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COURSES OFFERED BY DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

Category-I

Botany (H) Courses for Undergraduate Programme of study with Botany as a Single Core Discipline

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE - 7: Phycology - The World of Algae

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Phycology - The World of Algae DSC-7	4	2	0	2	Class XII pass	Nil

Learning Objective:

To provide students with in-depth knowledge of the unique group of algae that are the primary photosynthetic organisms.

Learning Outcomes:

By studying this course students will gain basic knowledge on algae, with reference to:

- the diversity and general characteristics.
- distinguishing features of taxa belonging to different families.
- the various ecological and economic benefits.

Unit 1: Introduction to Algal World**6 hours**

Relevance of studying algae – Industrial (food, feed, fodder), Environmental (climate change, biofuel, acidification of oceans), Evolutionary (range of thallus organization); General characteristics; Ecology, diversity and distribution; Range of thallus organization; Cell structure; Criteria for classification (cell wall, pigment system, reserve food, flagella); Reproduction and life cycle patterns; Classification by Fritsch; Evolutionary classification of Lee (only up to groups); Significant contributions of eminent Phycologists.

Unit 2: Cyanophyceae (Blue-Green Algae)**3 hours**

General characteristics; Occurrence; Cell structure; Heterocyst (structure and function); Morphology, reproduction and life-cycle of *Nostoc*, economic importance.

Unit 3: Chlorophyceae (Green Algae)**6 hours**

General characteristics; Occurrence; Cell structure; Morphology, reproduction and life-cycle of *Chlamydomonas*, *Volvox*, *Chlorella*, *Ulva*, *Oedogonium*, *Coleochaete*; *Chara*; Structure and evolutionary significance of *Prochloron*, economic importance.

Unit 4: Xanthophyceae (Yellow-Green Algae)

2 hours

General characteristics; Occurrence; Morphology, reproduction, and life-cycle of *Vaucheria*, economic importance.

Unit 5: Bacillariophyceae (Diatoms) and Dinophyceae (Dinoflagellates)

3 hours

General characteristics, Occurrence, morphology, unique features, economic importance.

Unit 6: Phaeophyceae (Brown Algae)

4 hours

General characteristics; Occurrence; Morphology, reproduction, and life-cycle of *Ectocarpus* and *Sargassum*, economic importance.

Unit 7: Rhodophyceae (Red Algae)

4 hours

General characteristics; Occurrence; Morphology, reproduction, and life-cycle of *Gracilaria*, economic importance.

Unit 8: Recent advances in algal studies

2 hours

Model systems and their applications in genetic, molecular and evolutionary studies.

Practicals

60 hours

1. Study of algal diversity in different habitats through botanical excursion and submission of digital catalogue/report of various species observed.
2. *Nostoc*: Study of vegetative, reproductive structures from temporary mounts and permanent slides; Ultrastructure of Heterocyst through Electron Micrographs.
3. *Chlorella*: Study of vegetative, reproductive structures from temporary mounts. Study of ultrastructure through Electron Micrographs.
4. *Volvox*: Study of vegetative, reproductive structures from temporary mounts and permanent slides.
5. *Oedogonium*: Study of vegetative, reproductive structures from temporary mounts and permanent slides.
6. *Coleochaete*: Study of vegetative, reproductive structures from temporary mounts and permanent slides.
7. *Chara*: Study of vegetative, reproductive structures from temporary mounts, specimens and permanent slides.
8. *Vaucheria*: Study of vegetative, reproductive structures from temporary mounts and permanent slides.
9. **Diatoms and Dinoflagellates**: Study vegetative, reproductive structures of at least two taxa from water bodies.
10. *Ectocarpus*: Study of vegetative, reproductive structures from temporary mounts and permanent slides.
11. *Sargassum*: Study of vegetative, reproductive structures from temporary mounts, specimens and permanent slides.

12. *Polysiphonia/ Gracilaria*: Study of vegetative, reproductive structures from temporary mounts and permanent slides.

Suggested Readings:

1. Bold, H.C. and Wynne, M.J. (1985). Introduction to the Algae: Structure and Reproduction, 2nd edition. Prentice-Hall International INC.
2. Kumar, H.D. (1999). Introductory Phycology, 2nd edition. Affiliated East-West Press, New Delhi.
3. Lee, R.E. (2018). Phycology, 4th edition: Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
4. Sahoo, D. and Seckbach, J. (2015). The Algae World. Springer, Dordrecht.
5. Sahoo, D. (2000). Farming the Ocean: Seaweed Cultivation and Utilization. Aravali Book International, New Delhi.

Additional Resources:

1. Van den Hoek, C., Mann, D.G., Jahans H.M. (1995). Algae: An Introduction to Phycology. Cambridge University Press.
2. Sharma, O.P. (2011). Algae. Tata Mc Graw Hill Education Private Limited, New Delhi.
3. Smith, G.M. (1955). Cryptogamic Botany. Vol.1. Algae and Fungi. McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York.
4. Vashishta, B.R., Singh, V.P. and Sinha, A.K. (2012). Botany for Degree Students: Algae. S Chand Publishing, New Delhi.

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DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE – 8: Bryophytes, Pteridophytes and Gymnosperms
CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
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Bryophytes, Pteridophytes and Gymnosperms DSC – 8	4	2	0	2	Class XII pass	Nil

Learning Objectives:

- Provide a deep understanding of morphology, anatomy, reproduction and developmental biology of these unique groups of non-flowering plants.
- Enhance understanding of diversity, economic value, taxonomy in representative members of phylogenetically important groups.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this course students will be able to:

- identify and describe the group of plants that have given rise to land habit and the flowering plants.
- comprehend various phenological stages of the plants belonging to the sub-groups – bryophytes, pteridophytes and gymnosperms.

Unit 1: Bryophytes
9 hours

Origin of bryophytes through green algal ancestor; Morphology and Reproduction of *Marchantia*, *Anthoceros* and *Funaria* with fertilization & spore dispersal mechanism (excluding developmental stages). Progressive sterilization of sporogenous tissue; Ecological and economic importance of bryophytes with special reference to *Sphagnum*.

Unit 2: Pteridophytes
9 hours

Fossil pteridophytes (*Rhynia*). Morphology and Reproduction of *Selaginella*, *Equisetum* and *Pteris* (excluding developmental stages). Apogamy and apospory; Heterospory and seed habit; Stellar evolution. Economic importance.

Unit 3: Gymnosperms
9 hours

Morphology, Stem anatomy (significance of transfusion tissue) and Reproduction of *Cycas*, *Pinus* and *Gnetum* (excluding developmental stages and secondary growth). Economic importance.

Unit 4: Recent Advances**3 hours**

Model systems (*Physcomitrella*, *Ceratopteris*, *Ephedra*) and their applications in genetic, molecular and evolutionary studies.

Practicals:**60 hours**

1. *Riccia* – Morphology: Vegetative and reproductive structures (Specimen).
2. *Marchantia* - Morphology; V.S. of thallus through Gemma cup, whole mount of Gemmae (temporary slides); V.S. of Vegetative thallus, Antheridiophore, Archegoniophore, L.S. of Sporophyte (permanent slides).
3. *Pellia* - Morphological details through specimens/permanent slides; L.S. Sporophyte (permanent slide).
4. *Porella* - Vegetative Morphological details through specimens/permanent slides.
5. *Anthoceros* – Morphology; Dissection of sporophyte (to show stomata, spores, pseudoeelaters, columella) (temporary slide), V.S. of thallus (permanent slide).
6. *Funaria* - Morphology; T.S. Stem (temporary and permanent slides both); Sporophyte: operculum, peristome, spores (temporary slides); Antheridial and archegonial heads, L.S. of capsule, W.M. of protonema (Permanent slides).
5. *Psilotum* – Morphology (specimen); T.S. of rhizome, stem and synangium (permanent slides).
6. *Selaginella* – Morphology (specimen); W.M. of leaf with ligule, T.S. of stem, L.S. of strobilus, W.M. of microsporophyll, megasporophyll (temporary slides); T.S. of rhizophore (permanent slide).
7. *Equisetum* – Morphology (specimen), T.S. of internode, L.S. of strobilus, T.S. of strobilus, W.M. of sporangiophore, W.M. of spores (wet and dry) (temporary slide).
8. *Pteris* - Morphology, T.S. of rachis, V.S. of sporophyll (temporary slides), T.S. of rhizome, W.M. of prothallus with sex organs and young sporophyte (permanent slide).
9. *Cycas* – Morphology, T.S. of coralloid root, T.S. of rachis, V.S. of leaflet, V.S. of microsporophyll, W.M. of spores (temporary slides); T.S. of stem, T.S. of root, L.S. of ovule (permanent slide).
10. *Pinus* - Morphology, T.S. of Needle, L.S. and T.S. of male cone, W.M. of microsporophyll (temporary slides); T.S. of stem, R.L.S. and T.L.S. of stem, L.S. of female cone (permanent slide).
11. *Gnetum* - Morphology (stem, male & female cones); T.S. of stem, L.S. of ovule (permanent slide).

12. Botanical Excursion and submission of digital catalogue/report of various species observed.

Suggested readings:

1. Bhatnagar, S.P., Moitra, A. (2023). Gymnosperms. 2nd edition, New Delhi, Delhi: New Age International (P) Ltd Publishers.
2. Kaur I.D., Uniyal P.L. (2019). Text Book of Gymnosperms. New Delhi, Delhi: Daya Publishing House.
3. Kaur I.D., Uniyal P.L. (2019). Text Book of Bryophytes. New Delhi, Delhi: Daya Publishing House.
4. Kaur I.D. (2023). Text Book of Pteridophytes. New Delhi, Delhi: Daya Publishing House.
5. Parihar, N.S. (2019). An Introduction to Embryophyta. Vol. II: Pteridophyta. Surjeet Publications.

Additional Resources:

1. Campbell, N.A., Reece J.B., Urry L.A., Cain M.L., Wasserman S.A., Minorsky P.V., Jackson, R.B. (2020). Biology. San Francisco, SF: Pearson Benjamin Cummings.
2. Raven, P.H., Johnson, G.B., Losos, J.B., Singer, S.R., (latest edition). Biology. New Delhi, Delhi: Tata McGraw Hill.
3. Singh, H. (1978). Embryology of Gymnosperms. Berlin, Germany. GebruderBorntraeger.
4. Vashishta, P.C., Sinha, A.K., Kumar, A. (2022). Botany For Degree Students Pteridophyta, New Delhi, Delhi: S. Chand Publication. Delhi, India.
5. Vashishta, B.R., Sinha, A.K., Kumar, A. (2010). Botany For Degree Students, Bryophyta. New Delhi, Delhi: S Chand Publication.
6. Parihar, N.S. (1965). An Introduction to Embryophyta. Vol. I: Bryophyta. Allahabad, UP: Central Book Depot.
7. Puri, P. (1973). Bryophytes. New Delhi, Delhi, Atma Ram and Sons.

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DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE – 9: Genetics and Plant Breeding

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Genetics & Plant Breeding DSC-9	4	2	0	2	Class XII pass	Nil

Learning Objectives:

- To apprise students with the basic principles of Genetics
- To enhance the applications of genetics in plant breeding and agriculture.

Learning Outcomes:

On completion of the course the students will be able to:

- understand the fundamentals of Mendelian inheritance and its deviation in gene interactions.
- describe the concepts of linkage and crossing over and their usage in constructing gene maps.
- become familiar with pedigree analysis.
- learn about principles of population genetics
- gain knowledge about gene mutations and inherited disorders
- learn about various plant breeding techniques / methods

Unit 1. Mendelian Genetics

6 hours

Mendelism: History; Principles of inheritance, deviations (Incomplete dominance and co-dominance); Chromosome theory of inheritance; Multiple allelism; lethal alleles; Epistasis; Pleiotropy; Penetrance and expressivity; Polygenic inheritance; brief introduction to sex determination.

Unit 2. Extra-Nuclear Inheritance

4 hours

Chloroplast and mitochondrial genomes; Chloroplast Inheritance: Variegation in Four O'clock plant; Mitochondrial inheritance in yeast; Maternal effect (Shell coiling in Snails).

Unit 3. Linkage, crossing over and chromosome mapping

5 hours

Linkage and crossing over, Cytological basis of crossing over (Creighton and McClintock experiment in Maize); three factor crosses; interference and coincidence; Sex linkage (*Drosophila*)

Unit 4. Variation in Chromosome number and structure

4 hours

Deletion; Duplication; Inversion; Translocation; Euploidy and aneuploidy (In Brief).

Unit 5. Mutations**4 hours**

Mutation types; Muller's CIB method, Molecular basis of mutations; Chemical mutagens (Base analogs, deaminating, hydroxylating, alkylating and intercalating agents) and Physical mutagens (Ionising and Non ionising radiations); Transposable genetic elements and their significance (Basic concept).

Unit 6. Population and evolutionary genetics**3 hours**

Hardy Weinberg law (Allele frequencies, genotype frequencies); speciation (modes of speciation and genetics of speciation).

Unit 7. Plant Breeding**4 hours**

Plant breeding- Principle and Practices, domestication and plant introduction (primary and secondary introduction), selection and its types: pure line selection, mass selection and clonal selection; hybridizations (inter-specific and intra-specific), heterosis and its significance.

Practicals:**60 hours**

1. To study meiosis in *Allium cepa* through squash preparation of anthers.
2. To study mitosis in *Allium cepa* through squash preparation of root tips.
3. To understand the deviations of Mendelian dihybrid ratios (12:3:1, 9:3:4, 9:7, 15:1, 13:3, 9:6:1) involved using the seed mixture given. Genetic ratio to be calculated using Chi square analysis.
4. Human Genetics:
 - a) Study of autosomal & sex-linked dominant & recessive inheritance through pedigree analyses.
 - b) ABO blood group testing using kits,
 - c) To study the syndromes (Down's, Klinefelter's, Turner's, Edward's & Patau) through karyotypes
5. To calculate allelic and genotypic frequencies of human dominant and recessive traits using Hardy- Weinberg's principle.
6. To study Xeroderma pigmentosum, Sickle cell anaemia, albinism, haemophilia and colour blindness (Ishihara charts may be used to study colour blindness)
7. To study chromosomal aberrations:
 - a) Quadrivalents, lagging chromosomes, dicentric/inversion bridge through photographs/permanent slides
 - b) Reciprocal translocation through squash preparations of *Rhoeo* anthers.
8. Demonstration of basic methods of plant breeding (hybridizations): Emasculation, bagging and tagging using available plant material in pots/gardens/field.

Suggested Readings:

1. Gardner, E.J., Simmons, M.J., Snustad, D.P. (1991). Principles of Genetics, 8th edition. New Delhi, Delhi: John Wiley & sons.
2. Griffiths, A.J.F., Doebley, J., Peichel, C, Wassarman D (2020). Introduction to Genetic Analysis, 12th edition. New York, NY: W.H. Freeman and Co.
3. Klug, W.S., Cummings, M.R., Spencer, C.A. (2020). Concepts of Genetics, 12th edition. San Francisco, California: Benjamin Cummings.
4. Pierce, B. A. (2020). Genetics: A Conceptual Approach, 7th Edition, Macmillan

5. Campbell, N.A., Reece J.B., Urry L.A., Cain M.L., Wasserman S.A., Minorsky P.V., Jackson, R.B. (2020). Biology. San Francisco, SF: Pearson Benjamin Cummings.
6. Singh, B.D., (2022). Plant Breeding: Principles and Methods. New Delhi, Medtech Publishers

Additional Resources:

1. Russell, P. J. (2010). Genetics- A Molecular Approach. 3rd Edition. Benjamin Cummings
2. Snustad, D.P., Simmons, M.J. (2016). Principles of Genetics, 7th Edition. New Delhi, Delhi: John Wiley & sons
3. Hartl, D.L., Ruvolo, M. (2019). Genetics: Analysis of Genes and Genomes, 9th edition, Jones and Bartlett Learning.
4. Singh, B. D. (2023). Fundamentals of Genetics, 6th edition. MedTech.

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DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE (DSE -1): Evolutionary Biology of Plants

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Evolutionary Biology of Plants DSE-1	4	2	0	2	Class XII pass	Nil

Learning Objectives:

- This course builds on the fundamental points introduced in the core course on Plant Diversity and Evolution and presents a synthesis of various theories, concepts, evidence and methods to study evolution.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this course the students will be able to:

- understand the essential theories in evolution
- differentiate between micro and macroevolution and the forces shaping evolution
- construct phylogenetic trees based on morphological and molecular data
- understand evolution of life.

Unit 1: Historical Perspective of Evolutionary Concepts

4 hours

Pre-Darwinian ideas, Lamarckism, Darwinism, Post-Darwinian era – Modern synthetic theory, Neo-Darwinism

Unit 2: Origin of Life

3 hours

Chemogeny – An overview of pre-biotic conditions and events; experimental proofs to abiotic origin of micro- and macro-molecules. Current concept of chemogeny – RNA first hypothesis. Biogeny – Cellular evolution based on proto-cell models (coacervates and proteinoid microspheres). Evolution of eukaryotes from prokaryotes

Unit 3: Evidences of Evolution

4 hours

Paleobiological– Concept of Stratigraphy and geological timescale; fossil study
Anatomical & Embryological – Vestigial organs; homologous and analogous organs (concept of parallelism and convergence in evolution)
Taxonomic –Transitional forms/evolutionary intermediates, living fossils
Phylogenetic – morphology, protein (Cytochrome C) and gene (Globin gene family) based

Unit 4: Microevolution and Macroevolution

8 hours

Hardy Weinberg equilibrium; Founder effect, Natural and artificial selection. Levels of selection.

Inferring phylogenies- Gene trees, species trees; Patterns of evolutionary change; Adaptive radiation, Evolution and development (evo-devo); Biodiversity- Estimating changes in biodiversity; Taxonomic diversity through the Phanerozoic era.

Unit 5. Forces of Evolution

3 hours

Mutation, Geneflow, Selection, Genetic Drift, Co-adaptation and co-evolution, Anthropogenic activities, Extinction (in brief)- Periodic and Mass-scale – Causes and events.

Unit 6. Speciation

4 hours

Species concept, Modes of speciation – Allopatric; sympatric; peripatric; Patterns of speciation – Anagenesis and Cladogenesis; Phyletic gradualism and Punctuated equilibrium (Quantum evolution); Basis of speciation – Isolating mechanisms.

Unit 7. Evolution of Land Plants

4 hours

Origin of land plants – Terrestrial algae and Bryophytes; alternation of generations. Early vascular plants – Stelar evolution; Sporangium evolution; seed habit and evolution of seed. Angiosperms – Phylogeny of major groups.

Practicals

60 hours

1. Study of different types of fossils, connecting links/transitional forms and Living fossils (Specimens/slides/photographs)
2. Sampling of quantitative characters (continuous and discontinuous) in a population (height, weight, number of nodes etc)
3. Study of adaptive strategies (colouration, co-adaptation and co-evolution); (Specimens/photographs)
4. Calculations of genotypic, phenotypic and allelic frequencies from the data provided
5. Simulation experiments using coloured beads/playing cards to understand the effects of Selection and Genetic drift on gene frequencies
6. To study and interpret Phylogenetic trees (reading and using trees) - minimum of three examples.

Suggested Readings:

1. Campbell, N.A., Reece J.B., Urry L.A., Cain M.L., Wasserman S.A., Minorsky P.V., Jackson, R.B. (2020). Biology. San Francisco, SF: Pearson Benjamin Cummings.
2. Ridley, M. (2004). Evolution. III Edn. Blackwell Pub., Oxford.
3. Hall, B. K., Hallgrimson, B. (2008) Strickberger's Evolution. IV Edn. Jones and Barlett.
4. Zimmer, C., Emlen, D. J. (2013). Evolution: Making Sense of Life. Roberts & Co.
5. Futuyma, D. (1998). Evolutionary Biology. III Edn. Sinauer Assoc. Inc.
6. Barton, Briggs, Eisen, Goldstein and Patel. (2007). Evolution. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press.
7. Nei, M., Kumar S. (2000). Molecular Evolution and Phylogenetics. Oxford University Press, New York.
8. Futuyma, J. D., Kirkpatrick, M. (2017). Evolution, 4th Ed. Sinauer, Sunderland, MA: Sinauer Associates.

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE (DSE -2): Biostatistics & Bioinformatics for Plant Sciences

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical / Practice		
Biostatistics & Bioinformatics for Plant Sciences DSE-2	4	2	0	2	Class XII pass	Nil

Learning Objective:

- To train students in using computational and mathematical tools to solve biological problems.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this course students will be able to:

- use the various online databases and resources for accessing biological data.
- use the different methods of alignment of DNA, RNA and protein sequences and interpret the significance of the same.
- understand the descriptive and inferential statistical tests for interpretation of experimental data.

Unit 1- Introduction to Bioinformatics

3 hours

Historical background; Aims and scope; Bioinformatics in Genomics, Transcriptomics, Proteomics, Metabolomics; Applications of bioinformatics in crop improvement

Unit 2- Biological databases

4 hours

Introduction to biological databases - Primary, secondary and composite databases. Study of following databases: NCBI (GenBank, PubChem, PubMed and its tools (only BLAST)), introduction to UniProt, PDB, PlantPepDB.

Unit 3- Basic concepts of Sequence alignment

4 hours

Similarity, identity and homology. Concepts of alignment (gaps and penalty); Alignment – pairwise and multiple sequence alignments

Unit 4- Molecular Phylogeny

4 hours

Introduction, methods of construction of phylogenetic trees: maximum parsimony (MP), maximum likelihood (ML) and distance (Neighbour-joining) methods.

Unit 5- Introduction to Biostatistics

2 hours

Definition, Basics of descriptive and inferential statistics; Limitations and applications.

Unit 6- Data and sampling methods

3 hours

Primary and secondary data; Sampling methods (in brief); tabulation and presentation of data.

Unit 7- Measures and deviations of central tendencies**4 hours**

Dispersion - range, standard deviation, mean deviation, standard error, skewness and kurtosis, quartile deviation –merits and demerits; Coefficient of variation.

Unit 8-Correlation and Regression**3 hours**

Correlation - types and methods of correlation (I. E. Karl Pearson and Spearman Rank method), Introduction to simple regression equation; similarities and dissimilarities between correlation and regression.

Unit 9- Statistical tests**3 hours**

Statistical inference - hypothesis – (simple hypothesis), student's t test, chi-square test.

(Note: Numerical based questions of unit 7, 8 and 9 should be covered only in practical)

Practicals**60 hours**

1. Biological databases (NCBI, UniProt, PlantPepDB)
2. Literature retrieval from PubMed
3. Sequence retrieval (protein and gene) from NCBI (formats - FASTA, GenBank and GenPept formats)
4. Protein Structure retrieval from PDB (in pdb format) and visualization by viewing tools (Ras Mol/ J mol/Mol*/Swiss 3D Viewer/Pymol)
5. Multiple sequence alignment (MEGA/Clustal omega)
6. Construction of phylogenetic tree (PHYLP/ MEGA/ Clustal omega).
7. Calculation of standard deviation and coefficient of variation through manual calculation and using Microsoft Excel, using only ungrouped data)
8. Calculation of correlation coefficient values by Karl Pearson's /Spearman Rank methods (through manual calculation and using Microsoft Excel)
9. Student's t-test (using Microsoft Excel), chi square test (Manual and using Microsoft Excel)

Suggested Readings:

1. Ghosh, Z., Mallick, B. (2008). *Bioinformatics – Principles and Applications*, 1st edition. New Delhi, Delhi: Oxford University Press.
2. Baxevanis, A.D., Ouellette, B.F., John (2005). *Bioinformatics: A Practical Guide to the Analysis of Genes and Proteins*, 3rd edition. New Jersey, U.S.: Wiley & Sons, Inc.
3. Roy, D. (2009). *Bioinformatics*, 1st edition. New Delhi, Delhi: Narosa Publishing House.
4. Zar, J.H. (2012). *Biostatistical Analysis*, 4th edition. London, London: Pearson Publication.
5. Campbell, R.C. (1998). *Statistics for Biologists*. Cambridge, U.S.A.: Cambridge University Press

Additional Resources:

1. Pevsner J. (2009). *Bioinformatics and Functional Genomics*, 2nd edition. New Jersey, U.S.: Wiley Blackwell.

2. Xiong J. (2006). Essential Bioinformatics, 1st edition. Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press.
3. Mount, D.W. (2004). Bioinformatics: Sequence and Genome analysis 2nd edition, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, USA.
4. Pandey, M. (2015). Biostatistics Basic and Advanced. New Delhi, Delhi: M V Learning.
5. Khan, I.A., Khanum, A., Khan S., (2020). Fundamentals of Biostatistics, 6th edition. Ukaaz Publications, Hyderabad, India.

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Category II

Botany Courses for Undergraduate Programme of study with Botany as one of the Core Disciplines
(B.Sc. Programmes with Botany as Major discipline)

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE (DSC-.....): Plant Cell and Developmental Biology

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Plant Cell and Developmental Biology DSC-.....	4	2	0	2	Class XII pass	Nil

Learning objectives:

To understand the basics of plant cell structure, development, growth and organisation of plant body.

Learning outcomes:

On completion of the course, the students will

- become familiar with the structure and functions of various components of plant cell
- understand the processes of cell growth and its regulation
- comprehend the structure, organization and functions of various tissues of the plant organs
- get acquainted with the reproductive processes in the life cycle of angiosperms
- appreciate the interactions between the developmental pathways resulting in the differentiation of plant body
- recognise the importance of plant developmental biology in the improvement and conservation of plants

Unit 1. Introduction to Plant Cell: structure and function

5 hour

Cell as the basic unit of life; differences between plant and animal cell, prokaryotic and eukaryotic cell; Cell Theory.

Structure and functions of cell wall; cell membrane; cell organelles- nucleus, chloroplast, mitochondria, dictyosomes, endoplasmic reticulum, microbodies, cytoskeleton.

Unit 2: Cell growth**3 hours**

Cell cycle, regulation (in brief) and significance; mitosis and meiosis; cytokinesis.

Unit 3. Polarity in plant growth**3 hours**

Plant body as a bipolar structure; apical, basal and radial patterns of body plan; growth through primary and secondary meristems; organisation of shoot and root apices.

Unit 4. Differentiation of tissues: vegetative organs**6 hours**

Structure and functions of tissues (simple and complex); structure of stem, root, and leaf (dicot and monocot); principles of organ differentiation: role of transcription factors in cell, tissue, organ identity and development, cell fate determination by position, and cell-cell signalling; hormones involved in organ differentiation (very briefly).

Unit 5. Differentiation of tissues: reproductive organs**6 hours**

Anther, microsporogenesis and microgametogenesis, general structure of pollen grains and male gametes, male germ unit; ovule, megasporogenesis (monosporic, bisporic, tetrasporic) and megagametogenesis (Polygonum type), ultrastructure and significance of female germ unit; Flower development (ABC model).

Unit 6. Pollination and Fertilization**3 hours**

Pollination types, agents and adaptation; pollen germination; path of pollen tube in pistil; double fertilization

Unit 7. Development of Embryo and Seed**4 hours**

Endosperm types, functions; development of embryo from zygote, establishment of apical-basal and radial organisation; development of seed, modes of seed dispersal.

Practicals

1. Study of plant cell - through peel mount (*Tradescantia*, or any other); whole mount (*Hydrilla*) - cytoplasmic streaming.
2. Study of cell components - nucleus (Feulgen/acetocarmine staining); mitochondria (Janus green B staining); cell wall (PAS staining).
3. To study mitotic index. (pictures or permanent slides -24h-period or under different temperatures/environmental conditions may be used).
4. Study tissues and organs structure through temporary preparations of macerated material and sections - T.S. of dicot stem- *Helianthus/ Cucurbita, Hydrilla/ Nymphaea petiole, Casuarina*, stem with secondary growth - *Helianthus, Salvadora/ Bignonia*; T.S. of monocot stem - *Zea mays, Dracaena*; T.S. of dicot root with and without secondary growth- *Cicer*, monocot root - *Zea mays*, V.S. of dicot leaf- *Vernonia/Hamelia*etc., *Nerium, Hydrilla*; V.S. of monocot leaf- *Zea mays, Triticum/Dracaena/Crinum*; peel mount to study epidermal structures - types of stomata, trichomes, laticifers; Shoot apex and root apex through micrographs.
5. Study Reproductive structures (i) Anther - T.S. of anther of any large flower like *Datura/ Hamelia/ Kigelia*; whole mounts of pollen grains; ii) pollen development through micrographs of T.S. anther at different stages of development (with secretory, amoeboid tapetum); (iii) types of ovule through permanent slides/specimens/ micrographs; (iv) Polygonum type of embryo sac development through micrographs; (v) ultrastructure of egg apparatus and central cell through micrographs.
6. Study (i) pollen viability (TTC/FDA); (ii) pollen germination; (iii) growth of pollen tube in cleared pistil.

7. Study (i) dicot and monocot embryo development (through permanent slides); (ii) structure of seed (L.S. of seed)

Suggested Readings:

1. Beck, C.B. (2010). An Introduction to Plant Structure and Development. Second edition. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, UK.
2. Dickison, W.C. (2000). Integrative Plant Anatomy. Harcourt Academic Press, USA
3. Fahn, A. (1974). Plant Anatomy. Pergamon Press, USA
4. Mauseth, J.D. (1988). Plant Anatomy. The Benjamin/Cummings Publisher, USA
5. Esau, K. (1977). Anatomy of Seed Plants. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., Delhi.
6. Taiz, L., Zeiger, E., Moller, I.M., Murphy, A. (2015). Plant Physiology. 6th edition. Sinauer Associates, Sunderland. USA.
7. Hopkins, W.G., Huner, N.P.A. (2009). Introduction to Plant Physiology. Fourth edition, John Wiley & Sons, Inc. USA.
8. Bhojwani, S.S., Bhatnagar, S.P., Dantu, P.K. (2015). The Embryology of Angiosperms, 6th edition. New Delhi, Delhi: Vikas Publishing House.
9. Johri, B.M. (1984). Embryology of Angiosperms. Netherlands: Springer-Verlag.
10. Raghavan, V. (2000). Developmental Biology of Flowering plants. Netherlands: Springer.
11. Shivanna, K.R. (2003). Pollen Biology and Biotechnology. New Delhi, Delhi: Oxford and IBH Publishing Co. Pvt. Ltd.

Additional Resources:

1. Cutler, D.F., Botha, T., Stevenson, D.W. (2007). Plant Anatomy - An Applied Aspect. Blackwell Publishing, USA
2. Bahadur, B. Rajam, M.V., Sahijram, L., Krishnamurthy, K.V. (2015). Plant Biology and Biotechnology. Volume 1: Plant Diversity, Organization, Function and Improvement. Springer (India) Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi, Heidelberg, New York, Dordrecht, London.
3. Shivanna, K.R., Tandon, R. (2014). Reproductive Ecology of Flowering Plants: A Manual. Springer (India) Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi, Heidelberg, New York, Dordrecht, London
4. Moza M. K., Bhatnagar A.K. (2007). Plant reproductive biology studies crucial for conservation. Current Science 92:1907.

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Category III:

B.Sc. programme in Applied Life Sciences with Agrochemicals and Pest Management Botany (H) Courses for Undergraduate Programme of study with Botany as a Single Core Discipline

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE (DSC 03)

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the core course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (If any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Genetics and Molecular Biology ALSBOTDSC03	4	2	0	2	XII pass with Science with Biology/ Biotechnology	NIL

Learning Objectives:

The learning objectives of this course are as follows:

- To understand the basic concept of Mendelian genetics and comprehensive study of Mendelian extensions.
- To provide adequate knowledge about Linkage, Crossing over and Mutations.
- To provide brief knowledge of population and evolutionary genetics.
- To impart detailed understanding about the structure of nucleic acids and their types. .
- To understand key events of Molecular biology comprising mechanism of DNA Replication, Transcription and Translation in Prokaryotes and Eukaryotes.
- To give comprehensive explanation of Transcriptional Regulation with examples of lac operon and tryptophan operon in prokaryotic as well as eukaryotic organisms along with the key concept of Gene Silencing.

Learning Outcomes:

By studying this course, students will be able to:

- Analyse the basic concepts of Mendelian genetics and its extension, Linkage and Crossing over, Mutations and population genetics.

- Explicate the mechanism of replication, transcription, translation in prokaryotes and eukaryotes.
- Comprehend the mechanism of gene regulation and gene silencing.

Unit 1: Mendelian Genetics and Extensions (3 Hours)

Mendel's work on transmission of traits, Co-dominance, Incomplete dominance, Multiple alleles, Lethal Genes, Epistasis, Pleiotropy, Polygenic inheritance, Pedigree analysis.

Unit 2: Extra-chromosomal Inheritance (2 Hours)

Cytoplasmic inheritance: Chloroplast variegation in Four 'O' clock plant, Kappa particles in *Paramecium*, Maternal effect-shell coiling pattern in snail.

Unit 3: Linkage, Crossing over and Chromosomal Mapping (3 Hours)

Linkage and crossing over, Recombination mapping - two point and three points.

Unit 4: Mutations (3 Hours)

Chromosomal mutations, Deletion, Duplication, Inversion, Translocation, Aneuploidy and Polyploidy, Gene mutations.

Unit 5: Population and Evolutionary Genetics (2 Hours)

Allelic frequencies, Genotypic frequencies, Gene pool, Hardy-Weinberg Law.

Unit 6: The Genetic Material: DNA and RNA (4 Hours)

DNA structure: Salient features of double helix, Types of DNA, DNA denaturation and renaturation, Nucleosome, Chromatin structure- Euchromatin, Heterochromatin (Constitutive and Facultative), RNA structure and its types.

Unit 7: Replication of DNA (3 Hours)

Mechanism of prokaryotic DNA replication, Chemistry of DNA synthesis, Enzymes and proteins involved in DNA replication, Comparison of replication in prokaryotes and eukaryotes.

Unit 8: Transcription and Processing of RNA (4 Hours)

Mechanism of transcription in prokaryotes and eukaryotes, Split genes: concept of introns and exons, Removal of introns, Spliceosome machinery group I & group II intron splicing, alternative splicing, eukaryotic mRNA processing (5' cap, 3' poly A tail).

Unit 9: Translation (3 Hours)

Mechanism of translation in prokaryotes and eukaryotes: initiation, elongation and termination of polypeptides, Proteins and enzymes involved in translation.

Unit 10: Regulation of transcription in prokaryotes and eukaryotes (3 Hours)

Prokaryotes: Regulation of lactose metabolism and tryptophan synthesis in *E. coli*, Eukaryotes: Transcription factors, Heat shock proteins, Gene silencing.

PRACTICAL (Credit: 02)

(Laboratory practical- 15 classes of 4 hours each)

1. To study Mendelian and Non- Mendelian gene interaction ratios (9:7, 9:6:1, 13:3, 15:1, 12:3:1, 9:3:4) through seeds.
2. To study linkage, recombination, gene mapping using marker-based data from *Drosophila*.

3. Karyotype and Idiogram preparation through photographs.
4. PTC testing in a population and calculation of allelic and genotypic frequencies.
5. Study of abnormal human karyotype and pedigrees.
6. Isolation of genomic DNA from Cauliflower curd.
7. Qualitative analysis of DNA using gel electrophoresis.
8. Estimation of DNA by Diphenylamine method.
9. Separation of nucleotide bases by paper chromatography.
10. Purity and quantitative estimation of isolated DNA by UV-VIS spectrophotometer.
11. Study of Molecular techniques: PCR, Southern, Northern and Western Blotting and PAGE.

Essential/ Recommended readings:

1. Snustad D.P. and Simmon M.J. (2012) *Genetics* 6 th Ed., John Wiley & Sons. (Singapore)
2. Pierce B.A, (2012) *Genetics - A Conceptual Approach*, 4 th Ed., W.H. Freeman & Co. (New York)
3. Griffiths A.J.F., Wessler S. R, Carroll S. B and Doebley J. (2010) *An Introduction to Genetic Analysis*, 10th Ed., W.H. Freeman & Company (New York).
4. Watson J.D., Baker, T.A., Bell, S.P., Gann, A., Levine, M. and Losick, R. (2007) *Molecular Biology of the Gene*, 6th Ed. Pearson Benjamin Cummings, CSHL Press, New York, U.S.A.

Suggestive readings:

1. Klug, W.S., Cummings, M.R. and Spencer, C.A. (2009) *Concepts of Genetics*. 9th Ed. Benjamin Cummings. U.S.A.
2. Russell, P. J. (2010) *Genetics- A Molecular Approach*. 3rd Ed. Benjamin Cummings, U.S.A.

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DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE (DSE01)

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the core course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Ecology, Conservation and Restoration ALS BOT DSE 01	4	2	0	2	XII pass with Science with Biology/ Biotechnology	NIL

Learning Objectives:

- To develop a scientific understanding of the diverse aspects of ecology.
- To familiarize students with the interactions between the organisms and their physical environment.
- To understand various attributes of populations and communities with the help of theoretical concepts and field studies.
- To make students understand various factors that lead to variations among populations of a species.
- To familiarize students about the concepts of conservation and restoration.

Learning Outcomes:

By studying this course, students will be able to:

- Gain knowledge about the basic concepts of ecology.
- Comprehend the characteristics of the community, ecosystem development and climax theories.
- Explicate the relationship of evolution of various species and their environment.
- Analyse the basic field studies including data collection and its interpretation.
- Explicate the Conservation and Restoration methods.

Unit 1: Introduction to Ecology

(3 Hours)

Autecology and Synecology, Laws of limiting factors, Study of physical factors: Temperature and Light.

Unit 2: Population

(4 Hours)

Unitary and Modular populations, Unique and group attributes of population: density, natality, mortality, Life tables, Fecundity table, Survivorship curves, Intraspecific population regulation: density-dependent and independent factors.

Unit 3: Species Interactions

(5 Hours)

Types of species interactions, Interspecific competition: Lotka-Volterra model of competition, Gause's Principle, Niche concept, Predation, Predator defence mechanisms.

Unit 4: Community

(4 Hours)

Community characteristics: species richness, dominance, diversity, abundance, guilds, ecotone and edge effect, Ecological succession with examples and types.

Unit 5: Ecosystem (5 Hours)

Types of Ecosystems: terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, Vertical stratification in tropical forest, Food chain: detritus and grazing food chains, linear and Y-shaped food chains, Food web, Energy flow through the ecosystem: Ecological pyramids and Ecological efficiencies, Biogeochemical cycles: Nitrogen cycle.

Unit 6: Conservation (5 Hours)

Ecology in wildlife conservation and management: In-situ conservation (Biosphere Reserves, National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries), Ex-situ conservation (botanical gardens, gene banks, seed and seedling banks, DNA banks), Principles of Environmental impact assessment.

Unit 7: Restoration (4 Hours)

Restoration ecology: Afforestation, Social forestry, Agro-forestry, Joint Forest management, Role of remote sensing in management of natural resources.

PRACTICAL (Credit: 02)

(Laboratory practical- 15 classes of 4 hours each)

1. Study of life tables and plotting of survivorship curves of different types from hypothetical/real data.
2. Determination of population density and abundance in a natural or a hypothetical community by quadrat method.
3. Quantitative analysis of herbaceous vegetation in the college campus and comparison with Raunkiaer's Frequency distribution law.
4. Study of morphological features of hydrophytes and xerophytes in the ecosystems.
5. Measurement of temperature, turbidity/penetration of light and pH of any two water samples.
6. Comparison of Dissolved oxygen content in different water samples using Winkler's titration method.
7. Comparison of organic carbon of two soil samples using Walkley and Black's rapid titration method.
8. Comparison of CO₂ and alkalinity in two different water samples.
9. Estimation of Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) in water samples.
10. Perform Rapid field tests to detect the presence of Carbonates, Nitrate, Sulphate, Chloride, Organic matter and Base deficiency in two soil samples.
11. A visit to a National Park/Biodiversity Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/Urban Forest.

Essential/Recommended readings:

1. Sharma, P.D. (2012). *Ecology and Environment*. Rastogi Publications.
2. Singh J.S., Singh S.P., and Gupta S. R. (2014) *Ecology, Environment Science and Conservation*. S. Chand and Company Limited.
3. Odum, E.P. and Barrett G. W. (2004) *Fundamentals of Ecology*. Indian Edition (5th) Brooks/Cole Publishers.

Suggestive readings:

1. Smith T. M. and Smith R. L. (2015). *Elements of Ecology*. 9th International Edition, Publisher: Benjamin Cummings.
2. Saha G.K. and Mazumdar S. (2020) *Wildlife Biology, An Indian Perspective*. Publisher: PHI Learning Private Limited

3. Futuyma, Douglas and Mark, Kirkpatrick (2017). *Evolutionary Biology* (3rd Edition), Oxford University Press

Category IV:

B.Sc. Biological Sciences (Hons) for Undergraduate Programme of study with Botany as a Single Core Discipline

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE –9 :

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the core course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Functional Ecology (BS-DSC303)	4	2	-----	2	Class XII pass with Biology and chemistry, as one of the papers in Class XII	Nil

Learning Objectives

- To understand the basic concepts in ecology and levels of organization in an ecosystem
- Obtain a basic understanding of the various aspects of a 'population' and interactions among individuals of the same as well as different species.
- To understand the structure and functions of the community and its processes.
- To comprehend the components of an ecosystem, energy flow and nutrient cycling.
- To appreciate the applied aspects required in restoration of degraded ecosystems.
- To understand trade-offs in life history characteristics of organisms and various behaviors shown by organisms.

Learning outcomes

By the end of the course, the student will be able to:

- To comprehend the principles and applications of ecology and ecosystem.
- Know about the importance of ecosystem in general and the effects of changes in ecosystem.
- Understand the techniques used for the quantitative and qualitative estimation of biotic and abiotic components of an ecosystem.
- Gain knowledge about the density, frequency and diversity of species in an ecosystem.
- Understand about key interactions between organisms like competition, predation, parasitism etc.
- Participate in citizen science initiatives from an ecological perspective

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE –9 :26

SYLLABUS OF DSC-9

Theory

Unit 1: Introduction to Ecology

1.5 weeks

History of ecology, Autecology and synecology, levels of Organisation, Laws of limiting

factors (Liebig's law of minimum, Shelford's law of tolerance), ecological range (Eury and Steno).

Unit 2: Population Ecology

6 weeks

Population: Unitary and Modular populations; Metapopulation: Density, natality, mortality, life tables, fecundity tables, survivorship curves, sex ratio, age pyramids, dispersal and dispersion; carrying capacity, population dynamics (exponential and logistic growth equation and patterns), r and K selection, density-dependent and independent population regulation; Niche concept, Population interactions: Positive and negative interactions; Competition, Gause's Principle for competition with laboratory and field examples, Lotka-Volterra equation for predation.

Unit 3: Community Ecology

4 weeks

Community structure: Dominance, diversity, species richness, abundance, stratification; Diversity indices; Ecotone and edge effect; Community dynamics (succession): Primary and secondary succession, Succession on a bare rock. Climax: monoclinal and polyclinal concepts (preclimax, postclimax, disclimax etc.). Concept of keystone, indicator and flagship species with plant and animal examples.

Unit 4: Ecosystem Ecology

3.5 weeks

Concept, components, and types of ecosystems (example of Pond ecosystem in detail showing abiotic and biotic components), BOD, eutrophication. Energy flow (Grazing and Detritus food chain), linear and Y-shaped energy flow model, black box model, food web. Ecological pyramids and Ecological efficiencies.

PRACTICALS CREDITS: 2

Total weeks: 15

1. To understand the principle and working of ecological instruments such as Anemometer, Hygrometer, Luxmeter, Rain gauge, turbidity meter, pH meter, Soil thermometer, MinMax thermometer.
2. To study biotic interactions using specimens/ photographs/ permanent slides of Parasitic angiosperms, Saprophytic angiosperms, root nodules, velamen roots, lichens , corals .
3. To study plant-microbe interactions by preparing temporary stained mounts of VAM fungi / mycorrhizal roots/ root nodules.
4. Mark recapture method for determining population density of animals
5. To determine a minimal quadrat area for sampling
6. To determine density, frequency and abundance of herbaceous vegetation by quadrat method
7. To estimate dissolved oxygen content of a given water sample using Winkler's method.
8. Plotting of survivorship curves from hypothetical life table data.²⁷

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1. Barrick, M., Odum, E. P., Barrett, G. W., (2005) Fundamentals of Ecology.5th Edition. Cengage Learning.
2. Smith, T. M.& Smith, R. L.(2012). Elements of Ecology 8th Edition. Pearson.
3. Ricklefs, R. E., & Miller, G. L., (2000) Ecology, 4th Edition W.H. Freeman.
4. Sharma, P. D. (2017). Ecology and Environment.13th Edition. Meerut: Rastogi Publications.

MOOCs

1. 'Ecology: Ecosystem Dynamics and Conservation from American Museum of Natural History on Coursera <https://www.classcentral.com/course/coursera->

- ecology- ecosystem-dynamics-andconservation-10618
2. <https://alison.com/course/diploma-in-ecology-studies>
 3. <https://swayam.gov.in/> Any ecology based online course that may be available during the semester, depending on its relevance to the present syllabus

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC Elective –DSE-1 :

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the core course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Medicinal and Ethnobotany (BS-DSE-1)	4	2	-----	2	Class XII pass with Biology and NA chemistry, as one of the papers in Class XII	Nil

Learning Objectives:

Plants are imperative to mankind with almost all plants known to possess medicinal values. There is an increased emphasis on indigenous system of medicine which has lent prime focus on medicinal plants. Keeping the therapeutic importance of medicinal plants in mind this course is designed to provide education and training on diverse perspectives of medicinal plants. The course also offers comprehensive knowledge about understanding the difference between ancient wisdom and the modern system of medicine.

Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of the course, a student will:

- Be able to identify the common medicinal plants in their vicinity.
- Learn about the traditional healing sciences namely Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani, which have been used since the ancient times.
- Appreciate the importance of conservation strategies for medicinal plants.
- Be able to understand the importance of medicinal plants, significance of ethnobotany, role of ethnic groups in the conservation of medicinal plants.

Course Contents - Theory

Unit 1: History, Scope and Importance of Medicinal Plants

No. of weeks 5

Introduction to indigenous systems of medicines- Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha system of medicine)- Ayurveda: History, origin, Panchamahabhutas, Saptadhatu and Tridosha concepts, Siddha: Origin of Siddha medicinal systems, Basis of Siddha system. Unani: History, concept: Umoor-e- tabiya. Plants used in Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani medicine with special reference to Carum carvi, Plantago ovata, Allium sativum, Asparagus racemosus, Vitis vinifera, Linum usitatissimum, Amaranthus paniculatus. Polyherbal formulations (with special reference to Safi, Chyawanprash, Trifala, Swalin, Amukkara Choorna, Gandhak rasayana). Natural

2. Jain, S. K., (1990). Contributions to Indian Ethnobotany. Scientific publishers, Jodhpur.
3. Jain, S. K., (1995). Manual of Ethnobotany. Scientific Publishers, Jodhpur.

COMMON POOL OF GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE)

GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-11): Industrial and Environmental Microbiology

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical / Practice		
Industrial and Environmental Microbiology GE-11	4	2	0	2	Class XII pass	Nil

Learning Objectives:

- To introduce students to understand the uses of microbes in industry: concepts, principles, scope and applications.
- To introduce students to the role of microbes in the environment: concepts, principles, scope and application.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- understand how microorganisms are involved in the manufacture of industrial products.
- know about design of bioreactors, factors affecting growth and production of bioproducts.
- understand the rationale in medium formulation & design for microbial fermentation, sterilization of medium and air.
- comprehend the different types of fermentation processes and the underlying principles in upstream and down- stream processing.
- learn the occurrence, abundance, distribution and role of microorganisms in the environment. Also, learn different methods for microbial isolation and detection from different habitats.
- understand the basic principles of environmental microbiology and their application in waste water treatment, bioremediation and role of microbes in agriculture.

Unit 1: Introduction**4 hours**

Scope and importance of microbes in Industry and Environment (Institutes of microbial research). Bioremediation. Distribution and isolation of microbes in the air, soil and water.

Unit 2: Bioreactors/ Fermenters and Fermentation process**4 hours**

Solid-state and liquid state (stationary and submerged) fermentations; batch and continuous fermentations; components of a typical bioreactor, types of bioreactors.

Unit 3: Microbial production of industrial importance**12 hours**

Microorganisms generally regarded as safe (GRAS), types of media, conditions necessary for the growth and production of industrially important products, downstream processing and uses; filtration, centrifugation, cell disruption, solvent extraction, precipitation and ultrafiltration, lyophilization, spray drying.

Production of enzyme (amylase); organic acid (citric acid); alcohol (ethanol); antibiotic (penicillin).

Unit 4: Enzyme immobilization**3 hours**

Definition, Methods of immobilization, their advantages and applications, large scale production and application of penicillin acylase.

Unit 5: Microbial flora of water**4 hours**

Microorganisms as indicators of water quality: coliform and faecal coliform; role of microbes in sewage and waste water treatment system.

Unit 6: Microbes and agriculture**3 hours**

Legume root nodule symbiosis, Mycorrhizae, Arbuscular Mycorrhiza Fungi (AMF) and its importance in agriculture.

Practicals:**60 hours**

1. Principle and functioning of instruments in microbiological laboratory (autoclave, laminar flow, incubator, fermenters).
2. Sterilization methods: Wet and dry methods, membrane filters, chemicals.
3. Preparation of different culture media (Potato dextrose agar/Czapek-Dox agar, Luria Bertani) for isolation of microorganisms from soil using serial dilution agar plating method and study of aero-microflora.
4. Culturing techniques: Streak plate method, pour plate method and spread plate method.
5. To study the ability of microorganisms to hydrolyse casein/ starch.
6. Production of alcohol using sugar/ jaggery.
7. Observation of AMF colonization in plant roots.
8. A visit to any educational institute/ industry to understand the uses of microbes for industrial applications and a report to be submitted for the same.

Suggested Readings:

1. Pelczar, M.J. Jr., Chan E.C. S., Krieg, N.R. (2010). Microbiology: An application based approach. New Delhi, Delhi: McGraw Hill Education Pvt. Ltd., Delhi.
2. Reed, G. (2004). Prescott and Dunn's Industrial Microbiology. 4th Edition , CBS Publishers and Distributors Pvt. Ltd.
3. Willey, J.M. (2023). Prescott's Microbiology, 12th edition, McGraw Hill.
4. Tortora, G.J., Funke, B.R., Case. C.L. (2007). Microbiology. 9th edition, San Francisco, SF: Pearson Benjamin Cummings.
5. Stanbury, P.F., Whitaker, A., Hall, S.J. (2017). Principles of Fermentation Technology. Amsterdam, NDL: Elsevier Publication
6. Patel, A.H. (2008). Industrial Microbiology, Bangalore, India: McMillan India Limited
7. Mohapatra. P.K. (2008). Textbook of Environmental Microbiology New Delhi, Delhi, I.K. International Publishing House Pvt. Ltd.
8. Bertrand, Jean-Claude, Caumette, P. Lebaron, P, Matheron, R., Normand, P., Sime Ngando, T. (2015). Environmental Microbiology: Fundamentals and Applications. Amsterdam, Netherlands, Springer.
9. Casida, J.R. (2019). Industrial Microbiology, 2nd Edition, New Age International Publishers, New Delhi.
10. Atlas, R.M., Bartha, R. (2009). Microbial Ecology: Fundamentals and Applications., Pearson, San Francisco
11. Sharma, P.D. (2005). Environmental Microbiology. Meerut, UP: Alpha Science International, Ltd.

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GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-12)

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Environmental Biotechnology & Management GE-12	4	2	0	2	Class XII pass	Nil

Learning Objectives:

The course aims to build awareness of:

- various global and regional environmental concerns due to natural causes and/or human activities.
- different types of pollution and their impacts on the environment.
- existing and emerging technologies that are important in the area of environmental biotechnology to fulfill Sustainable Development Goals.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of course the student will be able to:

- demonstrate awareness about emerging concerns such as climate change, waste management; biodegradation of xenobiotic compounds; bioremediation, etc.
- relate applications of biotechnology for alleviating the environmental concerns
- appreciate the scientific, ethical and/or social issues
- understand the national and international legislations, policies and role of public participation in Environmental Protection

Unit 1: Environment

5 hours

Basic concepts and issues, global environmental problems - ozone layer depletion, UV-B, greenhouse effect and acid rain due to anthropogenic activities, their impact and biotechnological approaches for management. Fate of pollutants in the environment, Bioconcentration, Biomagnification.

Unit 2: Microbiology of waste water treatment 7 hours

Aerobic process - activated sludge, oxidation ponds, trickling filter. Anaerobic process - anaerobic digestion, anaerobic filters, up-flow anaerobic sludge blanket reactors. Treatment schemes for waste waters of dairy and sugar industries.

Unit 3: Xenobiotic compounds 7 hours

Organic (Bio degradation of petroleum products and pesticides) and inorganic (metals, phosphates, nitrates). Bioremediation of xenobiotics in environment - ecological consideration, Bioaccumulation and Biosorption of metals

Unit 4: Treatment of toxic compounds: Role of immobilized cells/enzymes, microbial remediation 5 hours

Biopesticides, bioreactors, bioleaching, biomining, biosensors, biotechniques for air pollution abatement and odour control. Bioindicators and Bioprospecting

Unit 5: International Legislations, Policies for Environmental Protection **3 hours**

Stockholm Conference (1972) and its declaration, WCED (1983) and Brundtland Report (1987), Rio Earth Summit-UNCED (1992) and its declaration, Montreal Protocol - 1987, Kyoto Protocol- 1997. Environmental ethics

Unit 6: National Legislations, Policies for Pollution Management **3 hours**

Water Pollution (Prevention and Control) Act-1974, Air Pollution (Prevention and Control) Act-1981, National Environmental Policy - 2006, Central and State Pollution Control Boards: Constitution and power.

Practicals:

60 hours

1. To determine the pH and total hardness of water samples collected from different places (polluted and non-polluted sites)
2. To determine the salinity of water samples (polluted and non-polluted sites)
3. To determine the dissolved oxygen of two water samples.
4. To determine the alkalinity of water samples.
5. To determine the pH and rapid field test of soil samples (Chloride, Nitrate, and Sulphate).
6. To study microbessuspended in air and water samples.
7. A visit to any educational institute/ industry to understand the uses of microbes in environmental management and a report to be submitted for the same.

Suggested Readings:

1. De, A. K. (2022). Environmental Chemistry, 10th Edition, New Delhi. New Age International Pvt. Limited
2. Dennis, A., Seal, K.J., Gaylarde, C.C. (2004). Introduction to Biodeterioration, Cambridge University Press
3. Ahmed, N., Qureshi, F.M., Khan, O.Y. (2006). Industrial and Environmental Biotechnology, Horizon Press
4. Rochelle, P.A. (2001). Environmental Molecular Biology, Horizon Press.
5. Jadhav, H.V., Bhosale, V.M. (2015). Environmental Protection and Laws, Himalaya publishing House Pvt Ltd.
6. Trivedi, P. C. (2006). Biodiversity Assessment and Conservation, Agrobios Publ.
7. Rana, S.V.S. (2015). Environmental Biotechnology, Rastogi Publications, India.

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GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-13): Plant Biotechnology

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical / Practice		
Plant Biotechnology GE-13	4	2	0	2	Class XII pass	Nil

Learning Objective

To give students knowledge of techniques used in plant biotechnology and its applications.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of this course, students will be able to:

- understand the basic concepts, principles, and methods in plant biotechnology.
- will be able to explain the usage of the acquired knowledge in biotechnological, pharmaceutical, medical, ecological, and agricultural applications.

Unit 1: Introduction and Scope of Plant Biotechnology

2 hours

Historical perspective, Current paradigms in plant biotechnology, GM crops, International/National institutions

Unit 2: Plant Tissue Culture

10 hours

Plasticity and Totipotency of plant cells – why and how do plants grow from a single cell; Nutrient media and role of vitamins and hormones. Regeneration of plants in the laboratory: Direct and indirect organogenesis, somatic embryogenesis; Brief account of micropropagation, haploids, triploids and cybrids and their applications; artificial seeds

Unit 3: Cloning and transformation techniques

10 hours

What is cloning?; Restriction and modifying enzymes, plasmids as cloning vehicles, Transformation of bacterial cells, selection of transformants and clones – antibiotic selection, blue-white selection; How do we make transgenic plants: *Agrobacterium*-mediated transformation, Direct gene transfer by Electroporation, Microinjection, Microprojectile bombardment. Selection of transgenic plants - selectable marker and reporter genes (Luciferase, GUS, GFP).

Unit 4: Applications

8 hours

Applications of transgenic plants in enhancing crop productivity: Pest resistant (Bt-cotton, Bt Brinjal) and herbicide resistant plants (Round Up Ready soybean); Transgenic crops with improved quality traits (FlavrSavr tomato, Golden rice);

Improved horticultural varieties (Moondust carnations); Role of transgenics in bioremediation (Superbug), Edible vaccines; Genetically engineered products - Human Growth Hormone and Humulin; Transgenic plants and their role in understanding plant biology, Biosafety regulations for transgenic plants.

Practicals

60 hours

1. a. Preparation of Murashige & Skoog's (MS) medium.
b. Demonstration of in vitro sterilization and inoculation methods using leaf and nodal explants of *Nicotiana* / *Datura* / *Brassica*.
2. Study anther, embryo, endosperm culture, micropropagation and somatic embryogenesis (photographs/slides).
3. Study isolation of protoplasts and production of artificial seeds.
4. Study methods of gene transfer: *Agrobacterium*-mediated, direct gene transfer by electroporation, microinjection, microprojectile bombardment (through digital resources).
5. Study various steps of genetic engineering for production of *Bt*cotton, Golden rice, Flavr Savr tomato.
6. Plasmid and genomic DNA isolation, Restriction digestion and agarose gel electrophoresis of DNA.
7. Visit to a plant tissue culture / Biotechnology laboratory and to submit a field report.

Suggested Readings:

1. Bhojwani, S.S., Bhatnagar, S.P. (2015). The Embryology of Angiosperms, 6th edition. New Delhi, Delhi: Vikas Publication House Pvt. Ltd.
2. Bhojwani, S.S., Razdan, M.K., (1996). Plant Tissue Culture: Theory and Practice. Amsterdam, Netherlands: Elsevier Science.
3. Newmann, Karl-Hermann (2020). Plant Cell and Tissue Culture: A Tool in Biotechnology, 2nd Edition {Springer}
4. Glick, B.R., Pasternak, J.J. (2022). Molecular Biotechnology Principles and Applications of Recombinant DNA, 6th Edition. Washington, U.S.: ASM Press.
5. Stewart, C.N. Jr. (2016). Plant Biotechnology and Genetics: Principles, Techniques and Applications, 2nd Edition. New Jearsey, U.S.: John Wiley & Sons Inc.

Additional Resources:

1. Razdan, M. K. (2019). Introduction to Plant Tissue Culture, 3rd Edition {CBS / Oxford & IBH}
2. Singh, B. D. (2022). Plant Biotechnology, Delhi, Medtech

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GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-14): Plant Tissue Culture

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Plant Tissue Culture	4	2	0	2	Class XII pass	Nil
GE-14						

Learning Objectives

To give students knowledge of techniques used in plant tissue culture and its applications.

Learning Outcomes

The successful students will be able to:

- learn the basic concepts, principles and processes in plant cell and tissue culture.
- understand the use of tissue culture techniques in plant improvement.
- apply the concepts and principles of plant cell and tissue culture in biotechnological and agricultural fields.
- become an entrepreneur by establishing their own plant tissue culture lab.

Unit 1 Introduction

3 hours

Historical perspective, Important contributions of Haberlandt, White, Reinert & Steward, Murashige, Skoog, Cocking, Guha & Maheshwari, Morrel & Martin.

Terminologies: Cell culture, organ culture, explant, callus, totipotency, plasticity, regeneration, somaclonal variants.

Unit 2 Types and composition of Media

4 hours

Role of nutrients, vitamins, hormones and supplements in nutrient medium. Composition of MS and White medium.

Unit 3 Techniques of Plant Tissue Culture

4 hours

Collection of plant material, sterilization of tissue (maintenance of aseptic conditions by use of autoclave and laminar flow chamber), filter sterilization, inoculation.

Unit 4 Protoplast culture

5 hours

Protoplast isolation (mechanical and enzymatic), culture, purification (viability test) and fusion (spontaneous, induced), selection of fused protoplasts, applications.

Unit 5 Micropropagation

5 hours

Selection of plant material and suitable explant, methodology, plant regeneration pathways- somatic embryogenesis, organogenesis, difference between somatic and zygotic embryos.

Unit 6 Tissue culture applications

9 hours

Anther culture, Production of haploids, triploids and cybrids, artificial seeds (production & advantages), embryo rescue, virus elimination, secondary metabolite production; Cryopreservation; Germplasm conservation. Novel sources of variation.

Practicals

60 hours

1. To study the equipment used in tissue culture: autoclave and laminar air flow chamber.
2. Preparation of Murashige & Skoog's (MS) medium.
3. Demonstration of sterilization and inoculation methods using leaf and nodal explants of tobacco, carrot, *Datura*, *Brassica* etc. (any two).
4. Study of anther, embryo and endosperm culture.
5. Study of micropropagation, somatic embryogenesis & artificial seeds.
6. Isolation of protoplasts.
7. Visit to a plant tissue culture laboratory and submission of field report.

Suggested Readings:

1. Bhojwani, S.S. (1990). Plant Tissue Culture: Applications and Limitations {Elsevier}
2. Bhojwani, S.S, Bhatnagar, S.P. (2015). The Embryology of Angiosperms, 6th edition. New Delhi, Delhi: Vikas Publication House Pvt. Ltd.
3. Bhojwani, S. S. and Dantu, P. K. (2013). Plant Tissue Culture: An Introductory Text Springer
4. Bhojwani, S. S. and Razdan, M. K. (1996). Plant Tissue Culture: Theory and Practice, Revised Edition, Elsevier
5. Newmann, Karl-Hermann (2020). Plant Cell and Tissue Culture: A Tool in Biotechnology, 2nd Edition Springer

Additional Resources:

1. Park, Sunghun (2021). Plant Tissue Culture: Techniques and Experiments, 4th Edition Elsevier
2. Razdan, M. K. (2019). Introduction to Plant Tissue Culture, 3rd Edition CBS / Oxford & IBH
3. Smith, R. H. (2013). Plant Tissue Culture: Techniques and Experiments, 3rd Edition {Elsevier}
4. Stewart, C. Neal (2016). Plant Biotechnology and Genetics, 2nd Edition Wiley-Blackwell
5. Trigiano, R. N. (2011). Plant Tissue Culture, Development, and Biotechnology CRC Press

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GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-15): Inheritance in Biology

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Inheritance in Biology GE-15	4	2	0	2	Class XII pass	Nil

Learning Objectives:

- Mendelian and non-Mendelian inheritance: How is genetic information transferred across generations?
- Genetic defects in humans: Causes, inheritance and diagnostics
- Mutations: Types and agents
- DNA fingerprinting: DNA as a tool for establishing unique identity

Learning Outcomes:

Students will get familiarized with the concepts and principles of inheritance, sex determination, causal agents of genetic changes (mutations) and defects (congenital diseases) in humans. The course will also enable students to learn how genetic information is used to detect diseases and also to establish unique identity of an individual.

Section A: Information transfer across generations: Transmission Genetics

Unit 1: Chromosomal Inheritance

7 hours

Principles of Mendelian inheritance; Chromosomal theory of inheritance, Incomplete dominance and co- dominance; Multiple allelism; lethal alleles; Epistasis; Pleiotropy; Penetrance and expressivity; Polygenic inheritance; Linkage and crossing over.

Unit2: Extra-chromosomal Inheritance:

4 hours

Chloroplast Inheritance: Variegation in Four O' clock plant; Mitochondrial inheritance: petite mutants in yeast; Maternal effect- shell coiling in snails.

Section B: Male or Female? What determines the gender of the offspring?

Unit 3: Sex determination

3 hours

Mechanism of sex determination in Insects (*Drosophila*), Plants (*Melandrium*, *Coccinia*) and humans (Sex determination regions/genes-TDF, SRY and Testicular feminisation), Dosage compensation in humans.

Section C: Human Genetics

Unit 4: Genetic defects-Structural

3 hours

Autosomal and sex linked, congenital defects: Hemophilia, Thalassemia, Sickle cell anemia, Phenylketonuria, Cystic fibrosis, pedigree analysis

Unit 5: Genetic Defects-Variation in Chromosome number

3 hours

Syndromes associated with chromosomal abnormalities: Down, Turner, Klinefelter, Edward and Patau.

Section D: Molecular Genetics

Unit 6: Heritable changes (mutations) and their causes

3 hours

Physical and chemical mutagens, Transposable genetic elements and their role in mutations.

Unit 7: Diagnostics for human genetic disorders

3 hours

Molecular, chromosomal and biochemical testing

Unit 8: DNA fingerprinting as molecular signatures- applications

4 hours

Forensics (case studies), Paternity testing, unique identity establishment, conservation, finding adulterants in food/drugs.

Practicals

60 hours

1. To understand the genetic interaction involved using the given seed mixture. Genetic ratios to be calculated using Chi square analysis.
2. Pedigree analysis (Sex linked dominant and recessive; autosomal dominant and recessive)
3. To study/list human dominant and recessive traits and to observe the listed physical traits among the students present in the class. Analyse the results.
4. To study the syndrome through photographs (Klinefelter, Turner, Downs /Patau/Edwards)
5. To demonstrate variation in the ability to taste PTC (Phenylthiocarbamide) in a given population.
6. Chromosomal and gene mutations: Complex translocation ring, quadrivalents, lagging chromosomes, dicentric/inversion bridge, sickle cell anaemia, xeroderma pigmentosum
7. To study sex chromosomes in *Drosophila*, *Melandrium*, *Coccinia* and human through photographs.

Suggested Readings:

1. Gardner, E.J., Simmons, M.J., Snustad, D.P. (1991). Principles of Genetics, 8th edition. New Delhi, Delhi: John Wiley & sons.
2. Griffiths, A.J.F., Wessler, S.R., Carroll, S.B., Doebley, J. (2020). Introduction to Genetic Analysis, 12th edition. New York, NY: W.H. Freeman and Co.
3. Klug, W.S., Cummings, M.R., Spencer, C.A. (2020). Concepts of Genetics, 12th edition. San Francisco, California: Benjamin Cummings.
4. Campbell, N.A., Urry, L.A., Cain, M.L., Wasserman, S.A., Minorsky, P.V., Reece, J.B. (2020). Biology, 12th Edition. Harlow, England : Pearson

Additional Resources:

1. Hartl, D.L., Ruvolo, M. (2019). Genetics: Analysis of Genes and Genomes, 9th edition. New Delhi, Delhi: Jones and Bartlett Learning.

2. Snustad, D.P., Simmons, M.J. (2019). Principles of Genetics, 67th edition. New Delhi, Delhi: John Wiley & sons.
3. Singh, B. D. (2023). Fundamentals of Genetics, 6th edition. MedTech.

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