

DESCRIPTION OF TRAINING PROGRAMME
FOT THE DOCTORAL SCHOOL AT THE KAZIMIERZ WIELKI UNIVERSITY

INFORMATION ON COURSE	
Course	Current research issues
Type of classes	specialist classes
Academic year	2021/2022
Field of science	natural sciences
Discipline of science	biological sciences
Class instructor	prof. dr hab. Joanna Moraczewska
Number of hours	30
Forme of classes	lecture
Pass rules	examination
Language of lecture	English
Framework learning outcomes (8 PRK)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • knows and understands the main trends in the development of the scientific or artistic disciplines covered in the curricula • knows and understands to such an extent that is possible to revise existing paradigms – world heritage, including theoretical foundations, general issues and selected specific issues – specific to a scientific or artistic discipline • is able to critically analyse and evaluate the results of scientific research, expertise and other creative work and their contribution to knowledge development • is ready for recognising the importance of knowledge in solving cognitive and practical problems
DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES	
Particular learning outcomes	Methods of verifications of learning outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • knows and understands the main trends in studies on actin and myosin molecular motors • knows and understands therapeutical applications of the basic knowledge on the mechanisms of contraction • knows and understands common motifs and differences of actin cytoskeleton structure and function in human, animal, plant and bacteria • knows and understands to such an extent that is possible to revise existing paradigms in the field of actin cytoskeleton biochemistry and structural biology • is able to critically analyse and evaluate the results of scientific research, expertise and other creative work and their contribution to development of knowledge in the field of actin cytoskeleton in health and disease • is ready for recognising the importance of knowledge on actin cytoskeleton in deciphering the mechanisms of physiological and disease process and in developing therapies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discussion of the lecture topics • discussion of the specific scientific problems that still need to be solved • solving quizzes by the student after completing thematic blocks • passing oral exam

PROGRAM CONTENT IMPLEMENTED DURNING CLASSES

- Current view of thin filament structure at near atomic level
- New developments in the understanding of the structure of actin-myosin complex
- Regulation of actin dynamics by actin-binding proteins
- Biological role of posttranslational modifications of actin
- The myosin family of mechanoenzymes – structure and functions of conventional and unconventional myosins
- Mutations in sarcomeric proteins causing myopathies and cardiomyopathies
- Myosin and tropomyosin as targets for therapeutical small molecules
- Role of actin and myosin in the nucleus
- Actin analogues in bacteria
- Actin cytoskeleton in plants

Didactic methods and eduactional techniques

Lecture with discussion, PowerPoint presentations.

Evaluation criteria

Minimum required to pass – 60%
 60-67% - 3.0
 68-75% - 3.5
 76-83 % - 4.0
 84-91% - 4.5
 above 91% - 5.0

The form and conditions of passing (the form of verification of learning outcomes)

Oral exam. The student discusses 3 out of 5 topics selected by the examiner. Basic knowledge of 3 topics selected by the student is required.

Literature

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