

Facoltà: **Farmacia**
Corso di Laurea in **Biotechnologie Farmaceutiche**

Second level degree program in
Pharmaceutical Biotechnology

9/S - Medical, Veterinarian and Pharmaceutical Biotechnology

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Introduction

This degree program represents an effective reply to the demand for highly qualified personnel able to manage planning, experimentation choices, production, development, quality control and licensing of biotechnological pharmaceutical products such as proteins, oligonucleotides, and antibiotics.

The graduate in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology is a professional with broad knowledge of chemistry and biology, and a solid practical ability; in addition, this degree program trains students to use the most highly sophisticated technologies of inquiry, and provides a particularly deep understanding of biological macromolecules, as well as of synthetic and natural molecules of pharmaceutical interest.

To promote the enrolment of students from foreign countries, as well as to familiarise Italian students with the English language (nowadays essential in scientific research) the lessons of the course will be given in English.

Formational objectives

The graduate with a specialistic degree in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology should:

- n possess solid knowledge of the structure, functions, and methods of analysis of biological macromolecules and of the cellular processes in which they intervene;
- n understand and know how to use the principal methodologies of molecular and cellular biotechnologies for the planning and production of bio-pharmaceuticals, diagnostics, vaccines, and health and nutritional products or services.
- n know the main aspects of the operative processes which follow the industrial planning of biotechnological products, and the formulation of bio-pharmaceuticals;
- n understand and know how to use techniques and specific technologies in sectors such as molecular modelling and planning of innovative drugs;
- n recognize interactions between foreign microorganisms and human and animal organisms;
- n recognize the effects of biotechnological products on the environment and prevent possible harmful effects;
- n possess skills in analysing bio-pharmaceuticals, diagnostic products, and vaccines in human and animal applications for chemical, biological, biophysical and toxicological aspects.

Employment Prospects

Graduates with the Specialistic Degree in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology are in a position to manage with responsibility and autonomy various kinds of departments in the pharmaceutical industry, as well as public or private research centers, and biotechnological/pharmaceutical businesses.

To be admitted

The specialistic degree in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology represents the next stage of study for those with the first level degree (laurea magistrale) in Biotechnology. To obtain the specialistic degree in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, students need a total of 300 credits (CFU).

Thus, students with the first level degree in Biotechnology already begin with 180 CFU, and must complete 120 more CFUs to achieve the second level degree.

For graduates with other degrees, the Steering Committee will evaluate the three year program of study that the student has completed, and may indicate certain courses the student must pass in order to bridge gaps in his preparation. Students registered at the University of Camerino may apply for admission to the specialistic degree before the end of the first level degree, on condition that they will have completed 158 formative credits by November 5th, 2007, and that they will have graduated by April 30th, 2008.

Schedule of exams

The two-year specialistic degree in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology requires 120 university formative credits (CFU):

Year I	<i>Didactic Modules</i>	<i>ECTS</i>
<i>Semester</i> 1° and 2°	Biotechnology driving medicinal chemistry	12
1°	Applied Molecular Biology	10
1°	Clinical Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	6
2°	Molecular methods applied to pharmacological biotechnologies	10
2°	Agry-Food Biotechnologies	6
2°	Image Elaboration for Biomedical Research	6
ECTS Total		50
II Year	<i>Didactic Modules</i>	<i>ECTS</i>
<i>Semester</i> 1°	biotechnological drug analysis	10
1°	Pharmacological Biotechnologies	8
1°	Drug Release and Carrying	8
2°	Design of Biotechnological Drugs with Computational Tools	8
ECTS Total		34

Optional activities 12 ECTS

The number of credits awarded for the academic activities chosen by students is ratified by the Class Council; such activities can include formal university courses and independent study, (attending seminars, as well) properly documented according to class regulations.

Final test 24 ECTS

The candidate must do a thesis based on experimental research, and discuss the content with a degree commission chosen by the Class President. The degree commission will assign a score to the candidate on the basis of the thesis presentation and discussion, and evaluation of the student's curriculum.

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