

## Master Syllabus

### BIO 2206 - Lab for Microbiology

**Division:** Science, Mathematics and Engineering

**Department:** Biology

**Credit Hour Total:** 0.0

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### Course Description:

Students carry out aseptic techniques; simple and special staining procedures; methods utilized for culturing, isolation and identification of bacteria (known and unknown); molecular genetic and immunological methods dealing with microbes. Also, exercises involving eukaryotic microbes (fungi, protozoa and helminths) are conducted.

### General Education Outcomes:

- Oral Communication Competency
- Written Communication Competency
- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving Competency
- Values/Citizenship/Community Competency
- Information Literacy Competency

### Course Outcomes:

#### Basic Laboratory Competences

Properly care for and use the microscope. Carry out, successfully, bacterial staining techniques. Recognize, microscopically, a variety of bacterial shapes and arrangements.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:** Receive at least 60% of all points possible

#### Bacterial Culture and Biochemical Characteristics

Recognize the colony characteristics of isolated colonies of known bacterial species. Properly inoculate differential media for conducting differential tests. Properly carry out biochemical and physiological test designed to differentiate (identify) bacterial species.

**Assessment Method:** Performance appraisals

**Performance Criteria:** Receive at least 60% of all points possible

#### Unknown Bacteria, Molecular Genetic, and Immunological Competencies.

Utilize techniques and knowledge gained from other competencies to identify unknown bacterial species. Perform correctly the molecular genetic transformation of bacterial cells. Perform correctly the immunological screening method for detection of antibodies against HIV in blood donor or patient sera.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:** Receive at least 60% of all points possible

### Outline:

Introduction to the microbiology laboratory and laboratory safety  
Proper use and care of the microscope  
Aseptic transfers  
Bacterial smear preparation for staining and microscopy  
Simple, gram, and other staining methods  
Bacterial cultural characteristics and growth aerobically and anaerobically  
Microbial metabolism and differential tests for identifying unknown bacteria  
Antimicrobial susceptibility testing  
Clinical microbiology (identification of unknowns, culturing of urine samples)  
Genetic transformation of bacterial cells  
ELISA for HIV infection  
Examination of eukaryotic microbes