



**Karolinska
Institutet**

Course syllabus for

Infection and immunity, 15 credits

Infektion och immunitet, 15 hp

This course has been cancelled, for further information see Transitional provisions in the last version of the syllabus.

Please note that the course syllabus is available in the following versions:

Autumn2015 , [Autumn2016](#) , [Autumn2017](#)

Course code	1BI023
Course name	Infection and immunity
Credits	15 credits
Form of Education	Higher Education, study regulation 2007
Main field of study	Biomedicine
Level	G2 - First cycle 2
Grading scale	Pass with distinction, Pass, Fail
Department	Department of Microbiology, Tumor and Cell Biology
Decided by	Programme Committee 7
Decision date	2015-04-09
Course syllabus valid from	Autumn 2015

Specific entry requirements

At least grade G (pass) at the courses Introduction to Biomedical Science, and General and Organic Chemistry, and at least grade G (pass) at the parts Basal metabolism (3 credits) and Biochemical laboratory methods (2 credits) of the course Medical Biochemistry, and the part Cell biology (6 credits) of the course Cell Biology and Genetics within the Bachelor's programme in Biomedicine.

Objectives

After the course, the student should be able to:

- describe the general difference between the innate and the adaptive immune system,
- broadly describe how the innate and the adaptive immune systems mature in the body, how they interact with each other, and how they function in protecting the host from infections,
- illustrate what could happen during immunopathology, i.e. if the immune system is inappropriately activated and attacks cells/molecules/functions in the body,
- describe basic structures and functions of bacteria, viruses and parasites, and know how they are classified,
- describe basic pathogenic mechanisms used by bacteria, viruses and parasites, that are important

in the interaction with humans, and to understand how antimicrobial agents work on a molecular level,

- use the information acquired during the course to hypothesise how the immune system can be used to fight pathogenic microorganisms, and how microorganisms can avoid the immune system,
- show practical attainments and knowledge in how microorganisms are handled, including pathogenic microorganisms, and know the procedure of safe laboratory practice,
- find relevant original and review articles in the subjects immunology, infection and microbiology, and to analyse, reflect upon, give feedback and compile data from these in e.g. a short written report.

Content

Basic immunology including morphology and general functions of the proteins, cells and organs of the immune system. Maturation, interactions and regulations of innate and adaptive immune responses. Clinical orientated immunology including autoimmunity, allergy and transplantation immunology. Morphology, taxonomy, genetics and metabolism of bacteria. Microbial ecology, including normal flora in humans. Interactions between bacteria and eukaryotic cells. Pathogenicity and virulence factors. Function of antibiotics at a molecular level. Structure, classification and replication of viruses. Viral pathogenicity and antiviral agents. Life cycle and pathogenicity of parasites. Traditional vaccines.

The course is divided into the following parts:

Laboratory work and seminars, 4 hp **Project work, 3 hp** The students work in groups to look up, analyse and compile data from original articles in a short written report and an oral presentation.

Integration of microbiology, infection and immunity, 8 hp Consists of a summative examination of the subjects of the course.

Teaching methods

Teaching will be in the form of of cathedral lectures, discussion groups, demonstrations, self studies, question times, half-time exam, laboratory work and a project work in a group, and a final examination. The course also contains a written report and oral presentation of the project work.

Examination

Written half-time exam (not obligatory) that covers the first parts of the course. The half-time exam is corrected by the students under guidance of teachers. Passed half time exam gives 4% of the total score on the written examination on the part Integration of microbiology, infection and immunity.

Laboratory work and seminars (4 credits). The examination consists of written laboratory reports and active participation in the discussions at the seminars. Graded Fail/Pass.

Project work (3 credits). The examination consists of a written report and an oral presentation. Graded Fail/Pass.

Integration of microbiology, infection and immunity (8 credits). The examination consists of a written examination. Graded with Fail/Pass/Pass with distinction.

The final grade for the whole course is based on the grade for the part Integration of microbiology, infection and immunity. To pass the whole course (grade Pass or above), the grade pass must have been obtained for the other parts on the course.

Compulsory participation

Laboratory work, project work and seminars are compulsory. The course director assesses if and, in that case, how absence can be compensated. Before the student has participated in all compulsory parts or compensated absence in accordance with the course director's instructions, the student's results for respective part will not be registered in LADOK.

Limited number of examinations or practical training sessions

Students who have not passed the regular examination are entitled to participate in five more examinations. If the student is not approved after four examinations, he/she is recommended to retake the course at the next regular course date, and may, after that, participate in two more examinations. If the student has failed six examinations/tests, no additional examination or new admission is provided.

The number of times that the student has participated in one and the same examination is regarded as an examination session. Submission of a blank examination is regarded as an examination. An examination, for which the student registered but not participated in, will not be counted as an examination.

Transitional provisions

After each course occasion there will be at least six occasions for the examination within a two-year period from the end of the course.

Other directives

The course language is English.

Course evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the guidelines established by the Board of Higher Education.

Oral evaluation in the form of course council meetings will be carried out during the course.

Literature and other teaching aids

Abbas, Abul K.; Lichtman, Andrew H.; Pillai, Shiv.

Basic immunology : functions and disorders of the immune system.

4th ed. : Philadelphia : Saunders, cop. 2014 - x, 320 s.

ISBN:978-1-4557-0707-2 (pbk.) LIBRIS-ID:13610618

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Murray, Patrick R.; Rosenthal, Kenneth S.; Pfaller, Michael A.

Medical microbiology

7th ed. : Philadelphia : Elsevier Saunders, 2012 - 874 s.

ISBN:978-0-323-08692-9 (pbk.) : £56.99 LIBRIS-ID:13614662

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Other literature

Handouts and articles.