

<b>PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES</b>	
<b>GENERAL INFORMATION</b>	
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Assistant/Associate	-
Study Programme	Integrated undergraduate and graduate university study of Medicine
Status of the course	Elective
Year of study, semester	3 <sup>rd</sup> year, 5 <sup>th</sup> semester
ECTS	<b>2</b>
Workload (hours)	Lectures (10); Seminars (10); Exercises (5)
Expected number of students	70
<b>COURSE DESCRIPTION</b>	
<b>Course objectives</b>	
<p>The aim of the course is to introduce students with the basic mechanism related to the pathophysiology of autoimmune diseases. The role of innate and acquired immunity in the mechanisms of the disease will be presented. The molecular and cellular mechanism involved in autoimmune response will be explained. The role of inflammatory response will be analysed as the important mechanism in breaking the tolerance. The polarization of the T lymphocytes response will be discussed and the role of individual T cell population (Th1, Th2, Treg and Th17) will be presented in details. The mechanism of the occurrence of certain autoimmune diseases will be discussed in detail. In addition the goal is to introduce students with the latest research methods for studying autoimmune diseases (experimental models of disease, flow cytometry, genotyping). With this approach from basic science to clinical immunology, this course has additional aim to familiarize students with the basic principles of translational medicine.</p>	
<b>Enrolment requirements and entry competencies</b>	
In accordance with the conditions for enrollment in the 3rd year of the study program	
<b>Learning outcomes at the Programme level</b>	
<b>1.1., 1.2., 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 3.4., 3.5., 4.2.</b>	
<b>Learning outcomes (5-10)</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Presenting the elements of immunity that are involved in the autoimmune response.</li> <li>2. Explain the concept of central and peripheral tolerance.</li> <li>3. To explain the role of inflammation in the development of autoimmune diseases.</li> <li>4. To understand the differentiation of T lymphocytes and their role in the development of autoimmune diseases.</li> <li>5. Integrate the key mechanism and their occurrence on the examples of individual autoimmune diseases.</li> </ol>	
<b>Course content</b>	
<p>Autoimmunity, mechanism of autoimmune disease. Disorders of immune regulation, tolerance, autoantigen generation, definition and examples of monorganic and multiorganic autoimmune diseases. Cytokines and other disease mediators. Development of Th cells differentiation and the role of Th1, Th2, Treg, and Th17 cells in autoimmunity. The role of B cell immunity. Danger signal in autoimmune response. Pathophysiology of SLE. Genotype of autoimmune disease. Autoimmune model of diabetes mellitus. Case reports.</p>	
<b>Mode of teaching</b>	

Lectures / Seminars /Exercises

### Student obligations

Students are expected to attend all class sessions, as well as to take all the examinations. However, they are allowed for excused absences, totalling 30% of all classes.

### Monitoring student work (*alignment of learning outcomes, teaching methods, and grading*)

Teaching activity	ECTS	Learning outcome	Student activity	Assessment methods	Grade points	
					Min.	Max.
Attending classes	0.2	1-4	Attendance at classes	Keeping records	5	20
Seminars, exercises	0.5 0.4	1-4	Active participation and presentation at seminars, exercises	Records of activity and presentation at seminars	10	20
Final exam	1	1-4	Learning for the final exam	Oral exam	35	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>				<b>50</b>	<b>100</b>

*Evaluation od final exam:*

Student answer	Grade points
The answer meets the minimum criteria	35.0
The average answer with noticeable errors	45.0
The very good answer with minor errors	55.0
The exceptional answer	60.0

*Calculation od final grade:*

Students who achieved 30 or more points in the final exam, the points obtained in the final exam are added to the grade points obtained during the class, and this sum constitutes the final grade. Since the study program schedule descriptive assessment of elective courses, the course coordinator awards the grade "passed" to a student who achieves 50 or more grade points in the course.

### Required reading (available in the library and through other media)

Title	Number of copies in the library	Availability through other media
Patofiziologija, udžbenik, Medicinska Naklada, Zagreb, VIII izdanje, 2018. Urednici: Gamulin, S. Kovač Z., Marušić M.	6	

### Additional reading

Review articles and case reports

### Course evaluation procedures

Anonymous, quantitative, standardized student survey providing feedback on the course as well as on the work of course coordinators and their assistants/associates is being conducted by the QA

Office of the Faculty of medicine Osijek.

**Note /Other**

E-learning does not count towards course contact hours, but is being used in teaching and comprises links to various web pages, as well as video and audio materials available on web pages.