

General Information			
Course name and code	Environmental Biotechnology ÚBEV/ENVB/16	ECTS Credits	4
		Semester	2nd (Summer) Magister & Doctoral Degree
Aims			
<p>The course offers fundamental information on the cleaning up the environment, primary raw materials processing and waste treatment using different biological processes. The aim is to point out on different fields where environmental biotechnology has already been applied and where future development is predicted. The course involves basic knowledge on directives of Slovakia and EU related to the environmental biotechnology exploitation.</p>			
Contents			
<p>Introduction to environmental biotechnology. History of environmental biotechnology. EU and US strategies in the field. Wastewater production, biological wastewater treatment Wastewater treatment plant Sludge processing. Eutrophication. Algal cultivation in open and close systems. Integrated recycling systems. Bioaccumulation and biovolatilization. Phytoremediation – introduction, application for soil and water treatment. Phytomining. Biosorption. Bioprecipitation and bionanotechnology. Biobleaching. Biological treatment of fuels. Bioenergetics. Production of biofuels. Microbial fuel cells.</p>			
Assessment Methods and Criteria			
<p>Exam – oral form</p> <p>Grading Scale (in %): A ... 100 - 91%, B ... 90 - 81%, C ... 80 - 71%, D ... 70 - 61%, E ... 60 - 51%, Fx ... < 51%</p> <p>Grading System:</p> <p>The University recognises the following six degrees for the evaluation of the study results:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A – excellent (excellent results) (numerical value 1) B – very good (above average results) (1.5) C – good (average results) (2) D – satisfactory (acceptable results) (2.5) E – sufficient (results meet the minimum criteria) (3) FX – failed (requires further work) (4) 			
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