

BICH/GENE 431 KNOWLEDGE OBJECTIVES

Chapter 15 – Genetic Code

Understand degeneracy in genetic code

How many possible codons?

Know stop codons and start codon(s)

Understand what is meant by codon usage and possible significance

Wobble in tRNA anticodon : codon basepairing in 3rd position of codon

Understand significance of wobble – fewer tRNAs necessary to decode

Know wobble rules for basepairing (Table 15-2)

Know differences between missense, nonsense, frameshift mutations

Understand types of suppressors – reversion, second-site suppressors (intragenic vs. intergenic)

Understand how two frameshift mutations can work as intragenic suppressor

Understand how tRNA nonsense suppressors work (good example of intergenic)