UCLouvain

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## General Microbiology

4.00 credits	37.5 h + 15.0 h	Q2
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Teacher(s)	Gillis Annika ;
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.
Learning outcomes	
Evaluation methods	- The evaluation consists of a <b>final written exam</b> in the form of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) with Multiple Responses and including:
	<ul> <li>the theoretical course, including the content of the <i>Microstories</i> (see below) (18/20)</li> <li>the practical work (2/20)</li> </ul>
	The evaluation results in a single score. In case of failure, the entire exam must be retaken.  - Evaluation of the presentation made by certain students ( <b>on a voluntary basis</b> ) that have presented a <i>Microstory</i> , on a subject related to the course and chosen in interaction with the teacher. The evaluation of this presentation represents a bonus of maximum 2 points on the final exam mark.  - Practical work (laboratory session):  > By group of 2. <b>Compulsory participation</b> . A penalty of -1 point /20 on the final exam mark per practical session missed in the event of an unjustified absence.
Teaching methods	<ul> <li>The main activity is given as ex cathedra courses, which include many practical examples and case studies, taken from human and animal health, the environment or biotechnological applications.</li> <li>At the beginning of each lecture, a recapitulation (ca. 15 min) of the main messages from the previous course is given in English.</li> <li>On a voluntary basis, a dozen students have the possibility to present a « Microstory » (ca. 15 min), dealing with aspects related to the course.</li> </ul>
	Practical work (mandatory activity):  Groups of 2 students  Case study under the supervision of an assistant/technician team  Each student has the opportunity to perform the main basic operations related to the observation and control of the micro-organisms  Writing of an individual report, in the laboratory notebook.
Content	In order to achieve the objectives of this course, the following themes will be developed, in an integrated manner:  - The microbial world in the reality of its size and diversity, the multiplicity of its habitats and relationships with the environment, including the other organisms.  - The world of viruses and bacteriophages and the methods developed for their use or control.  - The potential of genetic adaptation of microbes and, in particular, the specificity of their sexuality.  - The strategies allowing the most efficient control of micro-organisms, using either prophylactic or curative methods.  - The industrial use of microbes in the fields of agro-food industry, environment or medicine.  - The past, present and future use of micro-organisms in biological engineering.  The main objectives of the practical work, mostly performed by the students themselves, are: i) macroscopic and microscopic observations of bacteria, fungi and bacteriophages, and ii) the use of the basic techniques of descriptive microbiology.
Bibliography	<ul> <li>Dias du cours sur MOODLE</li> <li>Willey J., Sherwood L., Woolverton C., Coyette J., Joseleau JP. &amp; Perraud, R. (2018) Microbiologie de Prescott (5e édition). De Boeck supérieur. 980 pp - ISBN- 9782807308022.</li> <li>Madigan M., Bender K., Buckley D., Sattley M., Stahl DA. &amp; Brock T. (2022) Brock Biology of Microorganisms (16th Edition). Pearson Education. 1124 pp - ISBN 9781292404790.</li> </ul>
Faculty or entity in charge	AGRO

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)						
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes		
Minor in Scientific Culture	MINCULTS	4		Q		
Bachelor in Bioengineering	BIR1BA	4	LBIR1250	•		