

Proyecto docente de la asignatura

Asignatura	BIOINFORMATIC APPLIED TO FORESTRY		
Materia			
Módulo	Optional, Block I		
Titulación	<i>Forest Management based on Data Science</i>		
Plan	428	Código	54284
Periodo de impartición	1 st semester (2 nd Period)	Tipo/Carácter	OP
Nivel/Ciclo	MASTER	Curso	2º
Créditos ECTS	3		
Lengua en que se imparte	English		
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Horario de tutorías	http://www.uva.es/export/sites/uva/2.docencia/2.02.mastersoficiales/2.02.01.ofertaeducativa/2.02.01.01.alfabetica/Mediterranean-Forestry-and-Natural-Resources-Management-Medfor-Erasmus-Mundus/ https://pod.uva.es/pod/redireccionTutorias.doc		
Departamento	Producción Vegetal y Recursos Forestales/Ciencias Agroforestales		

1. Situación / Sentido de la Asignatura

1.1 Contextualización

Biodiversity stands for all living things on earth. It refers to the range of variations among a set of entities and is commonly used to describe variety and variability of living organisms in terms of genetic diversity, species diversity and ecological diversity. In simple terms, Biodiversity is the vast variety of natural plant and animal life existing in any region. The biodiversity is usually studied now by taxonomist who takes great pains in collecting, identifying, documenting and describing the elements of diversity. Pathogens may also limit the sites on which species can be grown successfully outside their natural range as has been experienced with red band needle blight (*Mycosphaerella pini*) and western gall rust (*Endocronartium harknessii*) infecting *Pinus radiata*.

RNA-seq enables to assess and quantify the expression levels of differentially expressed genes under contrasting environmental conditions (Ekblom and Galindo 2011) and/or to detect previously unidentified genes and splice variants. A growing number of studies focused on the assembly and quantification of differential expression of mRNA have been conducted to date for different organs or tissues of tree species using RNA-seq. Data bases, whether regional, national, or worldwide, which must be known, used and mined, as a key support for diagnostic and scientifically sound decision making in forest health management.

1.2 Relación con otras materias

The course on Bioinformatic is basically related to other in the optional module that focus on data bases general management, as *Bases de datos relacionales y SQL y Fundamentos de programación con Python*, and particularly to *Cambio global y bosque*, where several issues related to the introduction of alien invasive species are dealt to. Within the optional module, the action of bioinformatic is linked to other courses dealing with the processes that occur in forest communities, as *Conservación de Flora y Fauna y Dinámica de sistemas forestales*. Besides, they are also related the group of tools highly valuable in monitoring and damage evaluation caused by such organisms.

1.3 Prerrequisitos

None

2. Competencias

2.1 Generales

- G1 Knowledge of the basic elements of professional work in practical form, analysing and synthesizing relevant data and organizing and planning teams and processes
- G2 Ability of communicate in spoken and written forms, either in specialized forums or with non expert people.
- G3 Knowledge, abilities and skills on computer and on technologies of information and communications (TIC)
- G4 Ability of team and individual working, within a local, regional, national and international framework.
- G5 Ability of taking initiatives and developing entrepreneur skills

2.2 Específicas

- E8 Ability to quantify and understand the effects of several impacts in forest systems.
- E11 Ability to look for, select, generate and manage suitable data bases to obtain relevant information of forest management problems.

3. Objetivos

To know the strategies, tactics and scientific and research advanced methods for the identification of organisms, genes and their function, everything applied to the management of forest pests and diseases. To find, manage, analyze and discuss the relevant information contained in national and International gene data bases.

Main concepts related to identification genes by sequencing and the control mechanisms of conifers and broadleaves related with growth, defence and growth and their importance for the competence and natural selection.

4. Tabla de dedicación del estudiante a la asignatura

ACTIVIDADES PRESENCIALES	HORAS	ACTIVIDADES NO PRESENCIALES	HORAS
Theoretical classes	15	Autonomous learning and documentation	23
Practical classes (classroom)	5	Elaboration and preparation of individual reports	12
Practical classes (Computer Room)	10	Collaborative and group learning	10
Collaborative and group activities		Forum , virtual debate, self evaluation ,	
Seminars			
Evaluations			
Total presencial	30	Total no presencial	45

5. Bloques temáticos

Bloque 1:

Forest Pests and Diseases

Carga de trabajo en créditos ECTS:

a. Contextualización y justificación

Described in 1.1

b. Objetivos de aprendizaje

Described in 3

c. Contenidos

1. Diagnosis of Forest Pest and Diseases: NCBI: GeneBank. Introduction to BLAST and their use to diagnostic of organisms. Bioinformatics analysis of sequencing data using MG-RAST, and Galaxy bioinformatics tools.
2. Solve given biological problems by using appropriate bioinformatic methods and databases.
3. Methods in sequence bioinformatics such as sequence alignment, phylogenetic analysis and pattern recognition.
4. Account for and use methods in structural bioinformatics such as classification of protein structures, structure prediction, simulations and structure based drug design.
5. Use and design simple scripts in R.
6. Analyze and compile results of bioinformatic analyses.
7. Next Generation Sequencing: platforms and their specific applications.
8. High-throughput sequencing, and their use for the identification of genes.
9. RNAseq and their applications to the understanding of gene expression on trees.

d. Métodos docentes

- . Presentation in the classroom of concepts, contents, and practical cases
- . Group discussion in the classroom
- . Practical work on data bases and web sites in classroom
- . Computer practices
- . Seminars on current forest bioinformatic applications to forestry
- . Field trip visits to microcomputer facilities
- . Preparation on a written report

e. Plan de trabajo

Presential:

Attendance and discussion of concepts, contents and cases in the classroom: 15 hours.

Attendance and participation on seminars: 5 hours

Attendance, participation and discussion on issues during external visits and field trips: 10 hours

Non Presential:

Personnel study of material and bibliographic references provided: 25 hours

Research on websites and data bases, preparation of individual report: 20 hours

f. Evaluación

Evaluation will be based on the one hand the active participation (questioning, discussion, debate) in presential activities in the classroom, seminars and field trips (40%). On the other hand, qualification will be completed by individual exercise/report prepared by the students on assigned study cases (35 %). In the exercise report, quality and suitability of contents, skills of the student and formal aspects of the report (editing, graphical information) will be valued. Furthermore, the student will be scored by a specific knowledge test (25%) about the main topics of the subject.

g. Bibliografía básica

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h. Bibliografía complementaria

<http://metagenomics.anl.gov/>

<https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi>

<https://usegalaxy.org/>

www.cabi.org Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux International CABI

www.iufro.org International Union of Forest Research Organizations

<https://www.bioinformatics.org/>

<https://toolkit.tuebingen.mpg.de/#/>

<http://www.ascidea.com/>

www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genbank/

i. Recursos necesarios

- . Virtual Campus
- . Classroom with audiovisuals (digital board, projector)
- . Computer rooms
- . Bioinformatic laboratories
- . Forest sites containing experiences and cases
- . Computer facilities in the Autonomous Community
- . Tutorial support during the course within the assigned timetable

6. Temporalización (por bloques temáticos)

BLOQUE TEMÁTICO	CARGA ECTS	PERIODO PREVISTO DE DESARROLLO
Bioinformatic Applied to Forestry	6	November-December 2016

7. Sistema de calificaciones – Tabla resumen

INSTRUMENTO/PROCEDIMIENTO	PESO EN LA NOTA FINAL	OBSERVACIONES
Participation in lectures, practical activities, seminars and field trips	40%	
Individual Report	35%	Written and oral presentation
Specific knowledge test	25	

8. Consideraciones finales

Those students that did not pass and require a 2nd chance, will be asked to fulfill the same requisites as in the first evaluation.

More information is offered on the webpage of the Sustainable Management Research Institute: <http://sostenible.palencia.uva.es/gfs/formacion/maestrias/7/default.aspx>