

LF205-15 Genetics and Genomics

24/25

Department

Life Sciences

Level

Undergraduate Level 2

Module leader

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Credit value

15

Module duration

5 days

Assessment

Multiple

Study location

University of Warwick main campus, Coventry

Description

Introductory description

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Module aims

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Outline syllabus

This is an indicative module outline only to give an indication of the sort of topics that may be covered. Actual sessions held may differ.

Introduction to computational biology
Conservation Genetics
Pedigree analysis and linkage mapping
Genetics and Ageing
Personalised nutrition
Gene therapy
Ethical issues
"The End Game" finding a causal gene
Genome-Wide Association Mapping
The Extended Genome

Learning outcomes

By the end of the module, students should be able to:

- Level 5 understanding of molecular genetic methods that will include advanced pedigree analysis, recombination (linkage) mapping of quantitative variation, and genome-wide association mapping
- Level 5 understanding of how molecular genetics can increasingly play an important role in our everyday lives
- Level 5 understanding of of sub-cellular biology with modern genetics to appreciate how the phenotype of whole organism is determined.

Indicative reading list

The module will use a combination of recent review articles and refereed papers exemplifying the techniques and their implementation.

Subject specific skills

Show a practical understanding of molecular genetic methods that will include advanced pedigree analysis, recombination (linkage) mapping of quantitative variation, and genome-wide association mapping.

Show an understanding of how molecular genetics can increasingly play an important role in our everyday lives

Transferable skills

Self directed learning
Adult learning
Activity based learning

Study

Study time

Type	Required
Lectures	12 sessions of 1 hour (6%)
Seminars	4 sessions of 1 hour (2%)
Practical classes	3 sessions of 6 hours (8%)
Private study	116 hours (54%)
Assessment	65 hours (30%)
Total	215 hours

Private study description

Self directed learning and revision for the end of year exam

Costs

No further costs have been identified for this module.

Assessment

You do not need to pass all assessment components to pass the module.

Students can register for this module without taking any assessment.

Assessment group D3

	Weighting	Study time
Workshop 1	10%	10 hours
Computer based assessment - students will submit a written report		
Workshop 2	20%	10 hours
Computer based assessment - students will submit a written report		
Online Examination	70%	45 hours
45 min short answer paper / 45 min essay paper		

Assessment group R3

Weighting Study time

In-person Examination - Resit
45 min SAQ paper / 45 min essay paper

100%

Feedback on assessment

Individual written feedback for Workshops.
Post exam board cohort level feedback for exam.

[Past exam papers for LF205](#)

Availability

Courses

This module is Core for:

- UBSA-3 Undergraduate Biological Sciences
 - Year 2 of C100 Biological Sciences
 - Year 2 of C100 Biological Sciences
 - Year 2 of C102 Biological Sciences with Cell Biology
 - Year 2 of C103 Biological Sciences with Environmental Resources
 - Year 2 of C104 Biological Sciences with Microbiology
 - Year 2 of C105 Biological Sciences with Molecular Genetics
 - Year 2 of C107 Biological Sciences with Virology
- Year 2 of ULFA-C1A1 Undergraduate Biological Sciences (MBio)
- Year 2 of ULFA-C113 Undergraduate Biological Sciences (with Placement Year)
- Year 2 of ULFA-C1A5 Undergraduate Biological Sciences with Industrial Placement (MBio)

This module is Core optional for:

- Year 2 of UBSA-C700 Undergraduate Biochemistry
- ULFA-C1A2 Undergraduate Biochemistry (MBio)
 - Year 2 of C1A2 Biochemistry
 - Year 2 of C700 Biochemistry
- Year 2 of ULFA-C702 Undergraduate Biochemistry (with Placement Year)
- UBSA-C1B9 Undergraduate Biomedical Science
 - Year 2 of C1B9 Biomedical Science
 - Year 2 of C1B9 Biomedical Science
 - Year 2 of C1B9 Biomedical Science
- ULFA-C1A3 Undergraduate Biomedical Science (MBio)
 - Year 2 of C1A3 Biomedical Science
 - Year 2 of C1B9 Biomedical Science
- Year 2 of ULFA-C1A7 Undergraduate Biomedical Science with Industrial Placement (MBio)
- Year 2 of UBSA-CB19 Undergraduate Biomedical Science with Intercalated Year

- UIPA-C1L8 Undergraduate Life Sciences and Global Sustainable Development
 - Year 2 of C1L8 Life Sciences and Global Sustainable Development
 - Year 2 of C1LA Life Sciences and Global Sustainable Development: Biological Sciences
 - Year 2 of C1LB Life Sciences and Global Sustainable Development: Ecology
- Year 2 of ULFA-B140 Undergraduate Neuroscience (BSc)
- Year 2 of ULFA-B142 Undergraduate Neuroscience (MBio)
- Year 2 of ULFA-B143 Undergraduate Neuroscience (with Industrial Placement) (MBio)
- Year 2 of ULFA-B141 Undergraduate Neuroscience (with Placement Year) (BSc)