Program of Medical Laboratory Sciences

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This program is run in coordination with the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine in the Faculty of Medicine.

The MLS program is designed to prepare students for a career in the profession of medical laboratory sciences by acquiring theoretical knowledge and practical skills in various disciplines of the specialty. Besides presenting theoretical knowledge, the program is dedicated to training students in the reliable performance of physical, chemical, and biological tests by utilizing routine and automated techniques. In addition, students are trained to develop the ability to interpret generated laboratory results and hence contribute to the diagnosis of disease. Continuing one’s education, and updating skills and knowledge, as well as medical professional ethics, are emphasized.

**MLSP 201  Clinical Hematology I**  3.0; 3 cr.
A course that introduces students to fundamental concepts in hematology, including the development of blood cell elements, normal physiology of blood cells, and their disorders. This course focuses on anemia, with a special emphasis on diagnosis.

**MLSP 202  Clinical Hematology II**  3.0; 3 cr.
A course that consists of lectures and demonstrations in hematology with emphasis on coagulation and hemostatic disorders, white blood cell anomalies, and leukemia.

**MLSP 203  General Microbiology**  2.2; 3 cr.
A course that covers structure and morphology of micro-organisms, nutritional requirements and growth, sterilization and disinfection, introduction to microbial genetics, collection and handling of clinical specimens, culture techniques for clinical specimens and expected pathogens, antibiotic sensitivity testing, and assay.

**MLSP 204  Systematic Bacteriology**  2.4; 4 cr.
A course that covers the characteristics of bacteria of medical importance with concentration on the diseases they cause, pathogenesis, mode of transmission, control and methods for isolation, identification, and interpretation of results.

**MLSP 207  Immunology and Blood Banking**  2.0; 2 cr.
A course that consists of lectures in basic immunology, including types of immune responses, cells of the immune response, antigens, antibodies, and complement system, as well as basic principles in blood banking and transfusion medicine.
MLSP 208  General and Diagnostic Virology  2.0; 2 cr.
An introduction to virology covering the general characteristics of viruses, their classification, mode of transmission, pathogenesis, and the diseases they cause in man, is the focus of the first part of this course. The second part emphasizes viral diseases of public health importance, including their epidemiology, control, and possible prevention.

MLSP 211  Seminar  1.0; 1 cr.
A seminar in which students are trained to read recently published scientific papers in medical journals, summarize, and present the information. This process also involves discussion and critiques of the presented manuscripts.

MLSP 259  Diagnostic Serology  1.0; 1 cr.
An introduction to the principles of serologic reactions and laboratory techniques in the diagnosis of infectious diseases.

Below are descriptions of the required courses offered by several departments at the Faculty of Medicine: Biochemistry, Microbiology and Immunology, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, and Physiology.

BIOC 255 Biochemistry for MLSP  45.0; 3 cr.
The course provides an overview of structure, function, and metabolism of basic biological micro/macro molecules; a general review of the genetic makeup; and emphasizes the clinical relevance by correlating disease to basic information. The course is an introductory biochemistry course, offered to undergraduate students in the Medical Lab Sciences Program and related fields. Second semester.

LABM 201/202  Clinical Chemistry I and II  2.0; 2 cr.
A pair of courses in which the main objective is to acquaint students with fundamentals of clinical chemistry, including various analytical procedures, instrumentation, and methods used for determination of clinical analyses. Correlation of laboratory results with clinical manifestation is also an integral part of these courses. These two courses cover all aspects of routine clinical chemistry testing, such as carbohydrates, electrolytes, acid-base balance, blood gases, nitrogen metabolites, proteins, enzymes, liquids and lipoproteins, and liver function.

LABM 210  Cytology and Histological Techniques  32.0; 2 cr.
A course that includes a series of lectures and demonstrations on cell biology, a review of normal histology of various human organs, a description of examples of pathological changes, lectures on techniques of tissue handling, and preparation and staining of sections and smears for cytological material. Members of the department and the Department of Human Morphology.

LABM 220  Clinical Chemistry and Endocrinology  0.128; 4 cr.
Practical experience in clinical chemistry and endocrinology. Eight weeks.

LABM 230  Clinical Hematology and Reception  0.128; 4 cr.
Practical experience in clinical hematology special procedures and reception area. Prerequisite: MLSP 201 and MLSP 202.

LABM 233  Genetics and Molecular Biology  2.0; 2 cr.
A course that includes an introduction to human genetics, comprising the structure and function of DNA and the classification of genetic disorders. Diagnostic techniques in human genetics (cytogenetics, biochemical, and molecular) will be covered, as well as molecular techniques applied in pathology and microbiology.
LABM 234  Special Topics/Techniques in Laboratory Medicine  2.0; 2 cr.
A course that provides theoretical knowledge in specialized topics including endocrinology, chromatography, toxicology, tumor markers, therapeutic drug monitoring, flow cytometry, molecular testing, advanced clinical microbiology, antimicrobial agents, blood banking and transfusion medicine, and total quality management.

LABM 235  Medical Mycology  1.0; 1 cr.
A course that covers the different kinds and types of fungi (yeast and mold). This course discusses their disease spectrum mode of infection, gross requirements, and cultural and non-cultural methods of identifications as well as antifungal drugs and susceptibility testing of fungi.

LABM 240  Clinical Microbiology  0.128; 4 cr.
Practical experience in clinical microbiology (aerobic and anaerobic bacteriology, mycobacteriology, mycology, and susceptibility testing). Eight weeks. Prerequisite MLSP 203 and MLSP 204.

LABM 250  Clinical Parasitology and Urinalysis  0.64; 2 cr.
Practical experience in clinical microscopy pertaining to parasitology, urinalysis, and spermogram. Four weeks.

LABM 260  Serology  0.64; 2 cr.
Practical experience in clinical immunology and serodiagnostic techniques. Four weeks. Prerequisite MLSP 259.

LABM 270  Blood Banking  0.64; 2 cr.
Practical experience in blood banking and transfusion medicine. Four weeks. Prerequisite MLSP 207.

LABM 280  Cytogenetics, Molecular Diagnostics and Histotechniques  0.64; 2 cr.
Practical experience in reception, cytogenetics, and histotechniques. Four weeks.

MBIM 223  Parasitology for MLS Students  39.39; 4 cr.
Second semester.

PHYL 246  Physiology for Nursing Degree Students and Undergraduates  48; 4 cr.
A course that outlines fundamental principles of human physiology and the mechanisms governing the function of different body organs. Prerequisite: BIOC 246; BIOL 201 (or BIOL 210). Annually.

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