Table 5.2 Course specification

Type and level of studies: Bachelor of Science Degree

Course name: Molecules significant for medicine

Course status: elective

Number of ECTS credits: 5

Requirement: None

Course aim

Acquiring knowledge about molecules of potential medical importance. Introduction to the discovery, obtaining and pharmacological effects of selected biologically active molecules and biomolecules.

Course outcome

By the end of this course, students will be able to: explain the basic methods of obtaining molecules and biomolecules significant for medicine, as well as to understand their pharmacological effect.

Course content

Theory

Elements and small molecules of medical importance. Discovery of selected biomolecules and their importance: urea, glucose, steroidal compounds, porphyrin hem, vitamin B12 and others. Discovery of the most important antibiotics and other antimicrobial drugs, their synthesis and biological effects: penicillin, erythromycin A, amphotericin B, vancomycin and others. Discovery of the most important medicaments (acetylsalicylic acid, morphine, quinine, avermectin). Antitumour agents: discovery, synthesis and medical significance (paclitaxel). Selected toxins: discovery, synthesis and medical importance (strychnine, palytoxin, brevetoxin, etc.). Discovery and significance of lesser known molecules significant for medicine.

Practice: Practical classes, OFT, SRW

Literature

1. J. Francuz: Molecules significant for medicine, internal script (ePMF), 2019.

2. K. C. Nicolaou, T. Montagnon: Molecules that changed the world, WILEY-VCH Verlag GmbH & Co. KGaA, Weinheim, 2008.

Number of classes of active teaching							Other classes
Lectures:	Practice:	OFT:			SRW:		
30		30					
Teaching methods							
Lectures, desk study projects, seminar(s)							
Assessment of knowledge (maximum of 100 points)							
Pre-exam obligations			Points		Final exam		points
activity during	g lecture cla	asses	10		written exam		70
seminars		,	20				