Study Programme: BSc in Biology
Degree level: Bachelor degree

Course Title: Basic Microbiology

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Required/Elective Course: Required

Number of ECTS: 6

Prerequisites:

Course Objective:

The aim of the course is to enable students to understand fundamentals of morphology, genetics, physiology, growth, taxonomy, pathogenicity, ecology and application of microorganisms, with special emphasis on prokaryotes. The acquired knowledge should be a basis for other required and / or elective courses in the field of microbiology.

Course Outcome:

Students will be able to describe various characteristics of microorganisms and their significance, as well as to carry out basic microbiological analysis. The course should provide knowledge important for other courses in microbiology.

Course Content:

Theoretical part

Introduction to microbiology and historical path of its development as a science. Short repetitoria of biology of acellular (viruses and subviral particles) and cellular microorganisms with particular attention to prokaryotes. Nutrition and growth of microorganisms. Cultivation of microorganisms. The metabolic diversity of microorganisms. Genetics of microorganisms. Taxonomy of microorganisms. Pathogenicity of microorganisms. Microbial Ecology. Biotechnological application of microorganisms.

Practical part

Microbiological laboratory. Microscope and microscopy. Native and fixed preparations. The morphology of bacteria. Culture medium and cultivation. Sampling for microbiological analysis. Direct and indirect methods for bacterial number determination. Biochemical properties of bacteria.

Reading List:

- 1. Petrović O., Knežević P., Simeunović J. (2007): Mikrobiologija. Skripta WUS Austrija, Novi Sad
- 2. Jarak, M., Govedarica, M. (2005): Mikrobiologija. Poljoprivredni fakultet, Novi Sad
- 3. Madigan, M. T., Martinko, J. M. (2006): Brock Biology of Microorganisms. 11th ed. Pearson Education, Inc.

Total hours:				
Lectures:	Practicals:	Other:	Student research work:	
3		2		

Methods of instruction:

Lectures with using PowerPoint presentations; Practice- individual student work and demonstration of some bacteriological methods

Assessment (maximum number of points 100)					
Requirements	points	Final exam	points		
Active participation in lectures	5	Practical exam	20		
Active participation in practicals	40	Oral exam	20		
Test(s) or	15				
Pre-exam testing					