

# BIOKEMIJA RAKA

## UČNI NAČRT PREDMETA/COURSE SYLLABUS

<b>Predmet:</b>	Biokemija raka
<b>Course title:</b>	BIOCHEMISTRY OF CANCER
<b>Članica nosilka/UL Member:</b>	UL FKKT

Študijski programi in stopnja	Študijska smer	Letnik	Semestri	Izbirnost
Biokemija, druga stopnja, magistrski (od študijskega leta 2023/2024 dalje)	Ni členitve (študijski program)	1. letnik, 2. letnik		izbirni

<b>Univerzitetna koda predmeta/University course code:</b>	0100720
<b>Koda učne enote na članici/UL Member course code:</b>	BI2I04

Predavanja /Lectures	Seminar /Seminar	Vaje /Tutorials	Klinične vaje /Clinical tutorials	Druge oblike študija /Other forms of study	Samostojno delo /Individual student work	ECTS
30	15	30 LV			75	5

<b>Nosilec predmeta/Lecturer:</b>	doc. dr. Barbara Breznik
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<b>Vrsta predmeta/Course type:</b>	izbirni strokovni/Elective Professional
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<b>Jeziki/Languages:</b>	Predavanja/Lectures:	Angleščina, Slovenščina
	Vaje/Tutorial:	Angleščina, Slovenščina

### Pogoji za vključitev v delo oz. za opravljanje študijskih obveznosti:

Študent oz. kandidat mora imeti predmet opredeljen kot študijsko obveznost.

### Prerequisites:

The course has to be assigned to the student.

### Vsebina:

Sklopi predavanj:  
1. Uvod  
2. Razvoj malignih obolenj (kancerogeneza, celični cikel, apoptoza)  
3. Genetske osnove bolezni  
4. Virusi, onkogeni in tumorski supresorski gen  
5. Prenos signalov, eksperimentalne metode v onkologiji  
6-a. Napredovanje tumorjev I (interakcije tumorjev z okoljem, invazija) 6-b. Napredovanje tumorjev II (Angiogeneza metastaziranje)  
7. Tumorska proteoliza  
8. Protitumorski imunski odziv  
9. Epidemiologija, tumorski kazalci, diagnoza, prognoza

### Content (Syllabus outline):

1. Introduction to cancer biology and biochemistry
2. Malignant disease initiation (carcinogenesis, cell cycle and apoptosis) and experimental methods in cancer research.
3. Molecular basis of carcinogenesis
4. Viruses and tumour suppressor genes.
5. Oncogenes and signal transduction
6. Tumour progression: microenvironment and invasion, proteolysis
7. Tumour progression: metastases and angiogenesis
8. Stem cells in tumor progression
9. Anti-tumour immune response
10. Epidemiology, tumour biomarkers
11. Therapeutic approaches in cancer

10. Terapija rakavih obolenj (kemoterapija, radioterapija, genska terapija, biofarmaceutiki v terapiji raka, dostavni sistemi)	
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### Temeljna literatura in viri/Readings:

-Weinberg, RA: The Biology of Cancer, druga izdaja, W. W. Norton & Company (2014), ISBN-10: 0815345299 - izbrana poglavja  
 -Tannock IF, Hill RP, Bristow RG, Harrington L: The Basic Science of Oncology, peta izdaja, McGraw-Hill (2013), ISBN-10: 0071745203  
 -Pregledni članki /Reviews iz Nature Cancer Reviews in Cancer Research

- ČEMAŽAR, Maja, SERŠA, Gregor, MOTALN, Helena, VERBOVŠEK, Urška, TODOROVIC, Vesna, LAH TURNŠEK, Tamara. Biologija raka : navodila za vaje. Ljubljana: [s. n.], 2013. 42 str., ilustr. [COBISS.SI-ID 2919503]

### Cilji in kompetence:

Študent spozna osnove biologije tumorjev in eksperimentalne onkologije v luči uporabe v biomedicini. Osvoji znanja o molekularnih spremembah, ki so odgovorne za nastanek maligno transformirane celic in specifičnih bioloških lastnosti tumorskih celic. Spozna biološke osnove nastanka in napredovanja tumorjev ter spozna osnovne principe zdravljenja v onkologiji. Študent pridobi tudi osnovna znanja o epidemiologiji in spozna najnovejša dognanja v diagnostiki in novih ciljanih bioloških terapijah raka. Pridobljena teoretična in praktična znanja dajejo študentom osnovo za delo v različnih biomedicinskih laboratorijih, tako diagnostičnih kot raziskovalnih.

### Objectives and competences:

- The goal of study subject is that the student gets familiar with biology and molecular mechanisms of the disease- cancer progression. He also gets the basis in experimental oncology within a broader aspect of biomedicine.
- The student acquires knowledge on biochemical processes and changes that are responsible for appearance of malignant transformed cells and their specific biological properties.
- The student learns about biological basis of cancer initiation and progression of tumours and possible treatments modalities.
- The student also learns about epidemiology and prevention of cancer, as well as latest diagnostics tools and targeted biological therapies in broader he light of personalised medicine.
- The acquired theoretical and practical knowledge give the student the basis for the potential work in biomedical laboratories, being research or in clinics.

### Predvideni študijski rezultati:

Znanje in razumevanje  
 Slušatelji bodo pridobili znanje o specifičnih lastnosti rakavih celic in pristopih zdravljenja raka:  
 Uporaba  
 Študentje bodo uporabljali pridobljena znanje za razumevanje vse večje razširjenosti raka ter kakšni so problemi pri zdravljenju te bolezni. Nadalje, kateri so novi pristopi zdravljenja in kako načrtovati bazične in translacijske raziskave v predklinični onkologiji.  
 Refleksija  
 Kritično ovrednotenje pridobljenega teoretičnega in praktičnega znanja o biologiji raka z nadaljnjim delom v raziskovalnih ali rutinskih laboratorijih.  
 Prenosljive spretnosti  
 Razumevanje temeljih zakonitosti biologije raka z osnovami diagnostike in zdravljenja raka bo omogočilo študentom spoznavanje in reševanje problemov s tega področja ter uspešno timsko delo s

### Intended learning outcomes:

Knowledge and Comprehension  
 The students will get the knowledge on

- cancer incidence
- specific properties of tumours and clinical aspect of disease progression
- prevention and
- therapeutic approaches.

Application  
 The students will use the acquired knowledge for understanding of cancer prevalence. The understanding of problems of the disease incidence and therapy approaches are relevant for a broader knowledge.  
 The knowledge on the principles of planning basic and translational research has a wider application in applied biochemistry and biomedicine,  
 Analysis  
 The appreciation of the impact of even small molecular changes in the development and spread of

<p>strokovnjaki z drugih medicinskih in biomedicinskih področij.</p>	<p>the diseases- cancer is very relevant for understanding and analyses of other diseases that are or are not related to cancer. It also leads to better understanding of similar disciplines such as pharmacy and medicine in general.</p> <p>Skill-transference Ability</p> <p>The understanding of basic cancer biology for biochemistry students can be transferred to application in biomarkers research for diagnosis and as targets for therapy in drugs design. The critical evaluation of the acquired theoretical and practical knowledge on cancer biology is relevant for potential future work in research or industry.</p>
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<p><b>Metode poučevanja in učenja:</b></p> <p>Predavanja (30) Seminar (15) Vaje (30)</p>	<p><b>Learning and teaching methods:</b></p> <p>Lectures. 30 hours Seminars (by students), 15 hours Practical courses, 30 hours</p>
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<p><b>Načini ocenjevanja:</b></p> <p>Seminar Pisni izpit Ocene: 6-10 (pozitivno), 1-5 (negativno).</p>	<p><b>Delež/Weight</b></p>	<p><b>Assessment:</b></p> <p>Seminar Written exam Grades: 6-10 (positive), 1-5 (negative)</p>
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**Reference nosilca/Lecturer's references:**

MAJC, Bernarda, HABIČ, Anamarija, NOVAK, Metka, ROTTER, Ana, PORČNIK, Andrej, MLAKAR, Jernej, ŽUPUNSKI, Vera, PEČAR FONOVIC, Urša, KNEZ, Damijan, ZIDAR, Nace, GOBEC, Stanislav, KOS, Janko, LAH TURNŠEK, Tamara, PIŠLAR, Anja, **BREZNIK, Barbara**. Upregulation of cathepsin X in glioblastoma : interplay with  $\gamma$ -enolase and the effects of selective cathepsin X inhibitors. International journal of molecular sciences. 2022, vol. 23, iss. 3, str. 1-22.

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