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**WORKING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR  
“Modern methods of research of biological systems”**

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Syllabus for “Modern methods of research of biological systems”

for 3<sup>rd</sup> year english medium students of pharmaceutical faculty

Specialty: 226 "Pharmacy, industrial pharmacy"

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## INTRODUCTION

### The syllabus for “Modern methods of research of biological systems”

in accordance with the Standard of Higher Education of *the second (master's) level*

Field: 22 "Health"

Specialty: 226 "Pharmacy"

Master's Degree Programme in Pharmacy

#### Description of the discipline (abstract)

The discipline "Modern methods of research of biological systems" (elective course) belongs to the disciplines of the cycle of professionally-oriented training of specialists in the "Pharmacy". The discipline is based on the general laws of physical and chemical sciences, studies methods of analysis of various biological systems, as well as biologically active substances and drugs, as an element of evaluation of the response of the biological system to the action of these substances. The discipline "Modern methods of research of biological systems" (elective course) is part of the study of drugs, understanding their action and principles of creation, analysis taking into account the principle of integrity of the pharmaceutical industry and based on a holistic concept - "from idea to drug".

The structure of the discipline	The number of credits, hours				Year of study	Type of control
	Total Credit hours	Auditorium		Self-study		
		Lectures	Practical classes			
	3.0 credits ECTS / 90 h	5	10	60	3 <sup>rd</sup> year (5 semester)	credit
<b>Per semester</b>						
	3.0 credits ECTS / 90 h	5	10	60	3 <sup>rd</sup> year (5 semester)	credit

#### The subject of the study of the discipline is

1. physico-chemical methods in the study of drugs
2. biologically active compounds and their effects on biological systems.
3. relationship between the structure and properties of drugs, including metabolites and drugs;
4. methods of isolation, purification, identification and assay of drugs.

**Interdisciplinary connections:** - general and physical chemistry, organic chemistry, analytical chemistry, biophysics, biological chemistry, normal and pathological

physiology, pharmacology, standardization of drugs, computer modeling in pharmacy.

## 1. The objectives and tasks of the “Modern methods of research of biological systems” course

### 1.1. Objectives of teaching of the “Modern methods of research of biological systems” course are:

- study of physicochemical methods of analysis of drugs and biologically active compounds
- evaluation of their impact on biological systems

### 1.2. Tasks of the “Modern methods of research of biological systems” course are:

- acquisition of skills in the field of analysis of drugs and biologically active compounds
- assessment of their impact on biological systems

### 1.3. Competences and learning outcomes that are formed by this subject (the relationship with the normative content of the training of higher education graduates, formulated in terms of learning outcomes in the Standard of Higher Education)

In accordance with the requirements of the Standard of Higher Education, discipline ensures students' acquisition of **competences**:

-general: 3K2; 3K6; 3K12.

-special: ФК 19; ФК 20

Details of competences according to the descriptors are given in the form of "Matrix of competences".

**Matrix of competences**

No	Competence	Know ledge	Skills	Communi cation	Autonomy and responsibility
1	“K3.2” Ability to apply knowledge in practical situations	+	+		+
2	“K3.6” Knowledge and understanding of the subject area and comprehension of the profession	+	+	+	+
3	“K3.12” Ability to perform research at the appropriate level	+	+		+

**Learning outcomes:**

Integrative final learning outcomes, the formation of which contributes to the discipline:  
“IP3 2”, “IP3 3”, “IP3 4”, “IP3 6”, “IP3 11”, “IP3 12”

“IP3 2” To apply knowledge of general and professional disciplines in professional activities;

“IP3 3” to follow to the rules of sanitary-hygienic regime and safety requirements when carrying out professional activities;

“IP3 4” to use the results of independent search, analysis and synthesis of information from various sources for solving typical tasks of professional activity;

“IP3 6” to argue information for decision making, to be responsible for them in standard and non-standard professional situations; adhere to the principles of deontology and ethics in professional activities;

“IP3 11” to follow the norms of communication in professional interaction with colleagues, management, consumers, to work efficiently in a team.

“IP3 12” to use methods of performance indicators evaluation; to reveal reserves for improving of labor productivity.

*As the result of the study of the “Modern methods of research of biological systems” course*

*Student should know:*

- basic methods of physical and chemical research;
- main characteristics \ properties of substances evaluated in the analysis of quality and impact on the biological system;
- basic theoretical foundations of selected physicochemical methods of analysis (chromatographic, spectroscopic, mass spectrometric, etc.);
- main mechanisms of action and ways of metabolism of drugs and biologically active compounds;

*be able to:*

- - interpret the results of physico-chemical analysis of drugs and biologically active compounds;
- - use industry standards, guidelines for the implementation of methods of quality control of substances and drugs;
- - use physical, physico-chemical methods in quality control of medicines;
- - to give a qualified assessment of the quality of medicines in accordance with the results of the analysis.

## **2. Information volume of subject matter**

To study the academic discipline 3.0 credits ECTS, 90 hours are given.

Structure of the discipline according to the content modules:

### 3. The structure of the discipline "Organic Chemistry"

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Lectures</b>	<b>Practical classes</b>	<b>Self-study</b>
Topic 1. Biological systems. Influence of biologically active substances on biological systems of different level of hierarchy, methods of its estimation	2	4	12
Topic 2. Characteristics of physicochemical methods used in the analysis of drugs. "Physico-chemistry of drugs'action". Chromatographic research methods	2	4	12
Topic 3. Spectroscopic and spectrometric methods of analysis. nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy, electronic paramagnetic resonance, infrared spectroscopy, UV spectroscopy, atomic adsorption spectrometry.	2	4	12
Topic 4. Mass spectrometry. Combination of chromatographic and spectrometric methods.	2	4	12
Topic 5. Methods of thermal analysis and calorimetric methods of analysis of solid forms	2	4	12
<b>Total hours 90 / 3.0 ECTS credits</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>60</b>

#### 4. Topics of lectures

<b>№</b>	<b>Topic</b>
<b>1</b>	Biological systems. Influence of biologically active substances on biological systems of different level of hierarchy, methods of its estimation.
<b>2</b>	Characteristics of physicochemical methods used in the analysis of drugs. "Physico-chemistry of drugs'action". Chromatographic research methods.
<b>3</b>	Spectroscopic and spectrometric methods of analysis. nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy, electronic paramagnetic resonance, infrared spectroscopy, UV spectroscopy, atomic adsorption spectrometry.
<b>4</b>	Mass spectrometry. Combination of chromatographic and spectrometric methods.
<b>5</b>	Methods of thermal analysis and calorimetric methods of analysis of solid forms.
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 hours</b>

### 5. Topics of practical classes

No	Theme	Hours
1.	Biological systems. Influence of biologically active substances on biological systems of different levels of hierarchy, methods of its estimation.	2
2.	High performance liquid chromatography: basics, use	2
3.	Infrared spectroscopy, UV spectroscopy, atomic adsorption	2
4.	Electronic paramagnetic resonance, principles, features, use.	2
5.	Nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy, basics, principles	2
6.	Mass spectrometry in search of new drugs and research medicines	2
7.	Combination of chromatographic and mass spectrometric methods	2
8.	Methods of near-infrared spectroscopy.	2
9.	Crystallographic methods	2
10	Methods of thermal analysis and calorimetric methods of analysis	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>20</b>



## 6. Out-class works

<b>№</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Hours</b>
<b>1.</b>	Biological systems. Influence of biologically active substances on biological systems of different level of hierarchy, methods of its estimation.	6
<b>2.</b>	High performance liquid chromatography: basics, use	6
<b>3.</b>	Infrared spectroscopy, UV spectroscopy, atomic adsorption spectrometry	6
<b>4.</b>	Electronic paramagnetic resonance, principles, features, use	6
<b>5.</b>	Nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy, basics, principles of use	6
<b>6.</b>	Mass spectrometry in search of new drugs and research medicines	6
<b>7.</b>	Combination of chromatographic and mass spectrometric methods	6
<b>8.</b>	Methods of spectroscopy in the near infrared region	6
<b>9.</b>	Crystallographic methods	6
<b>10.</b>	Methods of thermal analysis and calorimetric methods of analysis	6
<b>Total</b>		<b>60</b>

## 7. Methods of studies

Explanatory-illustrative, problematic presentation, partially-exploratory.

Studying Standardization of drugs students use textbooks, lecture notes, methodological guidelines, chemical computer software, molecular models, laboratory devices and glassware necessary for performing experiments.

Methods for organization and accomplishment of studies are:

- a) lectures
- b) practical classes
- c) students' independent study.

The topics of the lecture course cover the problematic issues of the appropriate sections of pharmaceutical chemistry.

Practical classes are organized as laboratory classes. These classes include: laboratory studies on production and detection of specific classes of drugs according to their functional groups, performing specific reactions of drugs and drug synthesis, its obtaining, purification and physicochemical constants determination.

Students are recommended to write short-term protocols of laboratory studies, indicating the purpose of the study and the conclusions.

The students also perform educational exercises and solve situational problems. ISIS Draw, Chemistry in motion, HyperChem computer programs, videos and models of molecules are used in practical classes.

The structure of practical classes includes:

- Discussion and explanation of the most complicated issues of the topic;
- Written test;
- Practical (laboratory) work.
- Filling in a practical lesson protocol.
- Summary of the lesson.

## 8. Methods of control

Types of control: initial, current and final.

Form of final control according to the curriculum: credit (9 semester). The initial control of theoretical training is carried out at the beginning of each class.

Current control is carried out at each class in accordance with specific objectives, as well as during the individual work of the teacher with the student for those topics that the student develops independently and they are not part of the structure of the practical lesson. A standardized form of control of theoretical and practical training of students is used. At each practical lesson the student answers test tasks, questions on the topic of practical lesson, knowledge of which is necessary to understand the current topic, lecture course and independent work related to the current lesson, demonstrates knowledge and skills of practical skills according to the theme of laboratory class.

The test is performed individually according to the tasks of the lecturer and is evaluated by the appropriate assessment before the session.

Students' independent work is assessed during the current control of the topic in the relevant lesson. Assimilation of topics that are submitted only for independent work is controlled during the final control. Assessment of practical training of students - as a result of the practical part - is made in the form of a protocol.

***Criteria of assessment of current educational activity:***

***"Excellent"*** mark receives a student who actively participated in the discussion of the most difficult issues of the topic, gave at least 90% of correct answers to standardized tests, responded to written tasks without any mistake, performed practical work and filled in the protocol.

***"Good"*** mark gets a student who participated in the discussion of the most difficult issues of the topic, gave at least 75% of correct answers to standardized tests, responded to written tasks with some insignificant mistakes, performed practical work and filled in the protocol.

***"Satisfactory"*** mark receives a student who did not take part in the discussion of the most difficult issues of the topic, gave at least 60% of correct answers to standardized tests, responded to written tasks with a lot of mistakes, performed practical work and made the protocol.

***"Unsatisfactory"*** mark receives a student who did not take part in the discussion of the most difficult issues of the topic, gave less than 60% of correct answers to standardized tests, responded to written tasks with gross mistakes or did not give answer, didn't perform practical work and didn't make the protocol.

The final control is carried out upon completion of the study of the discipline in the form of a credit (3d semester) and the exam (4d semester).

Only those students who completed all types of works provided by syllabus and during study scored points not less than the minimum (3,0), and don't have any undone lectures and practical classes are allowed to put the exam. The standardized form of the exam includes control of theoretical and practical knowledge.

The exam includes: 50 tests (Form A), which are evaluated by 1 point (50 minutes), 6 "open" questions, which are evaluated by 5 points (40 minutes)

***The maximum number of points*** a student can score for an exam is 80.

***The minimum number of points*** during the examination - 50.

**9. Scheme of accrual and distribution of scores received by students is as follows:**

**The maximum number of points** that a student can get for current educational activity during study is 200 points.

**The minimum number of points** that a student score for the current academic activity to enroll in the discipline is 120 points.

**Calculating the number of points** is performed by the way of calculating the arithmetical average (AA) of student's received marks by traditional rate during the semester the discipline is studied, and rounded to two decimal places. The received value is converted into points by multi-point rate as follows:

$$xX = (AA \times 200)/5$$

For convenience, there is a table of conversion to 200-point rate:

**Recalculation of the average mark for current activity into multi-point rate for disciplines, ending with exam.**

4-point rate	200-point rate
5	120
4.95	119
4.91	118
4.87	117
4.83	116
4.79	115
4.75	114
4.7	113
4.66	112
4.62	111
4.58	110
4.54	109
4.5	108

4-point rate	200-point rate
4.45	107
4.41	106
4.37	105
4.33	104
4.29	103
4.25	102
4.2	101
4.16	100
4.12	99
4.08	98
4.04	97
3.99	96
3.95	95

4-point rate	200-point rate
3.91	94
3.87	93
3.83	92
3.79	91
3.74	90
3.7	89
3.66	88
3.62	87
3.58	86
3.54	85
3.49	84
3.45	83
3.41	82

4-point rate	200-point rate
3.37	81
3.33	80
3.29	79
3.25	78
3.2	77
3.16	76
3.12	75
3.08	74
3.04	73
3	72
Less than 3	Insufficient

*Students out-of classes works* is assessed during the current verification of topic on the lesson.

**A mark on a discipline** is defined as the sum of points for the current educational activity (not less than 120).

Points from discipline are converted into ECTS rate, and 4-point (national) rate.

Points from ECTS rate can't be converted into 4-point rate and vice versa. Marks of students, who study in one specialty, and taking into account the number of points gained by him/her in the discipline are ranked by ECTS rate as follows:

ECTS Mark	Statistical index
A	Top 10% of students
B	Next 25% of students
C	Next 30% of students
D	Next 25% of students
E	Last 10% of students

A, B, C, D, E rankings are awarded to students of actual course, who study in one specialty and successfully completed the study of the discipline. Students who received FX, F ("2") ratings are not included in the list of ranked students. Students with an FX score after repassing the exam receive an "E" score automatically.

Score points for students who have successfully completed the program are converted to the traditional 4-point scale by the absolute criteria listed in the table below:

Points from discipline	Mark by 4-point rate
From 170 to 200 points	5

From 140 to 169 points	4
From 139 to the minimum number of points which student must get	3
Below the minimum number of points which student must get	2

Mark written by ECTS can't be converted into traditional scale because the ECTS scale and 4-point scale are independent (do not coincide).

Objectivity of assessment students' educational activities is checked by statistical methods (correlation coefficient between the ECTS mark and mark by national scale).

### **10. Methodical support**

- plan of lectures,
- plans of practical classes,
- tasks for laboratory work, out-of class work,
- questions, tasks and test tasks for current and final control of knowledge and skills of students, after attestation monitoring of acquired knowledge and skills in the discipline.

### **11. List of practical skills**

- Be able to use chemical and reference literatures, work with the tables and graphic material.
- To know the names of chemical glassware and laboratory equipment and their use.
- Be able to compile individual laboratory installations.
- Be able to use methods of purification liquid and crystalline organic compounds and determinate their purity.
- Be able to determine the physical constants of drugs (melting point, boiling temperature, optical activity, etc.).
- To know laboratory methods of the assay of drugs.
- To know specific reactions/identification tests of functional groups of drugs.
- To carry out synthesis and analysis of the drugs.

### **12. List of theoretical and general question**

1. The structure of the State Pharmacopoeia of Ukraine. Drug quality assessment system.
2. The structure of the monograph. The difference between pharmacopoeial requirements from the norms and methods of analysis for chemical and others. products manufactured in accordance with State Standards (DSTU) and technical conditions (TU).
3. Peculiarities of pharmaceutical analysis are related to the purpose of the drug and the professional responsibility of the pharmacist. Relativity of requirements and methods of quality assessment depending on the pharmacological action of the drug

(purpose, dosage, method of administration), method of production, the presence of excipients and related substances in the dosage form.

4. Unification and standardization of similar tests in groups of medicinal substances. General provisions, general articles and monographs of the Pharmacopoeia, their relationship.

5. Analysis of physicochemical properties of drugs as one of the elements of drug quality assessment. Organoleptic analysis, evaluation of drug solubility as a general approximate characteristic of the test substance. Use of physical constants (relative density, viscosity, boiling / melting point, solidification) in drug trials.

6. Analysis of physicochemical properties of drugs as one of the elements of their quality assessment. The use of physical constants such as refractive index, optical rotation in drug testing.

7. The use of spectroscopic and chromatographic methods in the identification of drugs; features of use of standard samples of medicinal substances and standard spectra. IR, UV spectrophotometry, NMR spectroscopy.

8. The use of spectroscopic and chromatographic methods in the identification of drugs; features of use of standard samples of medicinal substances and standard spectra. Mass spectrometry (MS); high performance liquid chromatography; thin layer chromatography.

9. Identification of medicinal substances of inorganic nature. Reactions for the identification of cations of aluminum, ammonium, potassium, sodium, calcium, magnesium, zinc and iron (II, III).

10. Identification of medicinal substances of inorganic nature. Reactions for the identification of cations of antimony, bismuth, mercury, silver, arsenic, lead.

11. Identification of medicinal substances of inorganic nature. Reactions for identification of chlorine, bromine, iodine anions.

12. Identification of medicinal substances of inorganic nature. Reactions for the identification of sulfates, sulfites, nitrates, nitrites, phosphates, carbonates, hydrocarbons.

13. Identification of drugs of organic nature by functional groups (functional analysis). Reactions for the identification of primary alcohols, polyhydric alcohols, secondary alcohols, phenols.

14. Identification of drugs of organic nature by functional groups (functional analysis). Reactions for the identification of aldehydes, ketones, carboxylic acids, amides.

15. Identification of drugs of organic nature by functional groups (functional analysis). Identification reactions of double bonds, covalently bonded halogen atoms, ethers, esters.

16. Identification of medicinal substances of organic nature by functional groups (functional analysis). Reactions for the identification of primary, secondary and tertiary aromatic amines.

17. Identification of medicinal substances of organic nature by functional groups (functional analysis). Identification reactions of primary, secondary and tertiary aliphatic amines and primary, secondary aliphatic nitro compounds. Reactions for the identification of aromatic nitro compounds.

18. Causes that cause changes in the structure of the drug (exposure to light, moisture, temperature and other factors provided by the conditions and terms of

storage). The effect of impurities on the qualitative and quantitative composition of the drug and the possibility of changing its pharmacological activity (specific and general impurities).

19. Nature and nature of impurities, methods of their detection. Production impurities, intermediates, raw materials. Unification of tests.

20. General provisions for determining the content of impurities on the indicators of "transparency, turbidity" and "color" of the solution, etc. Approaches to setting the limits of permissible impurities based on the degree of sensitivity of chemical reactions. Reference solutions.

21. Tests for impurities of inorganic ions. Conditions and chemistry of ammonium and arsenic ion detection reactions.

22. Tests for impurities of inorganic ions. Conditions and chemistry of reactions for the detection of potassium, calcium and magnesium ions.

23. Tests for impurities of inorganic ions. Conditions and chemistry of detection reactions of iron, aluminum, zinc and heavy metals.

24. Tests for impurities of inorganic ions. Conditions and chemistry of reactions for the detection of chlorides, fluorides, sulfates, phosphates.

25. Production and properties, purity research, conditions and terms of storage of purified water, highly purified water and water for injections.

26. Methods of quantitative analysis of the content of drugs. The choice of method that allows you to assess the content of the drug by functional groups that characterize its properties. Features of quantitative determination of individual substances and dosage forms. Validation of analytical methods.

27. Methods of quantitative analysis of the content of drugs. Relative specificity, sensitivity, correctness (accuracy) and reproducibility of the method. Comparative evaluation of the suitability of modern chemical and physicochemical methods for the quantitative determination of the active substance.

28. Methods of quantitative analysis of the content of drugs. The influence of polyfunctionality of drugs on the choice of quantitative method. Weight analysis (gravimetry).

29. Methods of quantitative analysis of the content of drugs. The influence of polyfunctionality of drugs on the choice of quantification method. Determination of nitrogen in organic compounds after mineralization (Kjeldahl method).

30. Titrimetric methods of analysis. Acid-base titration method in aqueous and non-aqueous media.

31. Titrimetric methods of analysis. Argentometry, complexometry.

32. Titrimetric methods of analysis. Mercurimetry, permanganometry, bromatometry.

33. Titrimetric methods of analysis. Iodometry, iodometry, cerimetry.

34. Titrimetric methods of analysis. Dichromatometry, nitritometry. Potentiometric titration.

35. Optical methods in quantitative analysis. Refractometry, polarimetry.

36. Optical methods in quantitative analysis. UV and IR spectrophotometry, photometry in the visible region of the spectrum.

37. Chromatographic methods: gas-liquid chromatography (GC) and high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC), electrophoresis.

38. Methods based on thermodynamic properties of substances: thermographic

methods, phase solubility method. Combination of extraction, chromatographic and optical methods in the analysis of dosage forms.

39. Express analysis of drugs. Current trends in the development of pharmaceutical analysis.

### 13. Literature/textbooks

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### 14. Information resources

1. [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed) – free access to the database of scientific research in the field of biomedical sciences.
2. <https://pubchem.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/> free access to the database of scientific data in the field of biomedical sciences.
3. <http://www.orgsyn.org> - has provided the chemistry community with detailed, reliable, and carefully checked procedures for the synthesis of organic compounds.
4. <http://www.organic-chemistry.org> - offers an overview of recent topics, interesting reactions, and information on important chemicals for organic chemists.