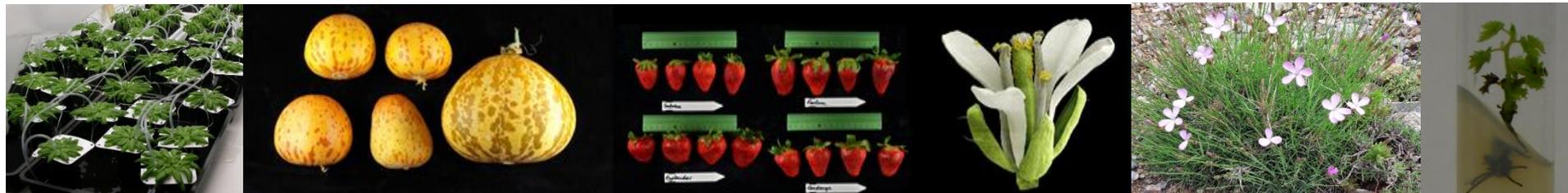


# Master in Plant Biology, Genomics, and Biotechnology

Official Interuniversity Master

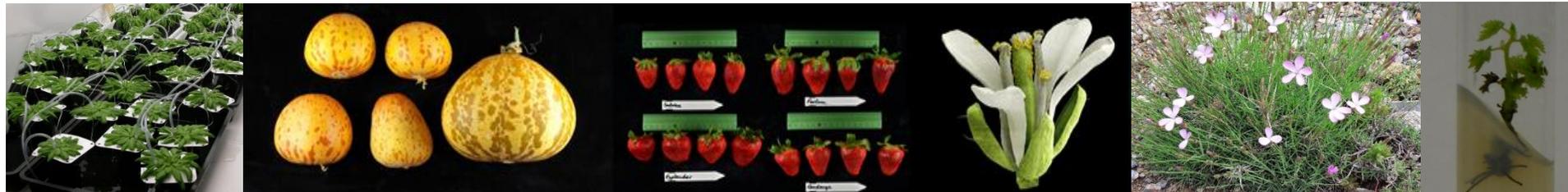
**UAB** (coordinator)

February 2023



## Characteristics of the master

- ✓ 60 credits
- ✓ Teaching modality: 100% face-to-face
- ✓ Interdisciplinary field of knowledge
- ✓ There are no mentions or specialties
- ✓ Teaching language: English
- ✓ Teaching center: Faculty of Biosciences, UAB
- ✓ Total number of places: 25



# Programme

1st Semester				2nd Semester			
Subject	ECTS	To study	Type	Subject	ECTS	To study	Type
Plant Physiology and Metabolism	6	6	OT	Plant Growth and Development	6	6	OT
Plant Molecular Biology	6		OT	Plant Systems Biology	6		OT
Plant Genomics	6	6	OB	External Practices	12	12	OB
Agricultural Biotechnology	6	6	OB	Final Master's Project	12	12	TFM
Computational Biology and Data Analysis	6	6	OB				
Plant-Environment Interactions	6	6	OB				
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>			<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	

## Examples of Final Master's Thesis research lines

### BOTANY

- Systematics, biodiversity and evolution of phanerogams
- Systematics and taxonomy of symbiotic fungi

### PLANT MOLECULAR GENETICS

- Plant genomics and biotechnology
- Plant metabolism and metabolic engineering
- Plant responses to biotic and environmental stress
- Signal transduction and plant development

### GENOMICS

- Genetics and genomics of vegetable crops
- Rosaceae genetics and genomics
- Statistical and population genomics
- Structure and evolution of plant genomes

### PLANT PATHOLOGY

- Fungal pathogens of woody plants
- Edible mycorrhizal fungi of forest trees

### PLANT PHYSIOLOGY

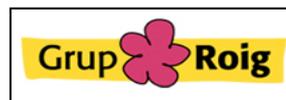
- Plant stress physiology
- Plant-Soil interactions
- Natural adaptation



## Examples of master's thesis topics

- Transposable Elements as main players of crop plant genome evolution.
- The role of the vacuolar protein Sorting 41 in resistance to cucumber mosaic virus.
- Edition of rice genomes to enhance plant resistance against rice blast using CRISPR/Cas9
- Plant responses to high-light stress.
- Genomic, proteomic and genetic analyses of the *Arabidopsis* flower development gene regulatory network.
- Establishing initial connections between lignin genes and circadian clock in maize.
- Mechanism of natural adaptation to salinity in wild Brassicaceae.
- Salt stress interaction with flowering in *A. thaliana*: a role of JA, NO and ABA signaling?
- Study of signaling by measuring ionic fluxes and membrane potential in plant roots under salinity and carbonate stress.
- The effect of plant-growth promoting bacteria on *Arabidopsis thaliana*.
- Utility of *Spirulina* genus in the usage of wastewater from the food industry.
- Use of plant extracts in ecological vineyard management.

- **Erasmus Internships**
  - Germany, Holland, France
- **Internships in industries**
  - Semillas Fitó, Vytrus Biotech, Grup Roig, Futureco-Bioscience S.A., INCAVI, Vitae Natural Nutrition, Amorós Nature, Bioo S.L., Leitat ...
- **Others**
  - to agree with the student



## Webs of interest

- <https://www.uab.cat/web/estudiar/official-master-s-degrees/admission/notice-of-admission/-1345655940214.html?param1=1345875358006>
- <http://www.cragenomica.es/es>
- <http://www.semillasfito.com/>
- <https://www.vytrus.com/>
- <https://www.futurecobioscience.com/en/>
- <http://incavi.gencat.cat/ca/recerca-desenvolupament/>
- <http://www.irta.cat/es-es/RIT/Centres/paginas/Cabrils.aspx>
- <http://www.uab.cat/web/treball-campus-1248934939395.html>
- <https://www.biootech.com/>

# Schedule model (old master)

FIRST SEMESTER

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43872	PBL - Problem Base Learning	OT	6
43868	PD - Plant Develop. and Environment Responses	OT	6

Week 4	3-oct	4-oct	5-oct	6-oct	7-oct	Week 5	10-oct.	11-oct.	12-oct.	13-oct.	14-oct.	Week 6	17-oct	18-oct	19-oct	20-oct	21-oct	
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12-13						12-13		(G1+G2)		(G1+G2)	PPM T5	12-13	PPMT8			PPM T14	PPM T16	
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13-14	PPM S7 G2									13-14	PBL T2		St. Albert				
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## SECOND SEMESTER

<b>HOLIDAY</b>
<b>EXAM</b>
AC: Campus activity 13-15h

<b>T</b>	Theoretical lessons
<b>PAUL</b>	Classroom practices
<b>S</b>	Seminars
<b>PAI</b>	Computer lessons
<b>LAB</b>	Lab lessons
<b>VEXT</b>	External visit

Code	Modules	Tipu	Credits
43869	EP - External Practicum	OB	9
43870	FMT - Final Master Dissertation Delivery	OB	15
43867	PSB - Plant system Biology	OT	6
43871	NPBV - New Perspectives in Plant Biology	OT	6

Week 1	6-febr	7-febr	8-febr	9-febr	10-febr
h	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9-10					
10-11	NPBV T1-3 PSB T 7-9	NPBV T4-6 PSB T 10-12	NPBV T7-9 PAUL 1-3	NPBV T10-12 PAUL 4-6	
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15-16		NPBV S2		NPBV S3	
16-17	NPBV S1 SM				
17-18					
AULA	CB/004	CB/004		CB/004	

Week 2	13-feb.	14-feb.	15-feb.	16-feb.	17-feb.
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12-13					
13-14					
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15-16		NPBV S5			
16-17	NPBV S4 SM		NPBV S6 SM		
17-18					
AULA	CB/004	CB/004	CB/004		

Week 20	10-jul.	11-jul.	12-jul.	13-jul.	14-jul.
h	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9-10					
10-11		FMT dissertation	FMT dissertation	FMT dissertation	
11-12					
12-13					
13-14	Exact Defense Dates will be announced around June				

Week 21	11-sep	12-sep	13-sep	14-sep	15-sep
h	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9-10					
10-11		FMT dissertation	FMT dissertation	FMT dissertation	
11-12					
12-13					
13-14	Exact Defense Dates will be announced around July				

## Career Prospects

### Academic careers

- Most of the master students continue to PhD studies at UAB.

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- Research at Universities or Institutes

### Non-academic careers

- I+D industry in agronomy, biotech, pharma, food and bioenergetics
- Plant genetic improvement
- Conservation of diversity (germplasm banks, seed banks, botanical gardens)

## Selection criteria

In the event that the number of registrants exceeds the number of places offered, the allocation of places will be made according to the following priority criteria:

- Academic record (max. 3 points)
- CV indicating professional/research experience related to the field of the master's degree (max. 1.5 point)
- English language accreditation at a level higher than B1 (max. 0.5 points)
- Motivation letter (max. 1 point)

Maximum overall score: 6 points

## Documents for admission

The following documentation, which is mandatory, must be collected and scanned to be linked to the pre-registration application:

1. Academic record of higher education with the details of the subjects studied, ECTS (or hours), calls for applications, grades by subject and the overall grade (average grade of the academic record in scale of 0 - 10).
2. Title associated to the academic file presented in the previous document (if you do not have it, you can send it to us later).
3. CV with justification of merit that includes: research experience, publications, professional experience, stays abroad, scholarships and research grants (if applicable).
4. English language accreditation.
5. Motivation letter.

## Admission and enrolment calendar (online)

- Pre-registration application: From 13 January to 31 May (both included).
- Expected date of resolution: From 13 June. Students will be notified during the following week.
- Pre-enrolment payment date: "Admitted" and "Conditionally Admitted" students must pay the pre-enrolment fee before **20th June** to guarantee their place.
- **Remember**: If you do not pay the pre-enrolment fee before the indicated date, your application will be placed on the "Waiting List".
- The days scheduled for the self-enrolment are **12, 13 and 14 July**
- Once admitted, before officially enrolling in the course, you need to take a tutorial session with the coordinator of the master's degree.

# Plant Physiology and Metabolism

## GOAL

This module is conceived as a specific levelling course for those students who do not have a background in this subject.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

- Introduction to Plant Physiology
- Cell compartmentalization spaces.
- Transport levels in the plant and its regulation,
- Primary metabolism.
- Richness and diversity of secondary metabolism.
- Regulation and integration of metabolism in plants.
- Industrial biotechnological uses of the products of secondary metabolism.
- Experimental techniques in Plant Physiology and Metabolism:
- Techniques for the study of transport in the plant.

# Plant Molecular Biology

## GOAL

- This module is as the one before conceived as a specific leveling course for those students who do not have a background in this subject.
- The student will receive the concepts of organization and structure of plant genes and how their expression is regulated. The different methodologies and tools currently used in biology and plant molecular engineering will be explained with a focus on those tools that facilitate the study of gene function and expression.
- Emphasis is placed on genetic transformation techniques in plants:  
cisgenesis vs transgenesis; legal aspects, the application of bioinformatics tools in the context of Molecular Biology and Plant Genetic Engineering.

# Plant Genomics

## GOAL

Provide a global and updated vision of the theoretical and technological bases related to the study of the organization, function and evolution of plant genomes and their possible applications to the genetic improvement of crop plants.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS

- Organization and function of plant genomes with special emphasis on the contributions in this area by women.
- Genome sequencing and annotation strategies.
- Gene function analysis strategies.
- Theoretical foundations of the main “omics” techniques used in plant genomics (transcriptomics, proteomics and metabolomics). Other omics.
- Molecular evolution of plants.
- Bioinformatics tools applied to genomic studies.

# Agricultural Biotechnology

## GOAL

- To introduce students to the fundamentals of Agricultural Biotechnology, a term of which all aspects related to molecular breeding (molecular breeding) are a substantial part.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS:

- Applications of genetically modified or edited plants in Agriculture. Micropropagation and in vitro culture in agriculture.
- Fundamentals of plant genetic improvement.
- Molecular improvement (Molecular breeding).
- Molecular diagnosis

# Plant-environment Interactions

## GOALS

- To understand how different environmental stressors affect plants
- To know the wide range of responses that these adverse conditions trigger in plants and that are conditioned by the duration, severity and speed at which it is imposed a stress, as well as by the combined action of several of them. Furthermore, resistance and sensitivity to stress vary by species, genotype, stage of development, and type of organ or tissue.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS:

- Abiotic stress
  - Salinity and drought
  - Ionic stress
  - Flooding
  - Temperature
- Biotic interactions
  - Pathogenic and Beneficial microorganisms
- Biotic and abiotic Stress Interactions

# Computational Biology and Data Analysis

## GOAL

- To understand novel molecular mechanisms from large data sets, today's researchers must be trained in quantitative sciences. The goal of this module is to introduce a reduced set of fundamental concepts for exploring, analyzing, visualizing, and understanding such data sets.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS:

- Introduction to R Programming with Tidyverse
- Biostatistics
- Data exploration
- Design principles and visualization theory
- Introduction to Systems Biology
- Genomic bioinformatics

# Growth and Plant Development

## GOAL

- To transmit the necessary knowledge to understand the main processes of development in the life of plants, at the molecular, cellular and organism level, and how these processes are organized and coordinated. Special emphasis will be placed on the influence of light on the growth and development of the plant.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS:

- General concepts
- Gametogenesis and embryogenesis.
- Seed development and dormancy.
- Vegetative development.
- Reproductive development.
- Light influence
- Photoperiod

# Plant Systems Biology

## CONTENT

- Systems Biology: concepts, study methodology and study of practical cases through multiple omics.
- Practical applications of the methods and techniques in Plant Genomics.
- Application of systems biology in the genetic improvement of crop plants.
- Examples of the use of molecular markers in improvement, variability, linkage. Importance of QTLs.
- Analysis and application of data derived from genome and transcriptomic sequencing.
- Analysis and application of data derived from proteomic studies in plants and protein interaction.
- Analysis and application of data derived from metabolomic studies.
- Integrated analysis of the biological problem applied to the improvement of crop plants.

If you have questions

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**Thanks for your attention!!!**