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Subject 10276 - Nutrigenomics and

Personalised Nutrition

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# **Subject**

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**Degree** Master's Degree in Nutrigenomics and Personalized Nutrition

Credits 5

**Period** Second semester

Language of instruction Spanish

## **Professors**

Lecturers	Office hours for students					
Lecturers	Starting time	Finishing time	Day	Start date	End date	Office / Building
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#### **Context**

#### **TEACHING STAFF:**

Ma Luisa Bonet (Dra. in Biological Sciences, University of Alicante, 1990) is Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and researcher in the Nutrigenomics and Obesity group at the Laboratory Molecular Biology, Nutrition and Biotechnology (LBNB) of the UIB. Member of the Center for Biomedical Research Network Pathophysiology of obesity and nutrition (CIBERobn). Her investigation is focused on the mechanisms controlling body fat content and their interaction with nutrients (Molecular nutrition).

Catalina Picó (PhD in Biological Sciences; UIB, 1991). Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, researcher in the Nutrigenomics and Obesity group, and Deputy Director of the Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Nutrition and Biotechnology (LBNB) of the UIB. Member of the Center for Biomedical Research Network Pathophysiology of obesity and nutrition (CIBERobn). Her research focuses on the field of molecular nutrition and nutrigenomics, particularly in the study of obesity, the mechanisms of body weight regulation, including perinatal programming and epigenetic imprinting, and the effects of certain nutrients on these processes.

#### SUBJECT:

Subject of the official Master in Nutrigenomics and Personalised Nutrition of the UIB, compulsory, 5 ECTS. Its main objective is to be aware of basic concepts in personalised nutrition, and in particular the interaction between genes and nutrients, and importance in the prevention of and susceptibility to illnesses.

#### Learning outcomes:

- To be able to evaluate on a population and case by case level the potential contribution, in light of available knowledge, of gene-diet interactions in the development of certain diseases.
- To be able to analyze the benefit / risk balance of dietary recommendations and interventions according to the genotype.





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# **Syllabus**

- Justify the importance of taking care of diet in the perinatal period for health in adulthood.

- Apply the foundations of nutrigenomics and personalized nutrition in health promotion.
- Weighing social and ethical responsibilities linked to the development of nutrigenomics and the application of personalized nutrition.

# Requirements

This subject has no essential requirements beyond those required for admission to Master studies.

#### Recommended

We recommend a medium level of knowledge in Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Nutrition, Molecular Nutrition and English. It will also be helpful for the student to have access opportunities to Internet.

#### **Skills**

# Specific

- \* E6 Integrate knowledge of the main metabolic pathways and the role of nutrients in health and disease situations
- \* E9 Apply specific laboratory techniques related to the field of molecular nutrition and nutrigenomics.

# Generic

- \* G10 Ability to communicate knowledge in oral and written presentations.
- \* G12 Ability to develop their work in English (language internationally recognized in the scientific discipline).
- \* G9 Ability to collect, organize and critically analyze the research and professional literature of the discipline.

## Basic

\* You may consult the basic competencies students will have to achieve by the end of the Master's degree at the following address: <a href="http://estudis.uib.cat/master/comp\_basiques/">http://estudis.uib.cat/master/comp\_basiques/</a>

## Content

# Range of topics

Theme 1. Introduction

Concept of functional genomics, systems biology, nutrigenomics, nutrigenetics, personalised nutrition.

Theme 2. Diet and gene expression

Short-term gene expression regulation by nutrititional factors. Diet and epigenetics.

Theme 3. Perinatal programming





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Diet in early life and metabolic programming.

Theme 4. Gene polymorphisms and responses to diet

Diet as a risk or preventive factor of pathologies. Experimental designs in human nutrigenetics studies. Nutrigenetics of cancer, osteoporosis, cardiovascular disease and obesity.

Theme 5. Workshop case studies

Case studies in nutrigenomics, nutrigenetics and personalised nutrition.

# Teaching methodology

In-class work activities (1 credits, 25 hours)

Modality	Name	Typ. Grp.	Description	Hours
Theory classes	Participatory lectures	Large group (G)	Presentation by the teacher of the main contents of the subject. It is intended that students acquire the key knowledge in relation to the subject and its applications.	14
			The involvement of students in classes and student-teacher dialogue. Power point presentations of the issues will be made available to students in Campus Extens so that students can come to class having already consulted this material.	
Seminars and workshops	Seminar presentation and discussion of work done by students.	Medium group 2 (X)	Presentation by the students (who have chosen this option) of a seminar related to the context of the subject. Dialogue with the teacher and with other students will be promoted.	9
ECTS tutorials	Group and individual tutoring	Medium group 2 (X)	Tutorials will be established so that students can refer to the professor doubts about the topics covered as well as on the seminar or work to be done	0.75
Assessment	Final exam	Large group (G)	An exam for those who can not attend class regularly and who have chosen the option of final evaluation. This examination will consist of specific questions to be developed, which will allow to assess whether the student has acquired the skills provided.	1.25

At the beginning of the semester a schedule of the subject will be made available to students through the UIBdigital platform. The schedule shall at least include the dates when the continuing assessment tests will be conducted and the hand-in dates for the assignments. In addition, the lecturer shall inform students as to whether the subject work plan will be carried out through the schedule or through another way included in the Aula Digital platform.

Distance education tasks (4 credits, 100 hours)

Modality	Name	Description	Hours
Individual self- study	Resolution of questionnaires, exercises and cases	Students must answer the proposed questionnaires, designed to cover the most important concepts to understand, and stimulate the ability of	50
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Modality	Name	Description	Hours
		reasoning and autonomous search of relevant information in the context of the subject.	
		It will allow to assess the degree of understanding of the subject and the maturity in it.	
Group or individual Preparation of a work self-study		Performance of a work in the context of nutrigenomics. There are two options:  1. To do the work individually or in groups of two people at most, present it in seminar and deliver a summary of the work (maximum two pages references used).  2. To do the work individually and return the completed work writted. The extension of the work may not exceed, including references, 15 pages and should include an abstract (maximum 300 words), the objective and interest of the work, the development of the subject, conclusions and bibliography.	50
		It will allow to assess the student's ability to choose a topic of interest in the context of the subject, find and organize relevant, proven information on it, and communicate this information with strictness.	

# Specific risks and protective measures

The learning activities of this course do not entail specific health or safety risks for the students and therefore no special protective measures are needed.

## Student learning assessment

Two routes are proposed:

- Continuous evaluation (pathway A), for students who attend classes regularly. This itinerary requires the assistance to at least 50% of the lessons and seminars.
- Final evaluation (pathway B), for students who can not attend classes.

Each section will be marked out of 10. The final mark will be the weighted average scores on the different sections. To pass the course, at least 5 points out of 10 must be obtained. If lower, the activities specified as recoverable may be recovered in the following, extraordinary call, except the presentation in seminar, that will have to be presented as a written work.

#### Frau en elements d'avaluació

In accordance with article 33 of Academic regulations, "regardless of the disciplinary procedure that may be followed against the offending student, the demonstrably fraudulent performance of any of the evaluation elements included in the teaching guides of the subjects will lead, at the discretion of the teacher, a undervaluation in the qualification that may involve the qualification of "suspense 0" in the annual evaluation of the subject".



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#### Participatory lectures

Modality Theory classes

Technique Attitude scales (non-retrievable)

Description Presentation by the teacher of the main contents of the subject. It is intended that students acquire the key

knowledge in relation to the subject and its applications. The involvement of students in classes and studentteacher dialogue. Power point presentations of the issues will be made available to students in Campus

Extens so that students can come to class having already consulted this material.

Assessment criteria The assistance and active participation in lectures given by the teacher will be assessed.

Final grade percentage: 12% for pathway A Final grade percentage: 0% for pathway B

#### Seminar presentation and discussion of work done by students.

Modality Seminars and workshops
Technique Attitude scales (non-retrievable)

Description Presentation by the students (who have chosen this option) of a seminar related to the context of the subject.

Dialogue with the teacher and with other students will be promoted.

Assessment criteria The assistance and active participation in seminars conducted by students will be assessed.

Final grade percentage: 8% for pathway A Final grade percentage: 0% for pathway B

#### Final exam

Modality Assessment

Technique Short-answer tests (retrievable)

Description An exam for those who can not attend class regularly and who have chosen the option of final evaluation.

This examination will consist of specific questions to be developed, which will allow to assess whether the

student has acquired the skills provided.

Assessment criteria The understanding and assimilation of the concepts explained in class will be assessed. This examination may

be recovered in an exam in September with the same characteristics.

Final grade percentage: 0% for pathway A Final grade percentage: 50% for pathway B

## Resolution of questionnaires, exercises and cases

Modality Individual self-study

Technique Papers and projects (retrievable)

Description Students must answer the proposed questionnaires, designed to cover the most important concepts to

understand, and stimulate the ability of reasoning and autonomous search of relevant information in the context of the subject. It will allow to assess the degree of understanding of the subject and the maturity in it.

Assessment criteria It will be assessed if the student has resolved the issues raised, and the degree of understanding of matter and

the maturity in the field.

Final grade percentage: 40% for pathway A Final grade percentage: 25% for pathway B



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#### Preparation of a work

Modality Group or individual self-study
Technique Papers and projects (retrievable)

Description Performance of a work in the context of nutrigenomics. There are two options: 1. To do the work individually

or in groups of two people at most, present it in seminar and deliver a summary of the work (maximum two pages references used). 2. To do the work individually and return the completed work writted. The extension of the work may not exceed, including references, 15 pages and should include an abstract (maximum 300 words), the objective and interest of the work, the development of the subject, conclusions and bibliography. It will allow to assess the student's ability to choose a topic of interest in the context of the subject, find and

organize relevant, proven information on it, and communicate this information with strictness.

Assessment criteria The work delivered by the students or presented at the seminar will be valued.

In particular, with respecte to the papers presented at the seminar, we will evaluate the degree of depth in the topic, clarity of presentation, preparedness, coordination between group members, the ability to adjust exposure

time and maturity in response to questions raised after the exposure.

In the work presented in writing, we will assess the student's ability to choose a topic of interest in the context of the subject, find and organize relevant and proven information on it, including all required sections, the quality of work, proper use and citation of the literature as well as ability to communicate this information

with strickness.

Final grade percentage: 40% for pathway A Final grade percentage: 25% for pathway B

# Resources, bibliography and additional documentation

Power point presentations of the classes given by the teacher will be made available to students in campus extens. Other scientific articles closely related to the context of the subject are also proposed; in addition, the students will be encouraged to search for other items related to the topics covered in class and the item of work developed.

#### Basic bibliography

Presentations of the themes prepared by the teachers and made available to the students will include the bibliography used in their preparation.

Useful sources of information are as well certain internet sites of recognized prestige, such as those of research consortiums and societies devoted to Nutrigenomics, among them the internet site of the Network of Excelence in Nutrigenomics NuGO, to which the Laboratory of Molecular biology, Nutrition and Biotechnology leading the Master belongs (http://www.nugo.org/everyone).

#### Complementary bibliography

The teachers will provide the students review articles of outstanding interest as complementary bibliography for each lesson.

# Other resources

WEB pages of recognized standing and creditworthiness, and in particular the research consortia engaged in Nutrigenomics:





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- http://www.nugo.org/everyone