GHENT UNIVERSITY

Course Specifications

Valid as from the academic year 2024-2025

Fish Laboratory Course (I002875)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 2.0 **Study time 50 h**

Course offerings in academic year 2024-2025

A (semester 2) English Gent

Lecturers in academic year 2024-2025

Gutiérrez Fruitos, Joaquim	BARCELO1	lecturer-in-charge
Capilla, Encarnación	BARCELO1	co-lecturer
Fernández-Alacid, Laura	BARCELO1	co-lecturer
Garcia de la Serrana, Daniel	BARCELO1	co-lecturer
Garcia-Meilán, Irene	BARCELO1	co-lecturer
Martin-Pérez, Miguel	BARCELO1	co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2024-2025	crdts	offering
International Master of Science in Health Management in Aquaculture	2	A

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

Fish handling, water quality, larval development, fish muscle growth and myogenesis, hyperplasic and hypertrophic growth, skeletal malformations, flesh organoleptic traits, feeds formulation.

Position of the course

This course aims at identification of aquaculture species, sampling and husbandry procedures, water quality measurements, muscle structure and morphology associated to flesh quality and identification of skeletal anomalies.

Contents

- *Fish handling: anesthesia, blood draw and hematocrit, microchip injection, sacrifice, hormones administration and biometrics.*
- *Identification of species of interest in aquaculture and freshness parameters.*
- *Water quality: measurements of pH, salinity and nitrogenous compounds in different water samples.*
- *Fish muscle structure recognition: red and white skeletal muscle, myotomes and myoseptum; structural differences between fish species; colour analysis with Minolta colorimeter; lipid measurement with Fatmeter.*
- *Larval skeletal malformations analysis: methods to prepare fish larvae to study bone development; microscopic study of normal and malformed larvae, identification of cranial, vertebral and caudal anomalies.*

These activities will be accompanied by specialized visits (research centre and mussel production centre and treatment plant) and/or selected conferences related to the topics dealt in the course.

Initial competences

General biology, general physiology, zoology

Final competences

1 *Know how to handle the fish during different processes such anesthesia, sampling or hormone administration maintaining fish welfare*
2 *Know how to measure and to understand water quality parameters*

3 *Identifying muscle structures and appearance associated to species specificity, flesh quality and animal welfare*
4 *Identifying skeletal malformations in fish larvae*

Conditions for credit contract

This course unit cannot be taken via a credit contract

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Group work, Seminar, Excursion, Practical, Independent work

Study material

None

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- *Shadwinck, R.E. and Lauder, G.V. Fish Physiology, XXIII. Fish Biomechanics. Academic Press, 2006*
- *Vélez, E.J., Lutfi, E., Azizi, Sh., Perelló, M., Salmerón, C., Riera-Codina,M., Ibarz, A., J Fernández-Borràs, J., Blasco, J., Capilla, E., Navarro, I., Gutiérrez, J. (2017). Understanding fish muscle growth regulation to optimize aquaculture production. Aquaculture, 467, 28-40.*

Course content-related study coaching

Teacher available for student counselling

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Participation, Written assessment, Assignment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Written assessment, Assignment

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Professional practice, Participation, Written assessment, Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is possible in modified form

Calculation of the examination mark

Written exam 40%; Report lab activities 40%; Visits and conference questions 15%; Behavioural evaluation accomplishment 5%
Students who eschew period aligned and/or non-period aligned evaluations for this course unit may be failed by the examiner.