T.M. (ed. Hoboken, N.J.): Textbook of Biochemistry, Hoboken: Wiley-Liss, 2006

Stroev, E. A.: Laboratory Manual in Biochemistry, Moscow: Mir Publishers, 1989

| Weekly Contact Hours: 6 | Lectures: 3 | Practical work: 3 |
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| Teaching Methods: | | |

Lectures and students' lab exercises

Knowledge Assessment (maximum of 100 points):

| Pre-exam obligations | points | Final exam | points |
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| Active class | 5 | written exam | - |
| participation | | | |
| Practical work | 25 | oral exam | 40 |
| 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.