

Subject card

Subject name and code	Unicellular organisms - Metabolism Methodology (M03_B3), PG_00196919						
Field of study	Biotechnology						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2026	Academic year of realisation of subject			2027/2028		
Education level	Bachelor's studies	Subject group			Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group 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	2	Language of instruction			Polish		
Semester of study	3	ECTS credits			2.0		
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form			credit		
Conducting unit	Research and Development Laboratory -> UG Institute of Biotechnology -> Intercollegiate Faculty of Biotechnology UG-MUG -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr Natalia Kaczyńska				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	0.0	17.0	0.0	0.0	17
	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	17		5.0		28.0	50
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is to familiarize the student with the metabolic processes of microorganisms, taking into account their living environment. The student will acquire the skills necessary for conducting laboratory work involving microorganisms safely (independently or in a group). The student will be able to analyze, evaluate, and discuss the obtained results and draw conclusions based on them. In case of an experimental failure, the student will be able to identify putative causes. The student will gain awareness of the safety principles necessary for studying microorganisms.						

Learning outcomes	Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	[BIOTECHL3_U02] The graduate is able to plan and organise work effectively, independently or as part of a team, in particular work in a laboratory	The student is able to plan microbiological experiments and organize team work, including assigning roles and using tools for collaboration and data sharing.	[SU1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/report [SU3] text preparation/written work [SU4] test/exam - oral or written [SU5] implementation of a problem task [SU6] demonstration of practical skills [SU8] observation of student's independent or team work
	[BIOTECHL3_W02] The graduate knows and understands at an advanced level selected processes at the cell, tissue, and organism level, important from the biological point of view	The student is able to solve research tasks related to the metabolism of bacteria and yeasts. The student explains the relationships between environmental conditions and microbial enzymatic activity, describes the mechanisms of action of bacteriocins, antibiotics, and phytoncides, and explains the role of yeast mitochondria in cellular energy metabolism.	[SW4] test/exam - oral or written [SW1] oral statement/conversation/discussion [SW5] implementation of a problem task
[BIOTECHL3_K04] The graduate is aware of the importance of occupational safety rules, is able to apply them and react in hazardous situations, ensuring their own safety and the safety of others.	The student follows safety rules when working with microorganisms, uses personal protective equipment (such as a lab coat and gloves), and properly carries out the segregation of biological waste.	[SK6] demonstration of practical skills [SK8] observation of student's independent or team work	
Subject contents	<p>Laboratory Classes</p> <p>M1. Bacterial Metabolism; LAB13 (12 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth curve, growth rate, generation time, cultivation methods for aerobic and anaerobic bacteria. • Determination of enzymatic activity (oxidase, catalase, proteases, amylases) in microorganisms. • Assessment of the ability to utilize various carbon and nitrogen sources; different types of fermentation. • Use of various culture media to study microbial metabolism and for microbial identification. • Investigation of the ability of bacteria and actinomycetes to produce bacteriocins and antibiotics; testing microbial susceptibility to antibiotics (antibiogram), bacteriocins (colicins and staphylococins), and phytoncides. <p>M2. Yeast Metabolism; LAB4 (5 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolation of mitochondria and analysis of mitochondrial enzyme activity <p>Depending on the chosen group, students attend classes in either Polish or English, gaining subject knowledge in the selected language while building discipline-specific vocabulary.</p>		
Prerequisites and co-requisites			
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Parts M1 (80%) + M2 (20%)	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Życie bakterii Kunicki-Goldfinger, red. J. Baj, Z. Markiewicz, Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN, W-wa 2005 i późniejsze • Mikrobiologia techniczna. T. 1 Mikroorganizmy i środowiska ich występowania (wybrane rozdziały) - Zdzisława Libudysz (red.), Krystyna Kowal (red.), Zofia Żakowska (red.), 2007, Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN • Mikrobiologia Murray Rosenthal Wydanie 2018 EDRA URBAN & PARTNER • Microbiology: an introduction. Gerard J. Tortora, Berdell R. Funke, Christine L. Case, 2016, Pearson • Prescotts Microbiology Joanne Willey[10th ed.] 2016. McGraw-Hill Education, • Brock biology of microorganisms, global edition, 15/e M. T. Madigan, K. S. Bender, D. H. Buckley, W. M. Sattley, D. A. Stahl, 2018. Pearson. • Cappuccino, James G.; Welsh, Chad T, Microbiology: A Laboratory Manual, Global Edition Pearson Education Limited : Pearson, 2017 • Skrypt Pracownia inżynierii genetycznej materiały do ćwiczeń Katarzyna Węgrzyn
	Supplementary literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Yeasts: Yeast Technology (2012) Anthony H. Rose, J. Stewart Harrison • Scheffler I. E. Mitochondria. 2nd edition. Wiley 2007
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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