

Subject card

Subject name and code	Evolution of life, PG_00156412						
Field of study	Bioinformatics						
Date of commencement of studies	October 2025		Academic year of realisation of subject		2027/2028		
Education level	Bachelor's studies		Subject group		Optional subject group		
Mode of study	full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	3		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	6		ECTS credits		3.0		
Learning profile	academic		Assessment form				
Conducting unit	Laboratory of Molecular Evolution and Bioinformatics -> Department of Evolutionary Genetics and Biosystematics -> Faculty of Biology -> Rector						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		dr hab. Marcin Górniak				
	Teachers						
Lesson types	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	0.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	30		0.0		45.0	75
Subject objectives	Introducing students to the evolution of life in light of molecular phylogenetics research, from the RNA world through the beginnings of cellular life to the contemporary diversity of organisms.						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[BIOINL3_W02] Has the scientific knowledge necessary to understand the basic processes in living organisms.		The student knows the groundbreaking events in the history of life on Earth, the molecular methods used for reconstructing the phylogenetic tree of life, and the connections between molecular phylogenetics and taxonomy.		[SW1] oral statement/ conversation/discussion [SW2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SW3] text preparation/written work		
	[BIOINL3_U02] Graduate is able to apply knowledge of natural sciences and science to formulate, analyze and solve problems related to bioinformatics		The student applies molecular phylogenetics to describe the course of evolution and uses molecular phylogenetics to classify selected groups of organisms using bioinformatics tools.		[SU1] oral statement/conversation/ discussion [SU2] presentation/project/paper/ report [SU3] text preparation/written work		
Subject contents	1. The RNA World, molecular fossils.2. The origins of life on Earth (LUCA).3. The emergence of the cell nucleus.4. The endosymbiosis theory.5. The tree of life (Eubacteria, Archaea, Eukaryota).6. The evolution of Eukaryotes.7. The history of organism classification.8. Classification and phylogeny (alpha taxonomy, numerical taxonomy, challenges in reconstructing phylogeny).9. Genetic distance, hybridization and horizontal gene transfer, gene tree, species tree.10. Mapping traits on phylogenetic trees - describing evolution.						

Prerequisites and co-requisites	Completed cell biology and metabolism.Completed molecular biology and genetics.Completed molecular phylogenetics.Upon completing the mandatory courses in the first three semesters, the student has the knowledge and skills qualifying them to participate in and pass the subject.		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
	Determining the final grade based on partial grades received during the semester.	51.0%	50.0%
	Exam	51.0%	50.0%
Recommended reading	Basic literature	- D. Futuyama. *Ewolucja*. Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego.- J. Dzik. *Dzieje życia na Ziemi*. Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN.- János Podani, "Different from Trees, More than Metaphors: Branching SilhouettesCorals, Cacti, and the Oaks," *Systematic Biology*, Volume 66, Issue 5, September 2017, Pages 737-753, https://doi.org/10.1093/sysbio/syx039- Tree of Life Web Project. (http://tolweb.org/tree/)	
	Supplementary literature	K. Darwin. *O powstawaniu gatunków drogą doboru naturalnego*. Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego.	
	eResources addresses	Adresy na platformie eNauczanie:	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed	None		
Work placement	Not applicable		

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