



Information about the subject

Degree: Bachelor of Science Degree in Veterinary Medicine

Faculty: Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and Experimental Sciences

Code: 1262511 **Name:** Microbiology in Food

Credits: 6,00 **ECTS** **Year:** The course is not offered this academic year **Semester:** 1

Module: Module of elective courses

Subject Matter: Feeding **Type:** Elective

Department: Animal Production and Public Health

Type of learning: Classroom-based learning

Languages in which it is taught:

Lecturer/-s:



Module organization

Module of elective courses

Subject Matter	ECTS	Subject	ECTS	Year/semester
Intensifications per animal group	24,00	Specialisation in Clinic of Wild and Exotic Animals	6,00	5/1
		Specialisation in the Equine Clinic	6,00	This elective is not offered in the academic year 25/26
		Specialisation in treatment of small animals	6,00	5/1
		Surgical pathology of the musculoskeletal system of small animals	6,00	5/1
Animal Reproduction and Production	30,00	Fighting bull	6,00	5/1
		Reproductive Technology	6,00	This elective is not offered in the academic year 25/26
		Specialisation in animal production	6,00	5/1
		Specialisation in animal research	6,00	This elective is not offered in the academic year 25/26
		Specialisation in aquaculture	6,00	This elective is not offered in the academic year 25/26



Feeding	12,00	Microbiology in Food	6,00	This elective is not offered in the academic year 25/26
		Quality management in the agri-food industry	6,00	This elective is not offered in the academic year 25/26

Learning outcomes

At the end of the course, the student must be able to prove that he/she has acquired the following learning outcomes:

- R1 The student has understood and assimilated the contents of the module.
- R2 The student is able to solve problems or practical cases related to these contents, using different resources (bibliographic, computer, etc).
- R3 The student is able to work in a laboratory, correctly performing the basic operations and taking into account the corresponding safety standards. The student understands the planning, development and purpose of the experience and is able to compare and validate the obtained results.
- R4 The student is able to write a comprehensible and organized text on various aspects of the subject.
- R5 The student is able to present and defend his or her work correctly.
- R6 The student searches bibliographic information from different sources and knows how to analyse it with a critical and constructive spirit.
- R7 The student collaborates with the teacher and classmates throughout the learning process: works in groups, is respectful in his/her treatment towards others, is proactive and complies with the organizational rules of the module.



Competencies

Depending on the learning outcomes, the competencies to which the subject contributes are (please score from 1 to 4, being 4 the highest score):

BASIC		Weighting			
		1	2	3	4
CB3	Capacity to gather and interpret relevant data usually within their specific field of study and capacity to make judgments that include reflection on relevant social, scientific or ethical issues.			X	
CB4	Capacity to communicate information, ideas, problems and solutions at specialist and non-specialist levels.			X	
CB5	Capacity to develop those learning skills needed to undertake further studies with a high degree of autonomy.			X	
GENERAL		Weighting			
		1	2	3	4
CG0	Capacity to speak well in public.		X		
SPECIFIC		Weighting			
		1	2	3	4
E55	Knowing and applying food components and characteristics.				X
E56	Knowing and applying food collection, storage and processing.				X
E57	Knowing and applying food changes, alterations and adulterations.				X
E58	Knowing and applying health inspection criteria and regulations.				X
E59	Knowing and applying ante- and post-mortem veterinary inspection.				X
E60	Knowing and applying establishment and product inspection.				X



E61	Knowing and applying good hygienic practices and the hazard analysis critical control point system.				X
E62	Knowing and applying handling and treatment control.				X
E63	Knowing and applying food safety and public health rules.				X
E64	Knowing and applying food risk analysis: risk identification, management and communication.				X
E65	Knowing and applying research methods on outbreaks of food toxi-infections.				X
E66	Knowing and applying dynamics and demographics of infections and food poisonings.				X

TRANSVERSAL		Weighting			
		1	2	3	4
T1	Capacity of analysis, synthesis, implementation of knowledge for problem-solving and decision-making.			X	
T2	Understanding and applying the scientific method to professional practice including evidence-based medicine.		X		
T3	Basic knowledge of the veterinary profession: legal, economic, administrative, planning and time management issues and the veterinarians' society together with the importance of monitoring quality, standardization and protocols of veterinary practice.		X		
T4	Mastering fluency in oral and written mother tongue communication, listening and responding effectively using a language appropriate to audience and context.			X	
T5	Knowledge of a second language, preferably English, especially technical vocabulary of veterinary science.	X			
T6	Using information technology to communicate, share, search for, collect, analyze and manage information, especially related to the veterinarian practice.			X	
T7	Ability to adapt to new situations, self-critical ability, being aware of personal limitations and understanding when and where seeking and obtaining advice and professional help.			X	



T8	Efficient and effective work, both independently and as a member of a multidisciplinary team or unit, showing respect, appreciation and sensitivity to the work of others.				X
T9	Keeping an ethical behaviour in the exercise of given responsibilities toward the profession and society.				X
T10	Ability to learn, to research, and to be aware of the need to keep knowledge updated, and attending training programs.				X
T11	Ability to work in an international context, appreciating diversity and multiculturalism, through the knowledge of foreign cultures and customs.		X		



Assessment system for the acquisition of competencies and grading system

Assessed learning outcomes	Granted percentage	Assessment method
R1, R2, R3, R4, R7	20,00%	Evaluation of the use of the practical lessons in the classroom, of problems or computer science, seminars and tutorials, by means of participation, computer-supported problem solving and the elaboration of the corresponding reports.
R3, R7	30,00%	Evaluation of the practical laboratory work, which must demonstrate the competences acquired by the student and his or her ability to use them to solve the different situations and problems that arise in a laboratory; this assessment may consist of one of the following methods, or a combination of several of them: an individual written test, the individual or group performance of a laboratory experience, the delivery of an individual or group report on the work carried out in the laboratory.
R3, R7	20,00%	Evaluation of practical work in a clinic through which the student must demonstrate the competences acquired and the ability to use them to solve the different situations and problems that arise in a clinic; this assessment may involve one of the following methods, or a combination of several of them: a written individual test, the individual or group performance of a clinical experience, the delivery of an individual or group report on the work carried out in the laboratory.
R4, R5, R6	10,00%	Evaluation of group work through a system of continuous assessment throughout the course based on the delivery of assignments the objectives and content of which will be proposed by the teacher.



R4, R5, R6

20,00%

Evaluation of activities in which the student must do some research individually and structure information related to each of the topics through a system of continuous assessment throughout the course based on the delivery of papers, the objectives and contents of which will be proposed by the teacher.

Observations

To pass the subject it is essential to obtain a 5 in the evaluation of each evaluation item.

This course is not eligible for single evaluation. According to the general evaluation and qualification regulations, the preferred evaluation system will be continuous evaluation.

Attendance at practical sessions is mandatory.

The use of artificial intelligence (AI)-based tools is subject to the discretion of the teacher, who may establish specific limits or conditions depending on the training or assessment activity.

MENTION OF DISTINCTION:

In accordance with the regulations governing the assessment and grading of subjects in force at UCV, the distinction of "Matrícula de Honor" (Honours with Distinction) may be awarded to students who have achieved a grade of 9.0 or higher. The number of "Matrículas de Honor" (Honours with Distinction) may not exceed five percent of the students enrolled in the group for the corresponding academic year, unless the number of enrolled students is fewer than 20, in which case a single "Matrícula de Honor" (Honours with 9 Distinction) may be awarded. Exceptionally, these distinctions may be assigned globally across different groups of the same subject. Nevertheless, the total number of distinctions awarded will be the same as if they were assigned by group, but they may be distributed among all students based on a common criterion, regardless of the group to which they belong. The criteria for awarding "Matrícula de Honor" (Honours with Distinction) will be determined according to the guidelines stipulated by the professor responsible for the course, as detailed in the "Observations" section of the evaluation system in the course guide.

Learning activities

The following methodologies will be used so that the students can achieve the learning outcomes of the subject:

- M1 On-site training activity aimed primarily at acquiring knowledge acquisition skills. It is characterised by the fact that students are spoken to. Also called master class or exposition, it refers to the oral presentation made by the teacher, (with the support of blackboard, a computer and a projector for the display of texts, graphs, etc.), in front of a group of students. They are expository, explanatory or demonstrative sessions of contents. The size of the group is determined by the limit or physical capacity of the classroom; therefore, it is a single group.



- M2 On-site training activity aimed primarily at obtaining knowledge application and research skills. Knowledge is built through interaction and activities. The activity consists of supervised monographic sessions with shared participation (teachers, students, experts). The size of the group is variable, from one large group to various small groups, with a minimum of 6 students to ensure interaction. The evaluation will be based on follow-up records kept by the teacher. Participation and the development of the capacity to problematize should be taken into account.
- M6 On-site training activity in groups carried out in the laboratory. It includes the sessions where the students develop laboratory experiments, make dissections or use the microscopes for the study of histological or histopathological samples actively and autonomously, under the supervision of the professor. It also includes work with healthy animals, objects, products, corpses (e.g., animal handling, bacteriological practices, physiology or biochemistry, meat inspection, etc.). It would correspond to the "Supervised practical non-clinical animal work" type e2 of the European evaluation of EAEVE. The size of the group is variable, in a range of 10 to 20 students.
- M8 A set of on-site training activities carried out by the teacher to provide personalised attention to the student or in small groups with the aim of reviewing and discussing the materials and topics presented in classes, seminars, readings, carrying out projects, etc. The aim is to ensure a truly comprehensive education of the student rather than a mere transfer of information. It is, therefore, a personalized assistance relationship in which the tutor assists, facilitates and guides one or more students in the learning process.
- M11 Autonomous training activities related to personal study, or the preparation of individual course assignments. The individual preparation of readings, essays, problem solving, papers, reports, etc. will be evaluated through presentations or submissions during theoretical classes, practical classes, seminars and/or tutorials. The evaluation of the submitted papers will consider the structure of the paper, the quality of the documentation, originality, spelling and presentation.



IN-CLASS LEARNING ACTIVITIES

	LEARNING OUTCOMES	HOURS	ECTS
Theoretical lessons (TL) M1	R1, R2, R4, R7	60,00	2,40
Seminars (S) M2	R1, R2, R4	20,00	0,80
Laboratory Practice (LP) M6	R3, R7	28,50	1,14
Tutorial M8	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7	18,50	0,74
Evaluation (Ev) M6	R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, R6, R7	8,00	0,32
TOTAL		135,00	5,40

LEARNING ACTIVITIES OF AUTONOMOUS WORK

	LEARNING OUTCOMES	HOURS	ECTS
Group work	R4, R5, R6	7,50	0,30
Individual work M11	R4, R5, R6	7,50	0,30
TOTAL		15,00	0,60



Description of the contents

Description of the necessary contents to acquire the learning outcomes.

Theoretical contents:

Content block	Contents
UNIT 1: Food Microbiology	1. History and development of food microbiology.2. Characteristics of the microorganisms that predominate in food3. Sources of microorganisms in food4. Microbiological quality of food
DIDACTIC UNIT 2: Uses of microorganisms in food	5. Microorganisms used in food fermentation6. Indicator cultures and bacteriophages7. Production of fermented foods8. Favorable intestinal bacteria: probiotics9. Bioconservatives of foods of microbial origin
DIDACTIC UNIT 3: Microbial Decomposition of Foods	10. Indicators of microbial food breakdown
DIDACTIC UNIT 4: Control of microorganisms in food	11. Physical elimination12. Washing and sterilization13. Heat removal.14. Elimination by reduction of the percentage of water activity.15. Control by combination of methods16. Control by antimicrobial conservatives
DIDACTIC UNIT 5: Detection of microbes and safe food	17. Conventional detection methods18. Quick detection methods19. Automated detection methods
DIDACTIC UNIT 6: Practical content	Practice 1. Preparation and handling of laboratory equipment.Practice 2. Detection of Salmonella in foodPractice 3. Detection of Listeria monocytogenes in foodPractice 4. Identification of Salmonella by slide agglutinationPractice 5. Identification of Campylobacter yeyuni according to ISO standardPractice 6. Microbiological analysis of airs and surfaces



DIDACTIC UNIT 7: Technical outputs

Visit 1. Biotecme (microorganisms for agricultural products). Visit 2. Intertek Ibérica Spain, S.L.U. (Laboratory microbiological analysis of food). Alboraya Visit 3. Cleanity. Cheste Visit 4. Ainia (Technology Center). Paterna Visit 5. Quesos Calero S.I. Rod Quart

Organization of the practical activities:

	Content	Place	Hours
PR1.	Preparation and handling of laboratory equipment	Laboratory	5,00
PR2.	Detection of Salmonella in food	Laboratory	5,00
PR3.	Detection of Listeria monocytogenes in food	Laboratory	5,00
PR4.	Identification of Salmonella by slide agglutination	Laboratory	5,00
PR5.	Identification of Campylobacter yeyuni according to ISO standard	Laboratory	5,00
PR6.	Microbiological analysis of airs and surfaces	Laboratory	5,00



Temporary organization of learning:

Block of content	Number of sessions	Hours
UNIT 1: Food Microbiology	8,50	17,00
DIDACTIC UNIT 2: Uses of microorganisms in food	9,00	18,00
DIDACTIC UNIT 3: Microbial Decomposition of Foods	6,00	12,00
DIDACTIC UNIT 4: Control of microorganisms in food	8,00	16,00
DIDACTIC UNIT 5: Detection of microbes and safe food	5,00	10,00
DIDACTIC UNIT 6: Practical content	16,00	32,00
DIDACTIC UNIT 7: Technical outputs	15,00	30,00

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