
Testi del Syllabus

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Docenti	BERNAREGGI ANNALISA, 2 CFU LORENZON PAOLA, 3 CFU SCIANCELEPORE MARINA, 3 CFU	
Anno offerta:	2023/2024	
Insegnamento:	972SV - MOLECULAR NEUROPHYSIOLOGY	
Corso di studio:	SM75 - NEUROSCIENCE	
Anno regolamento:	2023	
CFU:	8	
Settore:	BIO/09	
Tipo Attività:	B - Caratterizzante	
Anno corso:	1	
Periodo:	Primo Semestre	
Sede:	TRIESTE	



Testi in italiano

Lingua insegnamento	INGLESE
Contenuti (Dipl.Sup.)	<p>Contents of the course will be discussed in the light of recent theoretical concepts and experimental data about mechanisms regulating signal transduction, electrical membrane properties of excitable cells and the organization of central and peripheral synapses.</p> <p>The course consists of three Parts and the contents are illustrated hereafter.</p> <p>Part 1 (Prof. Paola Lorenzon): Signal transduction. Intracellular receptors. Receptor tyrosine kinases. G protein-coupled receptors. Signaling through second messengers. Regulation of the intracellular Ca²⁺ homeostasis. Spatial and temporal organization of intracellular Ca²⁺ signalling: oscillations and waves. Spatial organization of the intracellular cAMP signalling. Experimental approaches to study the signal transduction in living cells: fluorescent probes and imaging techniques.</p> <p>Part 2 (Prof. Annalisa Bernareggi): Basic principles of synaptic transmission. The neuromuscular junction: anatomic organization, role of trophic factors in neuromuscular junction development (agrin, MusK and rapsyn), properties of neuromuscular nicotinic cholinergic receptors (fetal and adult). Disorders in the neuromuscular junction: myasthenia gravis, the Lambert-Eaton myasthenic syndrome, the congenital myasthenic syndrome and the muscular dystrophies.</p> <p>Part 3 (Prof. Marina Sciancalepore): Synaptic transmission in CNS. Characterization of ion channels, intrinsic membrane electrical properties of neurons, pacemaker mechanisms. Principles of chemical and electrical</p>

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Testi di riferimento	B. Hille, "Ion Channels of Excitable Membranes", Sinauer Associate Inc. Part I: Chapter 1-5 (third edition). L. R. Squire et al., "Fundamental Neuroscience", Academic Press. Selected scientific papers or other didactical material could be provided.
Obiettivi formativi	<p>1) Knowledge and understanding The purpose of the course is to provide a sound basis of membrane biophysics, ion channels and receptors to understand the fundamental molecular processes responsible for chemical and electrical cell communication. In particular, the course will focus on the mechanisms responsible for cellular excitability, in both central and peripheral nervous systems. The students will also learn the principal experimental methods for in vitro studies at the single cell level.</p> <p>2) Applying knowledge and understanding The students will acquire the ability to design the most appropriate experimental plan to investigate molecular mechanisms involved in cell signalling in excitable cells.</p> <p>3) Making judgements The students will develop abilities for the critical reading of scientific publications, analysis and interpretation of scientific data in the field of cell communication in neurobiology.</p> <p>4) Communication skills The written test and the oral examination encourage the students to develop scientific writing abilities and oral communication skills.</p> <p>5) Learning skills At the end of the course the students will possess knowledge and critical reading abilities to continue their training independently, adapting themselves to new knowledge and technologies in cell signalling in neurobiology.</p>
Prerequisiti	Knowledge of fundamental cell biology.
Metodi didattici	Lectures and tutorial activities.
Altre informazioni	Any necessary change in the course modalities due to COVID19 emergency will be published at the Department, Master Programme and Course websites.
Modalità di verifica dell'apprendimento	Written test (multiple-choice) on topics covered during the course. The test consists of 30 questions (10 for each Part of the course). The time limit for writing the test is 35 minutes. Each question has 3 or 4 choices and only 1 correct answer. The evaluation rules are the following: for each correct answer 1 point; no answer 0 points; for each wrong answer - 0.5 points. The written test is passed if the total is $\geq 18/30$.
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Obiettivi Agenda 2030 per lo sviluppo sostenibile

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Specifically,

N.3 Health and wellbeing

N.4 Education of quality

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