



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

### Citogenetica e Citogenomica nei Disordini Genetici Umani

2425-1-F0601Q126

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#### Aims

The aims of the course is to approach the study of human chromosomes, starting from their structure and morphology up to the pathogenetic mechanisms underlying chromosomal anomalies. The new frontiers of cytogenomics and the new investigation techniques on the spatial organization of chromatin and its role in gene expression will also be discussed.

#### Contents

To provide knowledge of the genome architecture and chromatin organization and its dynamics; the chromosome structure, functions, changes during the cell cycle and under the influence of environmental factors. To provide understand of the significance of changes in chromosomal structure for the development and diseases of the individual. In particular: 1. Knowledge and understanding: the student will be able to know the mechanisms underlying the formation of the main chromosomal anomalies, to understand the principles of genotype-phenotype correlation and the problems to be faced in genetic counseling. 2. Applying knowledge and understanding: The student will be able to recognize the main chromosomal anomalies, discuss their phenotypic implications and make hypotheses on possible pathogenetic mechanisms. 3. Making judgements: The student will be able to Discuss clinical cases with pathological karyotypes; read and discuss original works critically. 4. Communication skills: the student will be able to know how to use the language of the discipline to discuss critically the topics covered. 5. Learning skills: the student will have the necessary skills to deal independently with further specialized studies in medical genetics.

#### Detailed program

Part 1: introduction to cytogenetic techniques. 1. the architecture of chromatin; behavior of chromosomes in mitosis

and meiosis. 2. the study of the karyotype: from the collection of the sample to the banding; definition of the normal human karyotype and ISCN nomenclature. 3. Main standard techniques of chromosome differential staining. 4. Molecular cytogenetic techniques: FISH, CGH, arrayCGH, SNP array, Chromosome conformation capture techniques. Part 2: chromosomal pathologies 1. number abnormalities: formation mechanisms and associated phenotypes (triploidies, tetraploids, mixoploidies). 2. chromosomal aneuploidies: formation mechanisms and associated phenotypes. 3. fragile sites and chromosomal instability diseases. 4. .UPD and genomic imprinting. 5. Structure anomalies: formation mechanisms and associated phenotypes. 6. Genomic Disorders: NAHR: Non-Allelic Homologous Recombination. Part 3: applications of the karyotype study in medical diagnostics and research. 1. the indications to study the karyotype. 2. chromosomal abnormalities in the fetus, spontaneous abortions, infertility and infertility. 3. cytogenetics in tumors. 4. 3D chromatin structure. Methods of analysis of 3D chromatin. Hi-C method. Topologically associating domains (TAD); Hierarchical structure of chromatin.

## **Prerequisites**

Genetics, Molecular Biology

## **Teaching form**

18 lessons of 2 hours in the erogative mode in presence: exposition of basic concepts.

3 lessons of 2 hours conducted in interactive mode in presence: student involvement and discussion of clinical cases

## **Textbook and teaching resource**

Scientific articles and reviews provided by the teacher during lessons. The slides of classroom lessons will be available on the elearning Platform.

## **Semester**

Second semester

## **Assessment method**

Written examination with Oral compulsory:

1. Closed answer test (true/false, multiple answer choice)
2. Interview on the topics of the lesson

## **Office hours**

On appointment; mail to: [angela.bentivegna@unimib.it](mailto:angela.bentivegna@unimib.it)

## **Sustainable Development Goals**

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