UCLouvain

Introduction to genetics

3 credits

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25.0 h + 15.0 h

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Teacher(s)	Hachez Charles ;Lejeune André ;			
Language :	French			
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve			
Prerequisites	The prerequisite(s) for this Teaching Unit (Unité d'enseignement – UE) for the programmes/courses that offer this Teaching Unit are specified at the end of this sheet.			
Main themes	The introduction of the course aims to situate genetics and its importance in the global context of sciences and society. It is completed at the end the course by a debate on a theme in relation to the course, chosen by the students and prepared by a portfolio of reading material. The study of genetics is envisioned at two levels of organisation of the living world. At the level of individuals, general laws of transmission of genes, their application to certain particular cases and exceptions will be exposed. Connections with certain aspects of metabolism and a brief overview of genomic notions will be presented. At the level of populations, we study variations of genetic characteristics and connect them with certain aspects of evolution.			
Aims	To situate the discipline in the global context of sciences and society; - To know and understand the mechanisms ruling the transmission of genes from one generation to the next and the genetic variations that occur in populations; - To solve exercises relevant to the themes mentioned above. The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".			
Content	Content 1. Genetics and the organism 2. Classical genetics. 2.1 Patterns of inheritance (laws of Mendel). 2.2 Chromosomal basis of heredity. 2.3 Extensions of Mendelian heredity (incomplete dominance, codominance, lethal alleles, multiple alleles, gene interactions). 2.4 Gene linkage and genetic mapping 3. Overview of genomics 4. Population genetics. 3.1 Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium. 3.2 Variations in populations. Method Theoretical classes and exercises. Debate on a selected topic linking genetics and society.			
Other infos	Pre-requisite : cell biology class. Thorough knowledge of the mother language, rigor, ability to observe, analyse, synthesise, curiosity, imagination, motivation. Evaluation : written examination on theory and exercises Written support : books, overhead transparencies, portfolio of reading material.			
Faculty or entity in charge	BIOL			

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)					
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims	
Bachelor in Biology	BIOL1BA	3	LBIO1111	٩	
Minor in Scientific Culture	LCUSC100I	3		٩	