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General microbiology 260 (BLG 260)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Module credits	8.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 practical per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Separate classes for Afrikaans and English
Department	Microbiology and Plant Pathology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

General anatomy and morphology of bacteria, viruses and fungi. Basic nutritional requirements of micro-organisms and the effect of environmental factors on microbial growth. Micro-organisms as essential components of ecospheres: plant, water and soil ecosystems. Food decay, food poisoning and preservation of food by micro-organisms. Basic principles involved in disinfections, sterilization and control of microbes; techniques for microbial repression: sterilization by using heat, radiation, filtration, chemicals; decimation of numbers.

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