

Subject card

Subject name and code	Cytology, PG_00146873						
Field of study	Genetics and Experimental Biology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study Subject group related to scientific research in the field of study		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	1		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	1		ECTS credits		4.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form		credit		
Conducting unit	Laboratory of Plant Cytology and Embryology -> Department of Experimental Biology and Plant Biotechnology -> Faculty of Biology -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Natalia Wiśniewska				
	Teachers		dr Natalia Wiśniewska				
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	0.0	45.0	0.0	0.0	45
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	45		10.0		45.0	100
Subject objectives	1. Understanding the basics of functioning of organisms at the cell level. 2. Understanding the structure of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells. 3. Ability to analyze the relationship between the structure of cellular structures and their functions .4. Ability to work safely in the laboratory, plan and conduct experiments using a light microscope, and record and interpret results						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[GBEL3_W01] Understanding the structure and properties of basic types of biological macromolecules, molecular mechanisms of metabolic pathways and genetic information flow, as well as sources of genetic variability in organisms and mechanisms of evolution; explaining the rules of inheritance, elucidating differences in the structure and functioning of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells, and understanding the structure and functional relationships at the cellular and tissue levels.	The graduate understands the importance of individual compartments in the functioning of cells and explains their role in the adaptation of cells to changing environmental conditions or the function performed in a plant or animal body.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW2] presentation/project/paper/report
	[GBEL3_U03] Proficient in using research equipment and tools, while following the correct sequence of procedures, to conduct basic physical, biological, or chemical observations and measurements in laboratory work within the field of biological sciences.	The graduate is able to properly use chemical equipment, tools and reagents. Is able to plan and perform simple experiments and chemical stainings as well as interpret the obtained results.	[SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[GBEL3_K08] Responsibility for entrusted equipment/materials and respect for the work of others.	The graduate is able to properly work with a light microscope and knows the principles of occupational health and safety. Is able to work safely in the laboratory and conduct experiments.	[SK8] observation of student's independent or team work
Subject contents	Laboratory exercises: 1. Learning the techniques and research methods used in cytology 2. Structure and function of a plant cell 3. Cell growth and division 4. Cell cycle and its regulation 5. Genetic material of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells, the impact of numerical and structural aberrations on the functioning of the body 6. Cytoskeleton 7. Polyploidization of cells 8. Programmed cell death		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	tests, presentation/project/paper/report (laboratory reports, notebook), independent or team work.	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	A. Literature required to pass the course: 1. used during classes: • Alberts B. i wsp. Podstawy biologii komórki. 2005, PWN Warszawa • Kilarski, W. Strukturalne podstawy biologii komórki. PWN 2003 • Klyszejko-Stefanowicz L. Cytobiochemia. 2002, Wyd. Naukowe PWN • Wojtaszek P., Michejda J., Ratajczak, Biologia komórki roślinnej. T. 1 Struktura, T.2 Funkcja. PWN 2008/2009 • Woźny A. i in. [red.] 2001. Podstawy biologii komórki roślinnej, Wyd. Naukowe UAM, Poznań 2. studied independently by the student: • Rogalska S, J. Małuszyńska, M.J. Olszewska (red.). 2005. Podstawy cytogenetyki roślin, PWN, Warszawa
	Supplementary literature	• Litwin JA. 1999. Podstawy technik mikroskopowych. Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Jagiellońskiego, Kraków • Alberts B. (red.), Johnson A, Lewis J, et al. Wstęp do biologii molekularnej. Książka on-line New York: Garland Science, 2002 • Kozieradzka-Kiszkurno M, Płachno BJ. (2013): Diversity of plastid morphology and structure along the micropyle-chalaza axis of different Crassulaceae. Flora 208: 128-137. • Pawlik, A., Wała, M., Hać, A., Felczykowska, A., & Herman-Antosiewicz, A. (2017). Sulforaphane, an isothiocyanate present in radish plants, inhibits proliferation of human breast cancer cells. Phytomedicine, 29, 1-10. • Wiczak, A., Hofman, D., Konopa, G., & Herman-Antosiewicz, A. (2012). Sulforaphane, a cruciferous vegetable-derived isothiocyanate, inhibits protein synthesis in human prostate cancer cells. Biochimica et Biophysica Acta (BBA)-Molecular Cell Research, 1823(8), 1295-1305. • Pawlik, A., Wiczak, A., Kaczyńska, A., Antosiewicz, J., & Herman-Antosiewicz, A. (2013). Sulforaphane inhibits growth of phenotypically different breast cancer cells. European journal of nutrition, 52(8), 1949-1958. • Hać, A., Domachowska, A., Narajczyk, M., Cyske, K., Pawlik, A., & Herman-Antosiewicz, A. (2015). S6K1 controls autophagosome maturation in autophagy induced by sulforaphane or serum deprivation. European journal of cell biology, 94(10), 470-481. • Płachno, B.J.; Kapusta, M.; Stolarczyk, P.; Świątek, P. Arabinogalactan Proteins in the Digestive Glands of <i>Dionaea muscipula</i> J. Ellis Traps. Cells 2022, 11, 586. https://doi.org/10.3390/cells11030586
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Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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