DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACY

UNIVERSITY OF PATRAS
SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACY
UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES' COURSES



COURSE DESCRIPTION: TOXICOLOGY

COURSE CODE: PHA-D24-NEW

TOXICOLOGY COURSE DESCRIPTION

1. GENERAL

SCHOOL	HEALTH SCIENCES			
SEPARTMENT	PHARMACY			
LEVEL OF COURSE	UNDERGRADUATE			
COURSE CODE	PHA-D24-NEW	24-NEW SEMESTER OF STUDIES		8th
COURSE TITLE	TOXICOLOGY			
INDEPENDENT TEACHING ACTIVITIES		TEACHING HOURS PER WEEK	ECTS CREDITS	
Lectures			4	_
Tutorials			1	5
COURSE TYPE	Scientific Field course			
PREREQUISITE COURSES:	-			
TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT LANGUAGE:	Greek			
THE COURSE IS OFFERED TO ERASMUS STUDENTS	Yes [Instructed/Guided self study in english for Erasmus+ Students]			
COURSE WEBPAGE (URL)	http://www.pharmacy.upatras.gr/images/DS/PHA-D24-EN.pdf			

2. LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learning Outcomes

In general, this class ambitions to facilitate the acquisition of knowledge, skills and capabilities at the level 6 of the European Framework of Skills of Lifelong Learning. In particular, it aims to provide students with the following:

- 1. To acquire a demonstrable knowledge and understanding of elements in the field of Toxicology and of the action of Xenobiotics in humans, supported by the use of textbooks of advanced level and by additional data derived from recent developments at the forefront of this field.
- 2. Grasp the chemical, cellular and functional basis of toxicity, as well as the basis for antidote use and toxicity treatment, when this is available and indicated
- 3. Be able to use the acquired knowledge and understanding in a manner showing a professional approach, based on analytical and synthetic inductive use of the data provided, in combination with other areas of knowledge to which they are exposed during their studies (e.g. Pharmacology, Biochemistry, Physiology)
- 4. Be able to synthesize and communicate information and advice on problems of intoxication (poisoning)
- 5. Be able to approach complex novel problems related to poisoning and suggest diagnosis, solutions and treatment
- 6. Students are expected to develop the skills and knowledge needed to continue in more advanced studies with a high degree of autonomy

General Abilities

- · Search, analyze and synthesize data and information, using the appropriate technology tools
- · Adapt to new situations
- · Decision- making
- Independent work
- · Group work
- Work in an international environment
- Work in an inter-disciplinary environment
- Respect for natural environment
- Develop critical though towards others and themselves
- · Development of free, creative and inductive thinking

3. COURSE CONTENT

Introduction - Basic notions of Toxicology

Risk assessment

Absorbance, Distribution, Metabolism and Excretion

Clinical symptoms - Treatment of poisoning

Mechanisms of Toxicity

Toxic responses of the CNS

Toxic responses of the Cardiovascular system and Blood

Toxic responses of the Respiratory system

Toxic responses of the Liver, GI and Reproductive systems

Toxic responses of the Urinary system and the Kidneys

Chemical Carcinogenesis

Toxicology of organic solvents, alcohols and other industrial chemicals

Toxicology of Metals

Toxicology of Plant and Animal toxins

Toxicology of Pesticides

Toxicology of household chemicals – Antiseptics, Disinfectants

Environmental Toxicology (mostly toxic gases)

Toxicology of pharmaceutical products

Toxic drug-drug interactions

Selective antidotes

Food Toxicology

Environmental pollutants – Air pollution

4. TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS - ASSESSMENT

Teaching method	Face-to-face		
Use of information and communication technologies	Use of E-class platform to communicate with students and manage their tasks Use of PCs in teaching		
Teaching organization	Teaching Method	Semester Workload	
	Lectures	52	
	Tutorials	13	
	Autonomous study	60	
	Total number of hours for the Course (25 hours of work-load per ECTS credit)	125	

STUDENT ASSESSMENT

Evaluation done in greek

Written exam:

- Multiple choice questions
- Pairing Qs, and Qs requiring brief reasoning and justification
- 100% of the final grade

5. RECOMMENDED LITERATURE

Suggested Books:

Essentials of Toxicology, 2013 (translated in greek) ΒΑΣΙΚΗ ΤΟΞΙΚΟΛΟΓΙΑ, C. Klaasen, J. Watkins, 2013, Εκδ. Παρισιάνου ΤΟΞΙΚΟΛΟΓΙΑ (επίτομο), Α. Κουτσελίνης, 2004, Εκδ. Παρισιάνου

Suggested Scientific Journals:

Annual Review of Pharmacology and Toxicology Critical Reviews in Toxicology

Web Sources:

https://www.epa.gov/ http://monographs.iarc.fr/

https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/substances/indexAZ.asp#I https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/pubhealth/roc/index-1.html