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### **3<sup>rd</sup> Year Biotechnology French**

## **French for Biotechnology III and French Component of Biotechnology Skills with French**

<b>Module Codes</b>	FR364 and BG305
<b>Credits</b>	5 ECTS (FR364) and 1 ECT (BG305)
<b>Semesters</b>	1
<b>Lecturers</b>	<b>Dr. Ornaith Rodgers</b> <a href="mailto:ornaith.rodgers@universityofgalway.ie">ornaith.rodgers@universityofgalway.ie</a> Ext. 3800 AMB-2021 (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, Arts Millennium Building)
<b>Hours per week</b>	3
<b>Materials</b>	Supplied in class and available on Canvas

### **Module Aims and Objectives**

This module is designed for 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Biotechnology students who have already completed the French for Biotechnology I and II modules. The programme aims to further develop students' language skills within a Biotechnology context in order to bring their proficiency in French to Level B2/C1 of the Common European Framework. Students are provided with a platform to further their knowledge of specialised French for Biotechnology through the study of multimodal materials relating to more complex contemporary biotechnology topics. Their knowledge of French grammar is reinforced with further grammatical structures introduced. In particular, students focus on developing the professional language skills they would need if working in a French-speaking environment in the Biotechnology sector. CV preparation, professional communication skills, interview techniques and presentation skills (in both virtual and face-to-face environments) are all key elements of this programme.

## **Learning Outcomes**

On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- 1) express their ideas and opinions on a wide range of current or Biotechnology related topics with fluency and precision
- 2) read and understand specialized articles/ texts
- 3) understand video clips/ programmes on current or Biotechnology related topics
- 4) express themselves in clear, well-structured texts expressing coherent points of view
- 5) create a graduate profile in French through the production of a written and video CV, and job application
- 6) deliver a group oral presentation in the target language
- 7) do a job interview in French

## **Module Delivery**

This module is delivered through three 1-hour classes per week devoted to text analysis, grammar/professional writing skills and oral communication skills.

The text analysis class is devoted to the analysis and discussion of a variety of texts relating to contemporary topics such as marine biotechnology, biotechnology start-ups, Alzheimer's disease, gene therapy and responses from the biotechnology sector to global problems. Supporting resources such as video clips and other audio-visual materials are used to allow students to engage with this specialist language in a variety of modes, while activities such as discussion classes, role-plays, simulations and the production of reflective pieces are also used to consolidate language learning in this specialized context.

In the grammar/ professional communication skills class students work on developing the communication skills they would need to work in a French-speaking environment. They focus in particular on building a professional graduate profile in French by preparing written and video CVs, and job applications. In addition, this class concentrates on the further development of students' knowledge of French grammar by introducing them to more advanced tenses and structures such as the past subjunctive and compound tenses.

The oral communication skills class focuses on developing both general and professional conversational skills. Interview skills, presentation techniques, telephone and video call skills, and formal conversational skills (taking out simple contracts, making complaints) all form part of this class. Both face-to-face and virtual environments are considered, and students are prepared to adapt their skills to both.

Students are expected to attend regularly and to actively engage with the language through their active participation in class and through the regular completion of assignments and self-study activities.

### **Module Assessment**

***The FR364 module is assessed as follows:***

Dossier de candidature (application dossier) <i>(CV, lettre de motivation, CV vidéo)</i>	20%
Reflective journal	10%
Group Presentation <i>(Weeks 8/9)</i>	20%
Final Examination	50%

The French component of the BG305 module is assessed as follows:

Oral Exam (Job interview simulation)	100%
<i>Week 12</i>	