

Syllabus of 3-Year Degree/4-Year Honours in Biochemistry

**Based on National Curriculum and Credit Framework
for Undergraduate Programme
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**Kazi Nazrul University
Asansol, West Bengal**

Semester- I
Major Paper
Course Name: Molecules of Life
Course Code: BSCBCMMJ101

Course Type: MAJOR(MJC)	Course Details: MJC-1		L-T-P: 3-0-4		
Credit: 5	Full Marks: 100	CA Marks		ESE Marks	
		Practical	Theoretical	Practical	Theoretical
		30	15	20	35

MOLECULES OF LIFE (THEORY)

CREDIT: 3 (Marks 50)

Course Learning Outcomes:

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Course Content:

The foundations of biochemistry

Cellular and chemical foundations of life

Water

Unique properties, weak interactions in aqueous systems, ionization of water, buffers, water as a reactant and fitness of the aqueous environment.

Carbohydrates and glycobiology

Monosaccharides - structure of aldoses and ketoses, ring structure of sugars, conformations of sugars, Concept of asymmetry; Stereoisomerism; Conformations and configurations; Flying-wedge, Fischer, Sawhorse and Newman projection formulae and their interconversions; nomenclature D/L, R/S, E/Z, mutarotation, anomers, epimers and enantiomers, structure of biologically important sugar derivatives, oxidation of sugars. Formation of disaccharides, reducing and nonreducing disaccharides. Polysaccharides – homo- and heteropolysaccharides, structural and storage polysaccharides. Structure and role of proteoglycans, glycoproteins and glycolipids (gangliosides and lipopolysaccharides). Carbohydrates as informational molecules, working with carbohydrates

Lipids

Building blocks of lipids - fatty acids, glycerol, ceramide. Storage lipids - triacyl glycerol and waxes Structural lipids in membranes – glycerophospholipids, galactolipids and sulpholipids, sphingolipids and sterols, structure, distribution and role of membrane lipids. Plant steroids. Lipids as signals, cofactors and pigments

Amino acids

Structure and classification, physical, chemical and optical properties of amino acids, essential amino acids and non-essential amino acids.

Nucleic acids

Nucleotides - structure and properties. Nucleic acid structure – Watson-Crick model of DNA. Structure of major species of RNA - mRNA, tRNA and rRNA. Nucleic acid chemistry - UV absorption, effect of acid and alkali on DNA. Other functions of nucleotides - source of energy, component of coenzymes, second messengers.

Vitamins

Structure and active forms of water soluble and fat soluble vitamins, deficiency diseases and symptoms, hypervitaminosis

MOLECULES OF LIFE (PRACTICALS)

CREDIT: 2 (Marks 50)

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- Determine presence of biomolecules like carbohydrates, proteins, lipids, etc. in known and unknown samples.
- Determine the extent of adulteration in samples containing biomolecules.

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Course Content:

1. Safety measures in laboratories.
2. Preparation of buffers.

- Determination of pKa of acetic acid and glycine (pH metric titration).
- Qualitative tests for carbohydrates, lipids, amino acids, proteins and nucleic acids.
- Separation of amino acids/ sugars/ bases by thin layer chromatography.

References/ Suggested Readings

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Semester- II

Major Paper

Course Name: Cell Biology

Course Code: BSCBCMMJ201

Course Type: MAJOR(MJC)	Course Details: MJC-2		L-T-P: 3-0-4		
Credit: 5	Full Marks: 100	CA Marks		ESE Marks	
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CELL BIOLOGY (THEORY)

CREDIT: 3 (Marks 50)

Course Learning Outcomes:

- Understanding of the structure of cell and various cellular events.
- Understanding of the function of various subcellular organelles.
- Students will learn about cell theory and techniques for fractionation of sub-cellular organelles.
- They will be acquainted to various microscopic techniques to visualize subcellular organelles.
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Prokaryotic (archaea and bacteria) and eukaryotic cell (animal and plant cells), cells as experimental models.

Tools of cell biology

Light microscopy, phase contrast microscopy, fluorescence microscopy, confocal microscopy, electron microscopy, FACS. Centrifugation for subcellular fractionation.

Structure of cell membrane and different cell organelles

Cell membrane –Peripheral and integral membrane protein, unit membrane model and Singer & Nicolson model.

Structure of nuclear envelope, nuclear pore complex. ER structure. Organization of Golgi. Lysosome.

Structure and functions of mitochondria, chloroplasts and peroxisomes.

Cytoskeletal proteins

Structure and organization of actin filaments. Treadmilling and role of ATP in microfilament polymerization, organization of actin filaments. Non-muscle myosin. Intermediate filament proteins, assembly and intracellular organization. Assembly, organization and movement of cilia and flagella.

Protein trafficking

Selective transport of proteins to and from the nucleus. Regulation of nuclear protein import and export. Targeting proteins to ER, smooth ER and lipid synthesis. Export of proteins and lipids from ER and into ER. Lipid and polysaccharide metabolism in Golgi. Protein sorting and export from Golgi. Mechanism of vesicular transport, cargo selection, coat proteins and vesicle budding, vesicle fusion. Protein import and mitochondrial assembly, protein export from mitochondrial matrix. Import and sorting of chloroplast proteins.

Cell wall and extracellular matrix

Prokaryotic and eukaryotic cell wall, cell matrix proteins. Cell-matrix interactions and cell-cell interactions. Adherence junctions, tight junctions, gap junctions, desmosomes, hemidesmosomes, focal adhesions and plasmodesmata.

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Semester- I

SEC

Course Name: TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES IN BIOCHEMISTRY

Course Code: BSCBCMSE101

Course Type:SEC	Course Details:SEC-1		L-T-P: 0-0-6
Credit:2	Full Marks: 50	CA Marks	ESE Marks
		Practical	Practical
		30	20

TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES IN BIOCHEMISTRY (PRACTICALS)

CREDIT: 2 (Marks 50)

Course Learning Outcomes:

1. Understanding Good laboratory practices in a chemistry/biochemistry laboratory.
2. Learn safety and precautionary measures for working in alaboratory.
3. Develop skill and proficiency in preparation of laboratory reagents.
4. Use of handling of glass wares, minor equipment for conducting experiments.
5. Develop skills to prepare standard chemical solutions and secondary standards.
6. Demonstration of basic oxidation and reduction reactions.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution:

Unit 1 Biochemical reagents and solutions

Safety practices in the laboratory. Preparation and storage of solutions. Concepts of solution concentration and storing solutions. Quantitative transfer of liquids. Concept of a buffer,

Henderson-Hassel Bach equation, working of a pH meter.

Exercise

Preparation of a buffer of given pH and molarity.

Unit 2 Spectrophotometric techniques

Principle and instrumentation of UV-visible and fluorescence spectroscopy.

Exercises

Determination of the absorption maxima and molar extinction coefficient (of a relevant organic molecule).

Measurement of fluorescence spectrum.

Determination of concentration of a protein solution by Lowry method.

Unit 3 Introduction and importance of virtual labs in biochemistry.

Protein and Nucleic acid databases.

Exercise: Retrieval of Protein and Nucleic acid sequence from different online data base.

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Semester- II

SEC

Course Name: PROTEIN PURIFICATION TECHNIQUES

Course Code: BSCBCMSE201

Course Type: SEC	Course Details: SEC-2		L-T-P: 0-0-6
Credit: 2	Full Marks: 50	CA Marks	ESE Marks
		Practical	Practical
		30	20

Course Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate sound knowledge of current protein purification techniques used in biomedical research and the biotechnology industry
2. Demonstrate practical laboratory skills in chromatography and protein purification.
3. Document laboratory procedures and data effectively in an electronic notebook.

4. Interpret and critically analyze experimental data relating to protein purification.
5. Effectively communicate results and conclusions to a broad audience.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution:

Unit 1 Purification and characterization of a protein from a complex mixture (native or heterologously expressed) involving the following methods/techniques

Exercises

Preparation of the sample.

Ion-exchange chromatography.

Gel filtration chromatography.

Affinity chromatography.

Electrophoresis.

Unit 2 Demonstration of High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC)

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Semester- III

Major Paper

Course Name: Biochemistry of Proteins

Course Code: BSCBCM301

Course Type: MAJOR(MJC)	Course Details: MJC-3		L-T-P: 3-0-4		
Credit: 5	Full Marks: 100	CA Marks		ESE Marks	
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Course Learning Outcomes After completion of the course, a student will learn

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the diverse functions of proteins in a cell
- Understand the hierarchy of protein architecture – primary, secondary, tertiary & quaternary structure, with the ability to distinguish features of globular & fibrous proteins
- Be able to comprehend the fundamental mechanisms of protein folding and stability and their relation to conformational diseases
- Be able to describe and discuss the separation and purification techniques used in protein chemistry • Learn to access and use the databases related to protein sequence and structure
- Understand specialized proteins like membrane proteins, defense proteins and motor proteins
- Gain comprehension of structure-function relationship of proteins and their significance in physiology, diseases and applications in industry and medicine.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution

Unit -1: Introduction to amino acids, peptides and proteins

Amino acids and their properties - hydrophobic, polar and charged. Biologically important peptides - hormones, antibiotics and growth factors. Multimeric proteins, conjugated proteins and metallo proteins. Diversity of function

Unit-2: Extraction of proteins for downstream processing

Solubilization of proteins from their cellular and extracellular locations. Use of simple grinding methods, homogenization, ultrasonication, French press and centrifugation.

Unit -3: Separation technique

Ammonium sulphate fractionation, solvent fractionation, dialysis and lyophilization. Ionexchange chromatography, molecular sieve chromatography, hydrophobic interaction/reverse phase chromatography, affinity chromatography, HPLC and FPLC

Unit -4: Characterization of proteins

Determination of purity, molecular weight, extinction coefficient and sedimentation coefficient, IEF, SDS-PAGE and 2-D electrophoresis.

Unit -5: Covalent structure of proteins

Organization of protein structure into primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary structures. N-terminal and C-terminal amino acid analysis. Sequencing techniques - Edman degradation. Generation of overlap peptides using different enzymes and chemical reagents. Disulfide bonds and their location. Mass spectrometric analysis, tandem MS. Solid phase peptide synthesis

Unit -6: Three dimensional structures of proteins

Nature of stabilizing bonds - covalent and non covalent. Importance of primary structure in folding. The peptide bond - bond lengths and configuration. Dihedral angles psi and phi. Helices, sheets and turns. Ramachandran map. Techniques used in studying 3-D structures -X-ray diffraction and NMR. Motifs and domains. Tertiary and quaternary structures. Structures of myoglobin and haemoglobin

Unit -7: Protein folding and conformational diseases

Denaturation and renaturation of Ribonuclease A. Introduction to thermodynamics of folding and molten globule. Assisted folding by molecular chaperones, chaperonins and PDI. Defects in protein folding. Diseases –Alzheimer's and Prion based.

Unit- 8: Introduction to protein structure database

Protein sequence and structure databases (PDB). Use of sequence and domain information. Viewing protein structures using in silico tools.

Unit -9: Myoglobin and haemoglobin

Oxygen binding curves, influence of 2,3-BPG, CO₂ and Cl⁻. Hill plot. Cooperativity between subunits and models to explain the phenomena - concerted and sequential models. Haemoglobin disorders.

Unit- 10: Specialized proteins - antibodies and actin-myosin motors

Antibody structure and binding to antigens. ATP activated actin - myosin contractions.

Unit – 11: Membrane proteins

Integral and membrane associated proteins. Hydropathy plots to predict transmembrane domains. Significance of membrane proteins - bacteriorhodopsin.

PRACTICAL : Marks 50

1. Estimation of proteins using UV absorbance and Biuret method.
2. Microassay of proteins using Lowry/Bradford method.
3. Isoelectric pH of casein.
4. Ammonium sulphate fractionation of serum proteins.
5. Separation of albumin from serum using anion-exchange chromatography.
6. SDS-PAGE analysis of proteins.

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Semester- III

Major Paper

Course Name: Enzymes

Course Code: BSCBCM MJ302

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Course Learning Outcomes After completion of the course, a student will learn

Learning Objectives:

- Students will learn the nature and importance of enzymes in living systems
- Students will gain insight into the thermodynamic and molecular basis of catalysis by enzymes and the underlying basis of their specificity
- Students will understand the mechanisms of enzyme action, kinetics of enzyme catalyzed reactions and clinical importance of enzyme inhibitors
- Students will also learn to appreciate how enzymes are regulated and the physiological importance of enzyme regulation in the cell
- The course will introduce students to the applications of enzymes in research and medicine as well as in industry, which will bolster their foray into industrial and biomedical research.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution

Unit -1: Introduction to enzymes

Nature of enzymes - protein and non-protein (ribozyme). Cofactor and prosthetic group, apoenzyme, holoenzyme. IUBMB classification of enzymes.

Unit-2: Features of enzyme catalysis

Factors affecting the rate of chemical reactions, collision theory, activation energy and transition state theory, catalysis, reaction rates and thermodynamics of reaction. Catalytic power and specificity of enzymes (concept of active site), Fischer's lock and key hypothesis, Koshland's induced fit hypothesis.

Unit -3: Enzyme kinetics

Relationship between initial velocity and substrate concentration, steady state kinetics, equilibrium constant - monosubstrate reactions. Michaelis-Menten equation, Lineweaver-Burk plot, Eadie-Hofsteeland Hanes plot.

K_m and V_{max} , K_{cat} and turnover number. Effect of pH, temperature and metal ions on the activity of enzyme.

Unit - 4: Bisubstrate reactions

Types of bi bi reactions (sequential – ordered and random, ping pong reactions). Differentiating bi substrate mechanisms (diagnostic plots, isotope exchange).

Unit -5: Enzyme inhibition

Reversible inhibition (competitive, uncompetitive, non-competitive, mixed and substrate). Mechanism based inhibitors - antibiotics as inhibitors.

Unit – 6: Mechanism of action of enzymes

General features - proximity and orientation, strain and distortion, acid base and covalent catalysis (chymotrypsin, lysozyme). Metal activated enzymes and metalloenzymes, transition state analogues.

Unit -7: Regulation of enzyme activity

Control of activities of single enzymes (end product inhibition) and metabolic pathways, feedback inhibition (aspartate transcarbamoylase), reversible covalent modification phosphorylation (glycogen phosphorylase). Proteolytic cleavage- zymogen. Multienzyme complex as regulatory enzymes. Occurrence and isolation, phylogenetic distribution and properties (pyruvate dehydrogenase, fatty acyl synthase) Isoenzymes - properties and physiological significance (lactate dehydrogenase).

Unit -8: Involvement of coenzymes in enzyme catalysed reactions

TPP, FAD, NAD, pyridoxal phosphate, biotin, coenzyme A, tetrahydrofolate, lipoic acid.

Unit – 9: Applications of enzymes

Application of enzymes in diagnostics (SGPT, SGOT, creatine kinase, alkaline and acid phosphatases), enzyme immunoassay (HRPO), enzyme therapy (Streptokinase). Immobilized enzymes.

PRACTICAL: Marks 50

1. Partial purification of acid phosphatase from germinating mung bean.
2. Assay of enzyme activity and specific activity, e.g. acid phosphatase.
3. Effect of pH on enzyme activity
4. Determination of K_m and V_{max} using Lineweaver-Burk graph.

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2. Biochemistry (2011) 4th ed., Donald, V. and Judith G.V., John Wiley & Sons Asia Pvt. Ltd. (New Jersey), ISBN:978-1180-25024.

3. Fundamentals of Enzymology (1999) 3rd ed., Nicholas C.P. and Lewis S., Oxford University Press Inc. (New York), ISBN:0 19 850229 X.

Semester- IV

Major Paper

Course Name: Metabolism of Carbohydrates and Lipids

Course Code: BSCBCM MJ401

Course Type: MAJOR(MJC)	Course Details: MJC-5		L-T-P: 3-0-4		
Credit: 5	Full Marks: 100	CA Marks		ESE Marks	
		Practical	Theoretical	Practical	Theoretical
		30	15	20	35

Course Learning Outcomes After completion of the course, a student will learn

Learning Objectives:

1. Exposure with the nature of various biomolecules present in living cells.
2. Get exposed to key contributions of scientists such as Hans Krebs, G. N. Ramachandran, Melvin Calvin, Louis Pasteur, Har Gobind Khorana, Watson and Crick and Venky Ramakrishnan, etc. in order to create scientific interest amongst students in life processes.
3. To understand the properties of carbohydrates, proteins, lipids, cholesterol, DNA,
4. RNA, glycoproteins and glycolipids and their importance in biological systems.
5. To develop skills to determine amino acid and nucleotide sequences of proteins and DNA respectively.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution

Unit 1 Basic design of metabolism

Autotrophs, heterotrophs, metabolic pathways, catabolism, anabolism, ATP as energy currency, reducing power of the cell.

Unit 2 Glycolysis

Glycolysis - a universal pathway, reactions of glycolysis, fermentation, fates of pyruvate, feeder pathways for glycolysis, galactosemia.

Unit 3 Gluconeogenesis and pentose phosphate pathway

Synthesis of glucose from non-carbohydrate sources, reciprocal regulation of glycolysis and gluconeogenesis, pentose phosphate pathway and its importance.

Unit 4 Glycogen metabolism

Glycogenesis and glycogenolysis, regulation of glycogen metabolism, glycogen storage diseases.

Unit 5 Citric acid cycle

Production of acetyl CoA, reactions of citric acid cycle, anaplerotic reactions, amphibolic role, regulation of citric acid cycle, glyoxylate pathway, coordinated regulation of glyoxylate and citric acid pathways.

Unit 6 Synthesis of carbohydrates

Calvin cycle, regulation of Calvin cycle, regulated synthesis of starch and sucrose, photorespiration, C₄ and CAM pathways, synthesis of cell wall polysaccharides, integration of carbohydrate metabolism in plant cell.

Unit 7 Fatty acid oxidation

Digestion, mobilisation and transport of cholesterol and triacyl glycerol's, fatty acid transport to mitochondria, β oxidation of saturated, unsaturated, odd and even numbered and branched chain fatty acids, regulation of fatty acid oxidation, peroxisomal oxidation, ω oxidation, ketone bodies metabolism, ketoacidosis.

Unit 8 Fatty acid synthesis

Fatty acid synthase complex. Synthesis of saturated, unsaturated, odd and even chain fatty acids and regulation.

Unit 9 Biosynthesis of cholesterol, steroids and isoprenoids

Synthesis of prostaglandins, cholesterol, steroids and isoprenoids. Regulation of cholesterol synthesis.

Unit 10 Biosynthesis of membrane lipids

Synthesis of membrane phospholipids in prokaryotes and eukaryotes, respiratory distress syndrome, biosynthesis of triacylglycerol, biosynthesis of plasmalogens, sphingolipids and glycolipids, lipid storage diseases.

Unit 11 Starve-feed cycle

Well-fed state, early fasting state, fasting state, early re-fed state, energy requirements, reserves and caloric homeostasis, five phases of glucose homeostasis.

PRACTICALS : Marks 50

1. Exposure to basic reactions of biomolecules.
2. Determine presence of biomolecules like carbohydrates, proteins, lipids, etc. in known and unknown sample.
3. Determine the extent of adulteration in samples containing biomolecules.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution:

1. Estimation of blood glucose (spectrophotometric/colorimetric method).
2. Sugar fermentation of microorganisms.
3. Assay of salivary amylase.
4. Isolation of lecithin from egg yolk, identification by TLC.
5. Isolation of cholesterol from egg yolk and its estimation.

References/ Suggested Readings

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2. Textbook of Biochemistry with Clinical Correlations (2011) 7th ed., Devlin, T.M., John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (New Jersey), ISBN:978-0-470-28173-4.
3. Biochemistry (2012) 7th ed., Berg, J.M., Tymoczko, J.L. and Stryer L., W.H. Freeman and Company (New York), ISBN:10:1-4292-2936-5, ISBN:13:978-1-4292-2936-4.

Semester- IV

Major Paper

Course Name: Membrane Biology and Bioenergetics

Course Code: BSCBCM402

Course Type: MAJOR(MJC)	Course Details: MJC-6		L-T-P: 3-0-4		
Credit: 5	Full Marks: 100	CA Marks		ESE Marks	
		Practical	Theoretical	Practical	Theoretical
		30	15	20	35

Course Learning Outcomes After completion of the course, a student will learn

Learning Objectives:

1. Understanding of the fundamental aspects of composition, structure and functioning of biological membranes and energy transformation in living organisms.
2. Ability to state the laws of chemical thermodynamics, to describe the main terms, to understand energetical processes in living cells, biological role of membrane structures, and the associated energy transformation mechanisms.
3. Ability to describe ways of energy transformation in animal and plant cells, archaea and bacteria, to describe the membrane transport mechanisms; to describe the process of synthesis of ATP by chemiosmosis.
4. Ability to understand how artificial membranes are prepared, to describe the applications and limits of the membrane research methods.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution:

Unit 1 Introduction to bio membranes

Composition of bio membranes - prokaryotic, eukaryotic, subcellular membranes. Study of membrane proteins. Fluid mosaic model with experimental proof.

Unit 2 Membrane structures

Polymorphic structures of amphiphilic molecules in aqueous solutions - micelles and bilayers. Membrane asymmetry. Macro and micro domains in membranes. Membrane skeleton. RBC membrane architecture.

Unit 3 Membrane dynamics

Lateral, transverse and rotational motion of lipids and proteins. Transition studies of lipid bilayer.

Membrane fluidity, factors affecting membrane fluidity.

Unit 4 Membrane transport

Thermodynamics of transport. Simple diffusion and facilitated diffusion. Passive transport-glucose transporter, anion transporter and porins. Primary and secondary active transporters. Na⁺-glucose symporter. ABC family of transporters. Group translocation. Ion channels - voltage-gated ion channels (Na⁺/K⁺ voltage-gated channel), ligand-gated ion channels (acetyl choline receptor), aquaporins, bacteriorhodopsin. Ionophores - valinomycin, gramicidin.

Unit 5 Introduction to bioenergetics

Laws of thermodynamics, state functions, equilibrium constant, coupled reactions, energy charge, ATP cycle, phosphorylation potential, phosphoryl group transfers. Chemical basis of high standard energy of hydrolysis of ATP, other phosphorylated compounds and thioesters. Redox reactions, standard redox potentials. Universal electron carriers.

Unit 6 Oxidative phosphorylation

Mitochondria. Electron transport chain (ETC) - its organization and function. Inhibitors of ETC and uncouplers. Mitchell's chemiosmotic hypothesis. Proton motive force. F₀F₁ATP synthase, structure and mechanism of ATP synthesis. Metabolite transporters in mitochondria. Regulation of oxidative phosphorylation. ROS production and antioxidant mechanisms. Thermogenesis. Alternative respiratory pathways in plants.

Unit 7 Photophosphorylation

General features of photophosphorylation, historical background, Hill reaction, photosynthetic pigments, light harvesting systems of plants and microbes and resonance energy transfer. Bacterial photophosphorylation in purple bacteria, green sulfur bacteria. Photophosphorylation in plants - structure of chloroplast, molecular architecture of Photosystem I and Photosystem II, Z-scheme of photosynthetic electron flow, oxygen evolving complex and action of herbicides. Cyclic photophosphorylation and its significance. Evolution of oxygenic photosynthesis.

PRACTICALS: Marks 50

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution:

1. Determination of CMC of detergents.
2. RBC ghost cell preparation and to study the effect of detergents on membranes.

3. Separation of photosynthetic pigments by TLC.
4. Study photosynthetic O₂ evolution in hydrilla plant.
5. Isolation of chloroplast from spinach leaves, estimation of chlorophyll and photosynthetic activity.

References/ Suggested Readings:

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2. Molecular Cell Biology (2013) 7th ed., Lodish, H., Berk, A., Kaiser, C.A., Krieger, M., Bretscher, A., Ploegh, H., Amon, A. and Scott, M.P., W.H. Freeman & Company (New York), ISBN:13:978-1-4641-0981-2.
3. Biochemistry (2010) 4th ed., Garret, R. H. and Grisham, C.M., Cengage Learning (Boston), ISBN-13:978-0-495-11464-2.
4. Principles of Biochemistry (2008) 3rd ed., Voet, D.J., Voet, J.G. and Pratt, C.W., John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (New York), ISBN:13:978-0470-23396-2

SEC

Course Name: Clinical Biochemistry

Course Code: BSCBCMSE401

Course Type: SEC	Course Details: SEC-3		L-T-P: 0-0-6
Credit: 2	Full Marks: 50	CA Marks	ESE Marks
		Practical	Practical
		30	20

Course Learning Outcomes:

- The students will be able to clinically assess the laboratory indicators of physiologic conditions and diseases.
- They will learn the biochemical and molecular tools needed to accomplish preventive, diagnostic, and therapeutic intervention on hereditary and acquired disorders.

Content/Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution:

Unit 1 Introduction

Organization of clinical laboratory, Introduction to instrumentation and automation in clinical biochemistry laboratories safety regulations and first aid. General comments on specimen collection, types of specimen for biochemical analysis. Precision, accuracy, quality control, precautions and limitations.

Exercises

Collection of blood and storage.
Separation and storage of serum.

Unit 2 Evaluation of biochemical changes in diseases

Basic hepatic, renal and cardiovascular physiology. Biochemical symptoms associated with disease and their evaluation. Diagnostic biochemical profile.

Unit 3 Assessment of glucose metabolism in blood

Clinical significance of variations in blood glucose. Diabetes.

Exercises

Estimation of blood glucose by glucose oxidase peroxidase method.

Unit 4 Lipid profile

Composition and functions of lipoproteins. Clinical significance of elevated lipoprotein.

Exercises

Estimation of triglycerides.

Unit 5 Liver function tests Exercises

Estimation of bilirubin (direct and indirect).

Unit 6 Renal function tests and urine analysis

Use of urine strip / dipstick method for urine analysis.

Exercises

Quantitative determination of serum creatinine and urea.

Unit 7 Tests for cardiovascular diseases

Involvement of enzymes in diagnostics of heart disease including aspartate transaminase, isoenzymes of creatine kinase and lactate dehydrogenase and troponin.

Exercises

Estimation of creatine kinase.

References/ Suggested Readings:

1. Medical Laboratory Technology - a Procedure Manual for Routine Diagnostic Tests Vol. I (2010), Mukherjee, K.L., Tata Mc Graw–Hill Publishing Company Limited (New Delhi). ISBN:9780070076594 /ISBN:9780070076631
2. Medical Laboratory Technology - a Procedure Manual for Routine Diagnostic Tests Vol. II (2010), Mukherjee, K.L., Tata Mc Graw – Hill Publishing Company Ltd. (New Delhi), ISBN:9780070076648.
3. Medical Biochemistry (2005) 2nd ed., Baynes, J.W. and Dominiczak, M.H., Elsevier Mosby Ltd. (Philadelphia), ISBN:0-7234-3341-0.
4. Experimental Biochemistry: A Student Companion (2005) Rao, B.S. and Deshpande, V., IK International Pvt. Ltd. (New Delhi), ISBN:81-88237-41-8.

Semester- V

Course Name: Metabolism of Amino Acids and Nucleotides

Course Code: BSCBCMMJ501

Course Type: MAJOR	Course Details: MJC 7		L-T-P: 3-0-4		
Credit: 5	Full Marks: 100..	CA Marks		ESE Marks	
		Practical	Theoretical	Practical	Theoretical
		30	15	20	35

METABOLISM OF AMINO ACIDS AND NUCLEOTIDES (THEORY)

CREDIT: 4 (Marks 50)

Course Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Draw or describe the structure of amino acids, proteins, enzymes, chemical messengers, carbohydrates, lipids, and nucleic acids.
2. Explain the function of the above listed biomolecules.
3. Explain how biochemical energy is generated in the cells using principles of thermodynamics (free energy, enthalpy). Write coupled reactions to show how an endergonic reaction can occur by coupling it with a very exergonic reaction.
4. Write the chemical reactions involved in biochemical pathways that produce ATP, such as citric acid cycle and electron transport.
5. Describe the metabolism of carbohydrates, lipids, proteins and amino acids. Write chemical reactions for the individual steps in each pathway.
6. Perform pertinent laboratory experiments, record observations, analyze data, and present the results in written form.
7. To understand the importance of lipids as storage molecules and as structural component of bio membranes.
8. Understanding the importance of high energy compounds, electron transport chain, Synthesis of ATP under aerobic and anaerobic conditions.
9. To acquire knowledge related to the role of TCA cycle in central carbon metabolism, importance of anaplerotic reactions and redox balance.
10. Students will be exposed with the fact that perturbations in the carbon metabolism can lead to various disorders such as diabetes and cancer.
11. Appreciation of the fact that differences in the properties of metabolic enzymes of the host and pathogens can be exploited for the development of new drugs.
12. To gain insights into metabolic engineering for the production of useful biomolecules.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution:

Unit 1 Overview of amino acid metabolism

Nitrogen cycle, incorporation of ammonia into biomolecules. Metabolic fates of amino groups.

Digestion and absorption of dietary proteins. Protein calorie malnutrition - Kwashiorkor and Marasmus.

Nitrogen balance, transamination, role of pyridoxal phosphate, glucose-alanine cycle, Krebs bicycle, urea cycle.

Unit 2 Catabolism of amino acids

Catabolic pathways of individual amino acids. Glucogenic and ketogenic amino acids. Metabolism of one carbon units. Disorders of amino acid metabolism, phenylketonuria, alkaptonuria, maple syrup urine disease.

Unit 3 Biosynthesis of amino acids

Overview of amino acid synthesis. Biosynthesis of amino acids (aspartate, glutamate, pyruvate and aromatic families) and regulation.

Unit 4 Precursor functions of amino acids

Biosynthesis of creatine and creatinine, polyamines (putrescine, spermine, spermidine), catecholamines (dopamine, epinephrine, norepinephrine) and neurotransmitters (serotonin). Porphyrin biosynthesis, catabolism and disorders of porphyrin metabolism.

Unit 5 Biosynthesis of purine and pyrimidine nucleotides

De novo synthesis of purine (adenine, guanine) and pyrimidine (cytosine, uracil, thymine) nucleotides, regulation and salvage pathways.

Unit 6 Deoxyribonucleotides and synthesis of nucleotide triphosphate

Biosynthesis of deoxyribonucleotides and its regulation, conversion to triphosphates, biosynthesis of coenzyme nucleotides.

Unit 7 Degradation of purine and pyrimidine nucleotides

Digestion of nucleic acids, degradation of purine and pyrimidine nucleotides. Inhibitors of nucleotide metabolism. Disorders of purine and pyrimidine metabolism – Lesch-Nyhan syndrome, Gout, SCID, adenosine deaminase deficiency.

Unit 8 Integration of metabolism

Integration of metabolic pathways (carbohydrate, lipid and amino acid metabolic pathways), tissue specific metabolism (brain, muscle, and liver).

METABOLISM OF AMINO ACIDS AND NUCLEOTIDES

(PRACTICALS) CREDIT: 2 (Marks 50)

Course Learning Outcomes:

1. To understand the concepts of preparation of buffers.
2. To estimate biomolecules such as glucose, proteins, cholesterol in clinical samples.
3. To isolate of lipids from egg.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution:

1. Assay of serum transaminases – SGOT and SGPT.
2. Estimation of serum urea.
3. Estimation of serum uric acid.
4. Estimation of serum creatinine.

References/ Suggested Readings:

2. Lehninger: Principles of Biochemistry (2013) 6th ed., Nelson, D.L. and Cox, M.M., W.H. Freeman and Company (New York), ISBN:13:978-1-4641-0962-1 / ISBN:10:1-4641-0962-1.
3. Textbook of Biochemistry with Clinical Correlations (2011) 7th ed., Devlin, T.M., John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (New York), ISBN: 978-0-470-28173-4 / BRV ISBN:978-0-470-60152-

Course Name: Human Physiology

Course Code: BSCBCMMJ502

Course Type: MAJOR	Course Details: MJC 8		L-T-P: 3-0-4		
Credit: 5	Full Marks: 100..	CA Marks		ESE Marks	
		Practical	Theoretical	Practical	Theoretical
		30	15	20	35

Human physiology (Theory)

Credit 4 Marks: 50

Course Learning Outcomes:

(After the completion of course, the students will have ability to)

1. Students will have an enhanced knowledge on overall Human physiology.
2. Acquire deep understanding on the functional importance of physiological systems including the cardio-respiratory, renal, reproductive and metabolic systems.
3. Having knowledge on integrated physiological responses for specific actions such as exercise, fasting and ascent to high altitude, and how they can sometimes fail.
4. Getting exposed to complex neural & cognitive functions of neuro-endocrinology.
5. Acquire knowledge on reproductive system & biochemical events of fertilization.
6. To develop concept on the anatomy and physiology of endocrine system and sense organs and its disorders.
7. Getting knowledge over physiology of muscle contraction and its disorders along with glimpse of sport physiology , drugs and athletics

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution

Unit 1 Homeostasis and the organization of body fluid compartments:

Intracellular, extracellular and interstitial fluid. Homeostasis, control system and their components. Plasma as an extracellular fluid, RBC, molecular mechanism of blood coagulation, role of vitamin K in coagulation, anticoagulant and fibrinolytic systems. Anemias, polycythemia, haemophilia and thrombosis.

Unit 2 Cardiovascular physiology Pressure, flow and resistance:

Anatomy of heart. Physiology of the cardiac muscle, automaticity of the cardiac muscle contraction, excitation contraction coupling, relationship between cardiac cycle, heart sound, ventricular volumes and the ECG, control of cardiac function and output. The arterial system, venous system, the microcirculation and mechanics of capillary fluid exchange. Control of blood flow to the tissues. Portal circulations. Hypertension, congestive heart disease, atherosclerosis and myocardial infarction.

Unit 3 Respiration Organization of the pulmonary system:

Mechanism of respiration, pulmonary ventilation and related volumes, pulmonary circulation. Principles of gas exchange and transport. Regulation of respiration. Pulmonary oedema and regulation of pleural fluid. Hypoxia, hypercapnea, pulmonary distress, emphysema, ARDS.

Unit 4 Renal physiology Anatomy of the kidney and the nephron:

Regulation of renal blood flow. Cell biology of the Bowman's capsule. Physiology of glomerular filtration and GFR. Tubular processing of the glomerular filtrate. Micturition reflex and voluntary control of micturition. Regulation of ECF electrolyte and water content, blood volume and long term blood pressure. Blood buffer systems, renal and pulmonary control of blood pH, renal clearance. Assessment of kidney function. Acidosis and alkalosis. Glomerular nephritis, renal failure, dialysis and diuretics.

Unit 5 Gastrointestinal and hepatic physiology Histology of the gastrointestinal tract:

Propulsion and motility of food and digested material. Enteric reflexes, secretory functions of the gastrointestinal tract, digestion and absorption of macro and micronutrients. Peptic ulcer, regurgitation, diarrhea and constipation. Anatomy of the hepatic lobule and blood flow into the liver. Formation and secretion of bile. enterohepatic cycle, reticuloendothelial system, metabolic importance of liver. Liver function tests. Jaundice, liver cirrhosis and fatty liver.

Unit 6 Musculoskeletal system:

Bone structure and formation. Physiology of muscle contraction in striated and non-striated muscle.

Unit 7 Reproductive physiology Sex determination and differentiation:

Development of female and male genital tracts. Spermatogenesis, capacitation and transport of sperm, blood testis barrier. Ovarian function and its control. Uterine changes, fertilization and implantation. Placenta as a feto- maternal unit, gestation and parturition.

Unit 8 Neurochemistry and neurophysiology Central Nervous system:

Peripheral Nervous system. Blood brain barrier. Membrane potentials. Synaptic transmission. Neurotransmitters. Sensory receptors and neural pathways. Somatic sensation, EEG, sleep, coma, learning and memory.

HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY (PRACTICALS)**CREDITS: 2 Marks: 50*****Course Learning Outcomes:***

1. Exposure common blood analyzing techniques.
2. Hands on expertise of several instruments used in all laboratory.
3. Having knowledge on histological appearance of vital organs.
4. Getting exposed on clinical correlation.
5. Having knowledge on critical case studies.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution

1. Hematology. a. RBC and WBC counting b. Differential leucocyte count. c. Clotting time.
2. Estimation of haemoglobin.
3. Separation of plasma proteins.
4. Determination of total iron binding capacity.
5. Pulmonary function tests, spirometry and measurement of blood pressure.
6. Histology of connective tissue, liver and brain (permanent slides).
7. Case studies (Renal clearance, GFR, ECG).

SUGGESTED READINGS

1. Vander's Human Physiology (2008) 11th ed., Widmaier, E.P., Raff, H. and Strang, K.T., McGraw Hill International Publications (New York), ISBN: 978-0-07-128366-3.
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4. Fundamental of Anatomy and Physiology (2009), 8th ed., Martini, F.H. and Nath, J.L., Pearson Publications (San Francisco), ISBN: 10:0-321-53910-9 / ISBN: 13: 978-0321- 53910-6

Course Name: Gene Organization, Replication and Repair

Course Code: BSCBCM503

Course Type: MAJOR	Course Details: MJC 9		L-T-P: 3-0-4		
Credit: 5	Full Marks: 100..	CA Marks		ESE Marks	
		Practical	Theoretical	Practical	Theoretical
		30	15	20	35

Gene Organization, Replication and Repair(Theory)

Credit 4 Marks: 50

Course Learning Outcomes:

(After the completion of course, the students will have ability to)

1. Student can understand how the DNA replicates.
2. How the DNA repair mechanisms rectify DNA damage.
3. Student get to know the different types of mutations.
4. Student will learn what are these chemical and physical mutagens ; mutation caused by them and how they are repaired.
5. The student will demonstrate proficiency in understanding the basic structure of atom and interpret the inheritance of characters by using linkage and crossing over.
6. The student can apply this in the identification of parents and recombinants.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution :

Unit 1 Structure of DNA

DNA structure, features of the double helix, various forms of DNA, denaturation and reassociation of DNA.

Unit 2 Genes and genomic organization

Genome sequence and chromosome diversity, definition of a gene, organization of genes in viruses, bacteria, animals and plants. Nucleosome structure and packaging of DNA into higher order structures.

Unit 3 Replication of DNA

The chemistry of DNA synthesis, DNA polymerase, the replication fork, origin of replication, enzymes and proteins in DNA replication, various modes of replication, stages of replication of *E. coli* chromosome, relationship between replication and cell division, replication in eukaryotes. Comparison of replication in prokaryotes and eukaryotes. Inhibitors of DNA replication and applications in medicine. Supercoiling of DNA and its importance, topoisomerases, critical role of topoisomerases in cell, topoisomerase inhibitors and their application in medicine.

Unit 4 Recombination and transposition of DNA

Homologous recombination, proteins and enzymes in recombination, site-specific recombination, biological roles of site-specific recombination, transposition, three classes of transposable elements, importance of transposable elements in horizontal transfer of genes and evolution.

Unit 5 Molecular basis of mutations

Importance of mutations in evolution of species. Types of mutations - transition, transversions, frame shift mutations, mutations induced by chemicals, radiation, transposable elements, Ames test.

Unit 6 Various modes of DNA repair

Replication errors and mismatch repair system, repair of DNA damage, direct repair, base excision repair, nucleotide excision repair, recombination repair, translesion DNA synthesis, DNA repair deficiency disorder.

Gene Organization, Replication and Repair(Practicals)

Credit: 2 Marks: 50

Course Learning Outcomes:

1. Explain the basic processes involved in the expression of genetic information (DNA replication; mutagenesis and DNA repair; mRNA transcription and processing; gene regulation; protein synthesis; genome structure and evolution)
2. Apply knowledge of the roles and functions of these processes to a range of problems and examples
3. Predict outcomes when these processes are perturbed by mutation (genetic disease) or the use of inhibitors and drugs

4. Elucidate differences in gene organization between prokaryotes and eukaryotes
5. Interpret and analyse experimental and theoretical problems involving these processes
6. Apply knowledge and research applications for example, in designing experiments or analysing examples from the literature
7. Communicate experimental results and conclusions in a scientific report

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution :

1. Ultraviolet absorption spectrum of DNA and RNA.
2. Determination of DNA and RNA by spectrophotometric method.
3. To study the viscosity of DNA solutions.
4. Isolation of chromosomal DNA from *E. coli* cells.

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Molecular Biology of the Gene (2008) 6th ed., Watson, J.D., Baker, T.A., Bell, S.P., Gann, A., Levine, M. and Losick, R., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold spring Harbor (New York), ISBN:0-321-50781 / ISBN:978-0-321-50781-5.
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3. Principles of Genetics (2010) 5th ed., Snustad, D.P. and Simmons, M.J., John Wiley & Sons Asia, ISBN:978-0-470-39842-5.

Semester- VI

Course Name: Hormone: Biochemistry and Function

Course Code: BSCBCM MJ601

Course Type: MAJOR	Course Details: MJC 10		L-T-P: 3-0-4		
Credit: 5	Full Marks: 100..	CA Marks		ESE Marks	
		Practical	Theoretical	Practical	Theoretical
		30	15	20	35

Hormone: Biochemistry and function (Theory)

Credit 4 Marks: 50

Course Learning Outcomes:

(After the completion of course, the students will have ability to)

- will able to evaluate general properties of hormones
 - explains metabolism of hormones
 - explains structure and biosynthesis of hormones
- will able to evaluate effect mechanisms of hormones
 - analysis the effect mechanisms of hormones interact with intracellular receptors
 - analysis the effect mechanisms of hormones interact with cell surface receptors
- will be able to explain the function of hormones in health and disease
 - defines the biological effects of hormones
 - defines the functions related to hormonal disorders
- will able to explain hormone analysis methods

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution :

Unit 1 Introduction to endocrinology

Functions of hormones and their regulation. Chemical signaling - endocrine, paracrine, autocrine, intracrine and neuroendocrine mechanisms. Chemical classification of hormones, transport of

hormones in the circulation and their half-lives. Hormone therapy. General introduction to Endocrine methodology.

Unit 2 Hormone mediated signaling

Hormone receptors - extracellular and intracellular. Receptor - hormone binding, Scatchard analysis. G protein coupled receptors, G proteins, second messengers - cAMP, cGMP, Ca₂₊, NO. Effector systems - adenylyl cyclase, guanylyl cyclase, PDE, PLC. Protein kinases (PKA, PKB, PKC, PKG). Receptor tyrosine kinases - EGF, insulin, MAP kinase cascade, JAK - STAT pathway. Steroid hormone/ thyroid hormone receptor mediated gene regulation. Receptor regulation and cross talk.

Unit 3 Hypothalamic and pituitary hormones

Hypothalamic - pituitary axis. Study the physiological and biochemical actions of hypothalamic hormones, pituitary hormones - GH, prolactin, TSH, LH, FSH, POMC peptide family, oxytocin and vasopressin, feedback regulation cycle. Endocrine disorders - gigantism, acromegaly, dwarfs, pigmies and diabetes insipidus.

Unit 4 Thyroid hormone

Thyroid gland. Biosynthesis of thyroid hormone and its regulation; its physiological and biochemical action. Pathophysiology - Goiter, Graves disease, cretinism, myxedema, Hashimoto's disease.

Unit 5 Hormones regulating Ca₂₊ homeostasis

PTH, Vitamin D and calcitonin. Mechanism of Ca₂₊ regulation and pathways involving bone, skin, liver, gut and kidneys. Pathophysiology - rickets, osteomalacia, osteoporosis.

Unit 6 Pancreatic and GI tract hormones

Regulation of release of insulin, glucagon, gastrin, secretin, adipolectin and leptin. Summary of hormone metabolite control of GI function. Physiological and biochemical action. Pathophysiology - diabetes type I and type II.

Unit 7 Hormones of adrenals

Aldosterone, renin angiotensin system, cortisol, epinephrine and norepinephrine. Fight or flight response, stress response. Pathophysiology – Addison's disease, Conn's syndrome, Cushing syndrome.

Unit 8 Reproductive hormones

Male and female sex hormones. Interplay of hormones during reproductive cycle, pregnancy, parturition and lactation. Hormone based contraception.

Hormone : Biochemistry and functions(Practicals)

Credit: 2 Marks: 50

Course Learning Outcomes:

- will able to evaluate general properties of hormones
- explains metabolism of hormones
- explains structure and biosynthesis of hormones
- will able to evaluate effect mechanisms of hormones

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution :

1. Glucose tolerance test.
2. Estimation of serum Ca²⁺.
3. Estimation of serum T4.
4. HCG based pregnancy test.
5. Estimation of serum electrolytes.
6. Case studies.

SUGGESTED READINGS

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4. The Cell: A Molecular Approach (2009) 5th Ed. Cooper, G.M. and Hausman, R.E. ASM Press & Sunderland, (Washington DC), Sinauer Associates. (MA). ISBN:978-0-87893-300-6.

Semester- VI
Major Paper
Course Name: Concepts in Genetics
Course Code: BSCBCM MJ602

Course Type: MAJOR(MJC)	Course Details: MJC-11		L-T-P: 3-0-4		
Credit: 5	Full Marks: 100	CA Marks		ESE Marks	
		Practical	Theoretical	Practical	Theoretical
		30	15	20	35

Concepts in Genetics (THEORY)

CREDIT: 3 (Marks 50)

Course Learning Outcomes:

(After the completion of course, the students will have ability to)

- Have conceptual understanding of laws of inheritance, genetic basis of loci and alleles and their linkage.
- Comprehend the effect of chromosomal abnormalities in numerical as well as structural changes leading to genetic disorders in plants & animals.
- Develop critical understanding of chemical basis of genes and their interactions at population and evolutionary levels.
- Analyze the effect of mutations on gene functions and dosage.
- Having knowledge on chromosomal mapping, pedigree analysis, quantitative & evolutionary genetics.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution :

Unit 1 Introduction to model organisms and Mendelism

Model organisms: Escherichia coli, Saccharomyces cerevisiae, Drosophila melanogaster, Caenorhabditis elegans, Danio rerio and Arabidopsis thaliana, Basic principles of heredity.

Unit 2 Applications of Mendel's principles & chromosomal basis of heredity

Laws of probability & binomial expansion, formulating and testing genetic hypothesis, chromosomal basis of Mendelism -Sutton and Boveri hypothesis with experimental evidences.

Unit 3 Extensions of Mendelism

Allelic variation and gene function - dominance relationships, multiple alleles, lethal alleles and null alleles. Pleiotropy gene interaction - epistatic and non epistatic, interaction between gene(s) and environment. Penetrance and expressivity, norm of reaction and phenocopy.

Unit 4 Genetic definition of a gene

Complementation test, limitations of cis-trans test, intragenic complementation, rII locus of phage T4 and concept of cistron

Unit 5 Genetics of bacteria and viruses

Mechanism of genetic exchange - conjugation, transformation and transduction. Gene mapping in bacteria.

Unit 6 Linkage, crossing over and mapping techniques

Linkage and crossing over, genetic mapping in eukaryotes, centromere mapping with ordered tetrads, cytogenetic mapping with deletions and duplications in Drosophila, detection of linked loci by pedigree analysis in humans and somatic cell hybridization for positioning genes on chromosomes.

Unit 7 Human pedigree analysis

Pedigree conventions, characteristics of dominant and recessive inheritance. Applications of pedigree analysis.

Unit 8 The genetic control of development and sex determination

Model organism for genetic analysis, Drosophila development, maternal effect genes, morphogens and zygotic gene activity in development, sex chromosomes and sex determination, dosage compensation of X-linked genes.

Unit 9 Organelle heredity and epigenetics

Extra nuclear inheritance, tests for organelle heredity and maternal effect, epigenetic mechanisms of transcriptional regulation & genomic imprinting.

Unit 10 Chromosomal aberrations

Variations in chromosome number- monosomy and trisomy of No. sex and autosomes.
Variations in chromosome structure - inversions, deletions, duplications and translocations.

Unit 11 Inheritance of complex traits & population genetics

Inheritance of complex trait, analysis of quantitative traits, narrow and broad sense heritability, quantitative trait loci (QTL) and their identification. Hardy- Weinberg law, predicting allele and genotype frequencies and exceptions to Hardy-Weinberg principle.

Unit 12 Evolutionary genetics:

Molecular evolution - analysis of nucleotide and amino acid sequences, molecular phylogenies, homologous sequences, phenotypic evolution and speciation.

Course Learning Outcomes:

- **Will learn chromosome visualization under microscope**
- **Having knowledge on population genetics**

C-11: CONCEPTS IN GENETICS (PRACTICALS)

Credit 2 Marks: 50

1. Squash preparation of salivary glands of Dipteran larva to observe polytene chromosomes.
2. Induction of polyploidy in onion roots.
3. Smear technique to demonstrate sex chromatin in buccal epithelial cells.
4. Monohybrid crosses in *Drosophila* for studying autosomal and sex linked inheritance.
5. PTC testing in a population and calculation of allele and genotype frequencies.
6. Study of abnormal human karyotype and pedigrees (dry lab)
7. Conjugation in bacteria

Semester- VI

Major Paper

Course Name: Gene Expression and Regulation

Course Code: BSCBCM MJ603

Course Type: MAJOR(MJC)	Course Details: MJC-12		L-T-P: 3-0-4		
Credit: 5	Full Marks: 100	CA Marks		ESE Marks	
		Practical	Theoretical	Practical	Theoretical
		30	15	20	35

Gene Expression and Regulation (THEORY)

CREDIT: 3 (Marks 50)

Course Learning Outcomes:

- Acquire knowledge related to DNA replication as the genetic material.
- Understand how genes are transcribed and translated in prokaryotes and eukaryotes.
- Learn about the genetic code, RNA processing, and RNA splicing.
- Comprehend the regulation of biological processes and their significance in maintaining life.

Content/Syllabus:

Unit-wise course content distribution:

Unit 1: Biosynthesis of RNA in prokaryotes

RNA polymerases, transcription cycle in bacteria, sigma factor, bacterial promoters, identification of DNA binding sites by DNA footprinting, stages of RNA synthesis, rho-dependent and rho-independent termination, inhibitors of transcription as antimicrobial drugs.

Unit 2: Biosynthesis of RNA in eukaryotes

Comparison of prokaryotic and eukaryotic transcription. Transcription by RNA polymerase II, core promoters, general transcription factors, RNA polymerase I and III, inhibitors of eukaryotic transcription and their applications, comparison of fidelity of transcription and replication.

Unit 3: RNA splicing

Chemistry of RNA splicing, spliceosome machinery, splicing pathways, group I and group II introns, alternative splicing, exon shuffling, RNA editing.

Unit 4: The genetic code

Degeneracy, wobble hypothesis, features of the genetic code, nearly universal code.

Unit 5: Biosynthesis of proteins

Messenger RNA, transfer RNA, attachment of amino acids to tRNA, ribosome initiation, elongation, termination of translation, regulation of translation, comparison of prokaryotic and eukaryotic protein synthesis, antibiotics in understanding protein synthesis.

Unit 6: Protein targeting and degradation

Post-translational modifications, glycosylation, signal sequences for nuclear transport, receptor-mediated endocytosis, protein degradation systems.

Unit 7: Regulation of gene expression in prokaryotes

Principles of gene regulation, negative and positive regulation, operons, regulatory proteins, activators, repressors, DNA binding domains, regulation of lac and trp operon, SOS response, ribosomal protein synthesis, transcriptional regulation in λ bacteriophage.

Unit 8: Regulation of gene expression in eukaryotes

Heterochromatin, euchromatin, chromatin remodeling, regulation of galactose metabolism in yeast, phosphorylation of nuclear transcription factors, regulatory RNAs, riboswitches, RNA interference, miRNA synthesis and function.

Gene Expression and Regulation (Practical)

Credit: 2**Marks:** 50*Course Learning Outcomes:*

- Knowledge of DNA & RNA isolation and separation techniques.
- Learning chromosomal morphology in human cells.
- Understanding the basic principles of protein inhibitors.

Content/Syllabus:

1. Extraction of total nucleic acids from plant tissue.
2. Diauxic growth curve effect.
3. Isolation of mRNA from yeast by affinity chromatography.
4. Effect of inhibitors on protein synthesis.
5. Accumulation of protein due to proteasome inhibitors.

Suggested Readings:

1. *Lehninger: Principles of Biochemistry* (2013) 6th ed., Nelson, D.L. and Cox, M.M., W.H. Freeman & Company (New York).
2. *Molecular Biology of the Gene* (2008) 6th ed., Watson, J.D., Baker, T.A., Bell, S.P., Gann, A., Levine, M., and Losick, R., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press.

Semester- VI

Major Paper

Course Name: Molecular basis of Infectious Diseases

Course Code: BSCBCMJJ604

Course Type: MAJOR(MJC)	Course Details: MJC-13		L-T-P: 3-0-4		
Credit: 5	Full Marks: 100	CA Marks		ESE Marks	
		Practical	Theoretical	Practical	Theoretical
		30	15	20	35

Molecular basis of infectious disease (Theory)

Credit 3 Marks: 50

Course Learning Outcomes:

(After the completion of course, the students will have ability to)

- Students will get acquainted with various classes of microbial infectious agents, their mode of action, biology of the diseases, transmission of diseases, the concepts of treatment, and drug resistance for various antimicrobial agents.
- Students will learn molecular basis of diagnosis and treatment of diseases as well as strategies for development of vaccines against these diseases.
- Students will be exposed to the details of important infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, AIDS, malaria, filariasis, etc. which are highly prevalent in tropical countries.
- Students will also understand the significance of hygiene, sanitation, vaccination in prevention of infectious diseases.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution:

Unit 1 Classification of infectious agents

Bacteria, Viruses, protozoa and fungi. Past and present emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases and pathogens. Source, reservoir and transmission of pathogens,

Antigenic shift and antigenic drift. Host parasite relationship, types of infections associated with parasitic organisms. Overview of viral and bacterial pathogenesis. Infection and evasion.

Unit 2 Overview of diseases caused by bacteria

Detailed study of tuberculosis: History, causative agent, molecular basis of host specificity, infection and pathogenicity, Diagnostics, Therapeutics, inhibitors and vaccines. Drug resistance and implications on public health. Other bacterial

diseases including Typhoid, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Typhoid and Pneumonia.

Unit 3 Overview of diseases caused by Viruses

Detailed study of AIDS, history, causative agent, pathogenesis, Diagnostics, Drugs and inhibitors. Other viral diseases including hepatitis, influenza, rabies, chikungunya and polio.

Unit 4 Overview of diseases caused by Parasites

Detailed study of Malaria, history, causative agents, Vectors, life cycle, Host parasite interactions, Diagnostics, Drugs and Inhibitors, Resistance, Vaccine development. Other diseases including leishmaniasis, amoebiasis.

Unit 5 Overview of diseases caused by other organisms

Fungal diseases, General characteristics. Medical importance of major groups, pathogenesis, treatment.

Molecular basis of infectious disease (Practical)

Credit 2 Marks: 50

Course Learning Outcomes:

(After the completion of course, the students will have ability to)

- Students will acquire the knowledge to isolate bacteria from water/sewage samples, to stain bacteria, fungi, acid fast bacilli
- Will perform important diagnostic tests for infectious diseases such as WIDAL test.
- Students will be exposed to permanent slides of pathogens in order to get hands-on training to know nature of various pathogens causing diseases.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution:

1. Permanent slides of pathogens. Mycobacterium tuberculosis, Leishmania, Plasmodium, falciparum.

2. WIDAL test
3. Gram staining
4. Acid-fast staining
4. PCR based diagnosis
5. DotBlot ELISA

SUGGESTED READINGS

1. Prescott, Harley, Klein's Microbiology (2008) 7th Ed., Willey, J.M., Sherwood, L.M., Woolverton, C.J. Mc Graw Hill International Edition (New York) ISBN: 978-007-126727.
2. Mandell, Douglas and Bennett. S, Principles and practices of Infectious diseases, 7th edition, Volume, 2. Churchill Livingstone Elsevier.
3. Sherris Medical Microbiology: An Introduction to Infectious Diseases by Kenneth J. Ryan, C. George Ray, Publisher: McGraw-Hill
4. Medical Microbiology by Patrick R. Murray, Ken S. Rosenthal, Michael A. Pfaller, Elsevier Health Science

4 - Year UG Degree (Honours without Research)

Semester- VII

Major Paper

Course Name: Immunology

Course Code: BSCBCMMJ701

Course Type: MAJOR(MJC)	Course Details: MJC-14		L-T-P: 3-0-4		
Credit: 5	Full Marks: 100	CA Marks		ESE Marks	
		Practical	Theoretical	Practical	Theoretical
		30	15	20	35

Immunology (Theory)

Credit 3 Marks: 50

Course Learning Outcomes:

(After the completion of course, the students will have ability to)

- Students will gain an overview of the immune system including cells, organs and receptors.
- They will understand structure and functions of different classes of immunoglobulins, the genetic basis of antibody diversity and the importance of humoral, cell-mediated and innate immune responses in combating pathogens.
- They will also understand mechanisms involved in different types of hypersensitivity, and the importance of conventional vs recombinant vaccines.
- They will be acquainted with the importance of antigen-antibody interaction in disease diagnosis.
- Students will be in a position to explain the principles of tolerance, autoimmunity and the role of immunity in protection against pathogens

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution:

Unit 1 Cells and organs of the immune system

Hematopoiesis, cells of the immune system, primary and secondary lymphoid organs and tissues (MALT).

Unit 2 Innate immunity and leukocyte extravasation

Anatomical barriers, cell types of innate immunity, soluble molecules and membrane associated receptors (PRR), connections between innate and adaptive immunity, cell adhesion molecules, chemokines, leukocyte extravasation, localized and systemic response.

Unit 3 Immunogens and antigens

Antigens and haptens, factors that dictate immunogenicity, B and T cell epitopes.

Unit 4 Antibody structure and function

Structure and distribution of classes and subclasses of immunoglobulins (Ig), Ig fold, effector functions of antibody, antigenic determinants on Ig and Ig super family.

Unit 5 Generation of receptor diversity

Dreyer-Bennett hypothesis, multigene organization of Ig locus, mechanism of V region DNA rearrangement, ways of antibody diversification.

Unit 6 Biology of the B lymphocyte

Antigen independent phase of B cell maturation and selection, humoral response – T-dependent and T-independent response, anatomical distribution of B cell populations.

Unit 7 Complement system

Complement activation by classical, alternate and MB lectin pathway, biological consequences of complement activation, regulation and complement deficiencies.

Unit 8 MHC complex and antigen presentation

General organization and inheritance of MHC, structure, distribution and role of MHC class I and class II proteins, linkage disequilibrium, pathways of antigen processing and presentation.

Unit 9 Biology of the T lymphocyte

Structure and role of T cell receptor, and co-receptor, T cell development, generation of receptor diversity, selection and differentiation.

Unit 10 Cell mediated cytotoxic responses

General properties of effector T cells, cytotoxic T cells (T_c), natural killer cells; NKT cells and antibody dependent cellular cytotoxicity (ADCC).

Unit 11 Tolerance, autoimmunity and hypersensitivity

Organ specific and systemic autoimmune diseases, possible mechanisms of induction of autoimmunity, Gell and Coombs classification, IgE mediated (Type I) hypersensitivity, antibody mediated cytotoxic (Type II) hypersensitivity, immune complex mediated (type III) hypersensitivity and delayed type (Type IV) hypersensitivity.

Unit 12 Transplantation immunology and vaccines

Immunological basis of graft rejection, clinical manifestations, immunosuppressive therapy and privileged sites. Vaccines - active and passive immunization, types of vaccine.

Immunology (Practical)

Credit 2 Marks: 50

Course Learning Outcomes:

(After the completion of course, the students will have ability to)

- Students will develop skills to isolate lymphocytes from blood/spleen
- Students will perform various immunoassays such as Ouchterlony double immunodiffusion (DID), Western Blotting, ELSA, DOT ELISA for diagnosis of various diseases.
- Students will also learn techniques to purify immunoglobulins and the principles of blood typing.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution:

1. Isolation of lymphocytes from blood and macrophages from peritoneal cavity or spleen.

2. Purification of immunoglobulins.
3. Assays based on precipitation reactions - Ouchterlony double diffusion (ODD) and Mancini radial immunodiffusion.
4. Assays based on agglutination reactions - Blood typing (active) & passive agglutination.
5. Enzyme linked immune-sorbent assay (ELISA).

SUGGESTED READINGS

1. Kuby Immunology (2007) 6th ed., Kindt, T.L., Goldsby, R.A. and Osborne, B.A., W.H Freeman and Company (New York), ISBN:13: 978-0-7167-8590-3 / ISBN: 10:0-7617-8590-0.
2. Immunology: A Short Course (2009) 6th ed., Coico, R and Sunshine, G., John Wiley& sons, Inc (New Jersey), ISBN: 978-0-470-08158-7.
3. Janeway's Immunobiology (2012) 8th ed., Murphy, K., Mowat, A., and Weaver, C.T., Garland Science (London & New York), ISBN: 978-0-8153-4243-4.

Semester- VII

Major Paper

Course Name: Basic concepts on Developmental biology

Course Code: BSCBCMMJ702

Course Type: MAJOR(MJC)	Course Details: MJC-15		L-T-P: 3-0-4		
Credit: 5	Full Marks: 100	CA Marks		ESE Marks	
		Practical	Theoretical	Practical	Theoretical
		30	15	20	35

Credit 3 Marks: 50

Course Learning Outcomes:

(After the completion of course, the students will have ability to)

- Understand fundamental concepts of developmental biology, including cellular interactions, differentiation, and pattern formation.
- Describe the key stages of embryonic development, including gametogenesis, fertilization, cleavage, gastrulation, and organogenesis.
- Analyze post-embryonic development processes such as metamorphosis, regeneration, and ageing.
- Evaluate the clinical and technological applications of developmental biology, including stem cell research, in vitro fertilization, and teratogenesis.

Course contents:

Unit 1: Introduction :

Historical perspective and basic concepts: Phases of development, Cell-Cell interaction, Pattern formation, Differentiation and growth, Differential gene expression, Cytoplasmic determinants, and asymmetric cell division.

Unit 2: Early Embryonic Development:

Gametogenesis: Spermatogenesis, Oogenesis. Types of eggs, Egg membranes. Fertilization (External and Internal): Changes in gametes, Blocks to polyspermy. Planes and patterns of cleavage. Types of Blastula. Fate maps, Early development of frog and chick up to gastrulation. Embryonic induction and organizers.

Unit 3: Late Embryonic Development

- Fate of Germ Layers.
- Extra-embryonic membranes in birds.
- Implantation of embryo in humans.
- Placenta: Structure, types, and functions.

Unit 4: Post Embryonic Development

- Metamorphosis: Changes and hormonal regulations in amphibians and insects.
- Regeneration: Modes of regeneration, epimorphosis, morphallaxis, and compensatory regeneration (with one example each).
- Ageing: Concepts and Theories.

Unit 5: Implications of Developmental Biology

Teratogenesis: Teratogenic agents and their effects on embryonic development. In vitro fertilization, Stem cell (ESC). Amniocentesis.

Basic concepts on Developmental biology (Practical)

Credit 2 Marks: 50

Course Learning Outcomes:

(After the completion of course, the students will have ability to)

- Examine and compare cleavage patterns in Frog and Amphioxus through microscopic observation.
- Identify and analyze extra-embryonic membranes of the chick using permanent slides.
- Classify and distinguish various types of eggs based on yolk quantity and distribution, including those of sea urchin, insect, frog, and chick.
- Prepare and interpret fate maps using experimental techniques.
- Observe and document early embryonic developmental stages in model organisms.
- Demonstrate proficiency in handling and analyzing embryonic specimens using laboratory techniques.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution:

1. Comparative study of cleavage patterns in Frog and Amphioxus models
2. Extra embryonic membranes of chick through permanent slides.
3. Identification of types of eggs based on quantity and distribution of yolk: sea urchin, insect, frog & chick.

SUGGESTED READINGS

- Gilbert, S. F. (2010). Developmental Biology, IX Edition, Sinauer Associates, Inc., Publishers, Sunderland, Massachusetts, USA
- Balinsky B. I. and Fabian B. C. (1981). An Introduction to Embryology, V Edition, International Thompson Computer Press
- Carlson, R. F. Patten's Foundations of Embryology
- Kalthoff (2008). Analysis of Biological Development, II Edition, McGraw-Hill Publishers
- Lewis Wolpert (2002). Principles of Development. II Edition, Oxford University Press



Semester- VII

Major Paper

Course Name: Basic Microbiology

Course Code: BSCBCMMJ703

Course Type: MAJOR(MJC)	Course Details: MJC-16		L-T-P: 3-0-4		
Credit: 5	Full Marks: 100	CA Marks		ESE Marks	
		Practical	Theoretical	Practical	Theoretical
		30	15	20	35

Microbiology (Theory)

Credit 5 Marks: 50

Course Learning Outcomes:

(After the completion of course, the students will have ability to)

- The students will get acquainted with the contributions of Louis Pasteur, Edward Jenner and Robert Koch in microbiology.
- Discovery of antibiotics and their targets, drug/antibiotic resistance, preventive and therapeutic approaches of infectious diseases, hospital acquired infections will be studied .
- The importance of microorganisms as model systems in genetics and biochemistry will be explained.
- The contribution of gut microbiome to human health will be discussed.
- Students will be exposed to basic concepts of metabolic engineering and synthetic biology.
- The fight against major killer diseases – tuberculosis, HIV and malaria will be discussed.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution:

Unit 1 History of Development of Microbiology



Development of microbiology as a discipline, Spontaneous generation vs. biogenesis. Contributions of Anton von Leeuwenhoek, Louis Pasteur, Robert Koch, Joseph Lister, Alexander Fleming. Role of microorganisms in fermentation, Germ theory of disease, Development of various microbiological techniques and golden era of microbiology, Establishment of fields of medical microbiology and immunology through the work of Paul Ehrlich, Elie Metchnikoff, Edward Jenner

Unit 2 Diversity of Microbial world

Binomial Nomenclature, Whittaker's five kingdom and Carl Woese's three kingdom classification systems and their utility. Difference between prokaryotic and eukaryotic microorganisms. General characteristics of different groups: acellular microorganisms (Viruses, Viroids, Prions) and Cellular microorganisms (Bacteria, Algae, Fungi and Protozoa) with emphasis on distribution and occurrence, morphology, mode of reproduction and economic importance.

Unit 3 Viruses, viroids and prions

An introduction to viruses with special reference to the structure and replication of the following: Poxvirus, Poliovirus, HIV, T4 and λ phage, lytic and lysogenic cycles.

Unit 4 Bacteria

An account of typical eubacteria, chlamydiae & rickettsiae (obligate intracellular parasites), mycoplasma, and archaeobacteria (extremophiles). Applications of bacteria in industry, environment and food.

Unit 5 Algae

History of phycology; General characteristics of algae including occurrence, thallus organization, algae cell ultra structure, pigments, flagella, eyespot food reserves and vegetative, asexual and sexual reproduction. Applications of Algae in agriculture, industry, environment and food.

Unit 6 Fungi

Historical developments in the field of Mycology, significant contributions of eminent mycologists. General characteristics of fungi including habitat, distribution, nutritional requirements, fungal cell ultra- structure, thallus organization and aggregation, fungal wall structure and synthesis, asexual reproduction, sexual reproduction, heterokaryosis, heterothallism and parasexual mechanism. Economic Importance of Fungi in Agriculture, environment, Industry, medicine, food, biodeterioration, mycotoxins

Unit 7 Protozoa

General characteristics with special reference to Amoeba

SUGGESTED READINGS



1. Atlas RM. (1997). Principles of Microbiology. 2nd edition. W M.T.Brown Publishers.
2. Pelczar MJ, Chan ECS and Krieg NR. (1993). Microbiology. 5th edition. McGraw Hill Book Company
3. Madigan MT, Bender KS, Buckley DH, Sattley WM, and Stahl DA. (2021). *Brock Biology of Microorganisms*. 16th edition. Pearson.
4. Tortora GJ, Funke BR, and Case CL. (2019). *Microbiology: An Introduction*. 13th edition. Pearson.
5. Prescott LM, Harley JP, and Klein DA. (2008). *Microbiology*. 7th edition. McGraw Hill.
6. Willey JM, Sherwood LM, and Woolverton CJ. (2017). *Prescott's Microbiology*. 10th edition. McGraw Hill Education.
7. Black JG and Black LJ. (2018). *Microbiology: Principles and Explorations*. 10th edition. Wiley.

Major Paper

Course Name: Molecular Basis of Non-infectious Human Diseases

Course Code: BSCBCM MJ704

Course Type: MAJOR(MJC)	Course Details: MJC-17		L-T-P: 3-0-4		
Credit: 5	Full Marks: 100	CA Marks		ESE Marks	
		Practical	Theoretical	Practical	Theoretical
		30	15	20	35



Molecular basis of non-infectious human disease (Theory)

Credit 5 Marks: 50

Course Learning Outcomes:

(After the completion of course, the students will have ability to)

- Understanding underlying mechanism of non-communicable diseases & their mode of infections
- Will learn about modern life styles diseases.
- Gaining knowledge on pathogenesis & diagnosis of cancer, tumor biology, anti-cancerous agents
- Having knowledge on monogenic disorders or molecular basis of disorders that occurs due to defective biochemical pathways.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution:

Unit 1 Nutritional disorders

Overview of major and minor nutrient components in the diet. Balanced diet and the concept of RDA. Nutrient deficiencies; Kwashiorkor and Marasmus, Scurvy, beriberi, pellagra and B12 deficiency, Xerophthalmia and Night blindness, Vitamin D deficiency, Vitamin K deficiency. Discuss with relation to biochemical basis for symptoms.

Unit 2 Metabolic and Lifestyle disorders

Obesity and eating disorders like Anorexia nervosa and Bulimia. Diabetes mellitus Metabolic syndrome and the relationship with hypertension, obesity, hypothyroidism and stress. Cardiovascular disorders and Atherosclerosis-defining the broad spectrum of ailments that fall in this category, understanding the factors that contribute to the syndrome, stages of disorder and the management of the condition. Irritable bowel syndrome-biochemistry behind the disorder and the influence of diet, stress and environment on the condition.

Unit 3 Multifactorial complex disorders and Cancer

Understanding the definition of multifactorial diseases. Polygenic diseases and the relationship of environmental factors and genetic makeup in the onset of diseases.

Cancer: characteristics of a transformed cell, causes and stages of Cancer, molecular



basis for neoplastic growth and metastasis, Proto-oncogenes and tumor suppressor genes; Cancer causing mutations; Tumor viruses; Biochemical analysis of cancer; Molecular approaches to cancer treatment. Disorders of mood : Schizophrenia, dementia and anxiety disorders. Polycystic ovarian syndrome, Parkinson's disease, ALS.

Unit 4 Diseases due to misfolded proteins

Introduction to protein folding and proteasome removal of misfolded proteins; etiology and molecular basis for Alzheimer's, Prion diseases, Huntington's Chorea, sickle cell anemia, Thalassemia.

Unit 5 Monogenic diseases

Inborn errors in metabolism: PKU, Alkaptonuria, Maple syrup urine disease; Receptor and transport defects: Cystic fibrosis, Long QT syndrome, familial hypercholesterolemia, Achondroplasia. Hemoglobinopathies and clotting disorders.

Molecular basis of non-infectious human disease (practical)

Credit 2 Marks: 50

Course Learning Outcomes:

(After the completion of course, the students will have ability to)

- Students will learn to analyze anthropometric measurements of diseases.
- Will learn serum analysis of certain disorders
- Learn to distinguish histologically about transformed cells & normal cells

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution:

1. Anthropometric measurements for normal and high risk individuals and identifications for Kwashiorkor, Marasmus and Obesity
2. Estimation of homocysteine levels in serum
3. Estimation of glycosylated hemoglobin
4. Permanent slides for different types of cancer
5. Diagnostic profile for assessment of CVS and Diabetes mellitus using case studies.
6. Bone densitometry test demonstration (visit to a nearby clinic)

SUGGESTED READINGS

1. Textbook of Biochemistry with Clinical Correlations (2011) Devlin, T.M. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (New York), ISBN: 978-0-4710-28173-4.
2. Introduction to Human Physiology (2013) 8th edition; Lauralee Sherwood. Brooks/Cole, Cengage Learning.
3. The World of the cell, 7th edition (2009)
4. Genetics (2012) Snustad and Simmons,
5. Cooper, G.M. and Hausman, R.E. 2009 The Cell: A Molecular Approach. 5th edition.



ASM Press & Sunderland, Washington, D.C.; Sinauer Associates, MA.

SEMESTER-VIII

Major Paper

Course Name: Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology

Course Code: BSCBCM MJ801

Course Type: MAJOR(MJC)	Course Details: MJC-18		L-T-P: 3-0-4		
Credit: 5	Full Marks: 100	CA Marks		ESE Marks	
		Practical	Theoretical	Practical	Theoretical
		30	15	20	35

Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (Theory)

Credit 5 Marks: 50

Course Learning Outcomes:

(After the completion of course, the students will have ability to)

- Coding and non-coding regions of eukaryotic genome and their importance will be analyzed. E. coli lac operon, PCR, expression vectors and their importance in Biotechnology will be studied.
- Production of insulin using recombinant DNA technology, transgenic crops-merits and demerits will be studied.
- Students will acquire basic knowledge related to processes of modern biotechnological apparatus, genome sequencings, human genome project etc.
- Will learn about different approaches of gene therapies, application of vectors & their importance in medicinal field.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution:

Unit 1 Introduction to recombinant DNA technology



Overview of recombinant DNA technology. Restriction and modification systems, restriction endonucleases and other enzymes used in manipulating DNA molecules, separation of DNA by gel electrophoresis. Extraction and purification of plasmid and bacteriophage DNA.

Unit 2 Cloning vectors for prokaryotes and eukaryotes

Plasmids and bacteriophages as vectors for gene cloning. Cloning vectors based on *E. coli* plasmids, pBR322, pUC8, pGEM3Z. Cloning vectors based on M13 and λ bacteriophage. Vectors for yeast, higher plants and animals.

Unit 3 Joining of DNA fragments

Ligation of DNA molecules. DNA ligase, sticky ends, blunt ends, linkers and adapters. Synthetic oligonucleotides, synthesis and use.

Unit 4 Introduction of DNA into cells and selection for recombinants

Uptake of DNA by cells, preparation of competent cells. Selection for transformed cells. Identification for recombinants - insertional inactivation, blue-white selection. Introduction of phage DNA into bacterial cells. Identification of recombinant phages. Introduction of DNA into animal cells, electroporation.

Unit 5 Methods for clone identification

The problem of selection, direct selection, marker rescue. Gene libraries, identification of a clone from gene library, colony and plaque hybridization probing, methods based on detection of the translation product of the cloned gene.

Unit 6 Polymerase chain reaction

Fundamentals of polymerase chain reaction, designing primers for PCR. Studying PCR products. Cloning PCR products. Real time PCR.

Unit 7 DNA sequencing

DNA sequencing by Sanger's method, modifications based on Sanger's method. Automated DNA sequencing. Pyrosequencing.

Unit 8 Expression of cloned genes

Vectors for expression of foreign genes in *E. coli*, cassettes and gene fusions. Challenges in producing recombinant protein in *E. coli*. Production of recombinant protein by eukaryotic cells. Fusion tags and their role in purification of recombinant proteins.

Unit 9 Applications of genetic engineering in Biotechnology

Site-directed mutagenesis and protein engineering. Applications in medicine, production of recombinant pharmaceuticals such as insulin, human growth hormone, factor VIII. Recombinant vaccines. Gene therapy. Applications in agriculture - plant genetic engineering, herbicide resistant crops, problems with genetically modified plants, safety concern.



Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (Practical)

Credit 2 Marks: 50

Course Learning Outcomes:

(After the completion of course, the students will have ability to)

- Students will learn the to isolate DNA, total nucleic acids from prokaryotic & eukaryotic cells
- Students will have knowledge on PCR and its products analysis.
- Having hands-on expertise on restriction digestion.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution:

1. Isolation of plasmid DNA from *E. coli* cells.
2. Digestion of plasmid DNA with restriction enzymes.
3. Amplification of a DNA fragment by PCR.
4. Transformation of *E. coli* cells with plasmid DNA.
5. Hyper expression of poly histidine-tagged recombinant protein and purification using Ni-affinity resin.

SUGGESTED READINGS

1. Gene Cloning and DNA Analysis (2010) 6th ed., Brown, T.A., Wiley-Blackwell publishing (Oxford, UK), ISBN: 978-1-4051-8173-0.
2. Principles of Gene Manipulation and Genomics (2006) 7th ed., Primrose, S.B., and Twyman, R. M., Blackwell publishing (Oxford, UK) ISBN:13: 978-1-4051-3544-3.
3. Molecular Biotechnology: Principles and Applications of Recombinant DNA (2010) 4th ed., Glick B.R., Pasternak, J.J. and Patten, C.L., ASM Press (Washington DC), ISBN: 978-1-55581-498-4 (HC).



Semester- VIII

Major Paper

Course Name: Pharmacology & Toxicology

Course Code: BSCBCMMJ802

Course Type: MAJOR(MJC)	Course Details: MJC-19		L-T-P: 3-0-4		
Credit: 5	Full Marks: 100	CA Marks		ESE Marks	
		Practical	Theoretical	Practical	Theoretical
		30	15	20	35



Pharmacology & Toxicology (Theory)

Credit 5 Marks: 50

Course Learning Outcomes:

(After the completion of course, the students will have ability to)

- Understand the nature, sources, and routes of drug administration along with their advantage.
- Explain pharmacokinetics, including drug absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion, as well as concepts like bioavailability and first-pass metabolism.
- Analyze the principles and mechanisms of drug action and the factors affecting drug efficacy.
- Study the pharmacological classification, mechanism of action, and therapeutic applications of CNS-acting drugs.
- Learn about autocooids and the pharmacological basis of NSAIDs and other anti-inflammatory drugs.

Unit I: General Pharmacology

Nature and source of drugs, routes of drug administration and their advantages, receptor and receptor subtypes.

Unit II: Pharmacokinetics

Drug absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion; bioavailability; first-pass metabolism; excretion and kinetics of elimination; biological half-life of drugs and its significance; drug-drug interactions.

Unit III: Pharmacodynamics

Principles and mechanism of drug action; factors affecting drug action; pharmacological classification of drugs.

Unit IV: Drugs acting on CNS

Principles of hypnosis and sedatives: sedative and hypnotic drugs (phenobarbitone, diazepam).



Unit V: Brief introduction to autocoids

Drug therapy of inflammation, NSAIDs and other drugs (aspirin, celecoxib).

Unit VI: Introduction

Brief history, different areas of modern toxicology, classification of toxic substances, various definitions of toxicological significance

Unit VII: Toxic exposure and response

Effect of duration, frequency, route, and site of xenobiotic exposure on toxicity. Types of interactions between multiple xenobiotic exposures in humans. Concepts addiction.

Unit VIII: Eco-toxicology

Movement and effects of toxic compounds in the food chain (DDT, mercury). Bioaccumulation and bio-magnification. Acid rain and its effects on ecosystems. Concepts of Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD) and Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD).

Pharmacology and Toxicology (Practical)

Credit: 2 Marks: 50

Course Learning Outcomes:

(After the completion of the practical course, students will have the ability to)

- Understand and apply solvent extraction techniques for the separation of toxic compounds and identification of their functional groups.
 - Assess water quality parameters by measuring Dissolved Oxygen (DO), Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD), and Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD).
 - Analyze toxicant concentrations and determine lethal dose (LD50) for insecticides based on provided data.
 - Identify and quantify pharmaceutical compounds such as acetaminophen in given samples.
 - Demonstrate pharmacological experimentation techniques by recording the concentration
- **Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution:**
 1. Separation of a mixture of benzoic acid, beta-naphthol, and naphthalene (by solvent extraction or any)
 2. Determination of acid value of the given oil sample.
 3. Calculation of LD50 value of an insecticide from the data provided.
 4. Determination of Dissolved Oxygen (DO).
 5. Routes of drug administration.
 6. Study of the presence of acetaminophen in a given sample.



Semester- VIII

Major Paper

Course Name: Plant Biochemistry

Course Code: BSCBCMMJ803

Course Type: MAJOR(MJC)	Course Details: MJC-20		L-T-P: 3-0-4		
Credit: 5	Full Marks: 100	CA Marks		ESE Marks	
		Practical	Theoretical	Practical	Theoretical
		30	15	20	35

Plant Biochemistry (Theory)

Credit 5 Marks: 50

Course Learning Outcomes:

(After the completion of course, the students will have ability to)

- Learning outcomes for this course include detailed understanding of metabolic processes specific for plants such as nitrate assimilation, photosynthesis, respiration, nitrogen fixation.
- Students will learn about different metabolic pathways in plant growth and development.
- Students will also gain insight to various stressful conditions of the environment that affect plant growth and productivity as well as the defense mechanisms in plants due to which plants survive under stresses.
- Students acquire knowledge on plant tissue culture
- Students will expose to modern application plant biotechnology in agriculture.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution:



Unit 1 Introduction to Plant cell structure

Plasma membrane, Vacuole and tonoplast membrane, cell wall, plastids and peroxisomes.

Unit 2 Photosynthesis and Carbon assimilation

Structure of PSI and PSII complexes, Light reaction, Cyclic and non cyclic photophosphorylation, Calvin cycle and regulation; C4 cycle and Crassulacean acid metabolism (CAM), Photorespiration.

Unit 3 Respiration

Overview of glycolysis, Alternative reactions of glycolysis, Regulation of plant glycolysis, Translocation of metabolites across mitochondrial membrane, TCA cycle, Alternative NAD(P)H oxidative pathways; Cyanide resistant respiration.

Unit 4 Nitrogen metabolism

Biological Nitrogen fixation by free living and in symbiotic association, structure and function of enzyme Nitrogenase. Nitrate assimilation: Nitrate and Nitrite reductase. Primary and secondary ammonia assimilation in plants; ammonia assimilation by Glutamine synthetase-glutamine oxoglutarate amino transferase (GS-GOGAT) pathway. Seed storage proteins in legumes and cereals.

Unit 5 Regulation of plant growth

Introduction to plant hormones and their effect on plant growth and development, Regulation of plant morphogenetic processes by light.

Unit 6 Secondary metabolites

alkaloid group and their amino acid precursors, function of alkaloids, Examples of major phenolic groups; simple phenylpropanoids, Coumarins, Benzoic acid derivatives, flavonoids, tannins and lignin, biological role of plant phenolics, Classification of terpenoids and representative examples from each class, biological functions of terpenoids.

Unit 6 Plant tissue culture

Cell and tissue culture techniques, types of cultures: organ and explants culture, callus culture, cell suspension culture and protoplast culture. Plant regeneration pathways: organogenesis and somatic embryogenesis. Applications of cell and tissue culture and somoclonal variation.

Plant Biochemistry (Practical)

Credit 2 Marks: 50

Course Learning Outcomes:

(After the completion of course, the students will have ability to)



- Students will gain expertise to determine the contents of photosynthetic pigments, ascorbic acid, phenols, tannins, hydrogen peroxide in plant samples.
- They will understand the spectral patterns of photosynthetic pigments and will get training to extract and assay enzymes like urease from Jack bean.
- Students will have knowledge on explant culture and its application in agriculture.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution:

1. Induction of hydrolytic enzymes proteinases /amylases/lipase during germination
2. Extraction and assay of Urease from Jack bean
3. Estimation of carotene/ascorbic acid/phenols/tannins in fruits and vegetables
4. Separation of photosynthetic pigments by TLC
5. Culture of plant plants (explants).

SUGGESTED READINGS

1. Plant Biochemistry (2008), Caroline Bowsher, Martin steer, Alyson Tobin, Garland science ISBN 978-0-8153-4121-5
2. Biochemistry and molecular Biology of plant-Buchanan. (2005) 1 edition. Publisher: I K International. ISBN-10: 8188237116, ISBN-13: 978-8188237111.
3. Plant Biochemistry by P.M Dey and J.B. Harborne (Editors) (1997) Publisher: Academic Press ISBN-10:0122146743, ISBN-13:978-0122146749



Semester- VIII

Major Paper

Course Name: Computational Biology & Bioinformatics

Course Code: BSCBCMMJ804

Course Type: MAJOR(MJC)	Course Details: MJC-21		L-T-P: 3-0-4		
Credit: 5	Full Marks: 100	CA Marks		ESE Marks	
		Practical	Theoretical	Practical	Theoretical
		30	15	20	35



Computational Biology & Bioinformatics

Credit 5 Marks: 50

Course Learning Outcomes:

1. Having the knowledge **on the core concepts of Bioinformatics**, including computational biology, database design and implementation, and probability and statistics.
2. Students will have basic knowledge and awareness of principles and concepts of biology, computer science and mathematics
3. Exposure to existing software effectively to extract information from large databases and to use this information in computer modeling
4. Will have an understanding of the intersection of life and information sciences, the core of shared concepts, language and skills the ability to speak the language of structure–function relationships, information theory, gene expression, and database queries
5. Problem-solving skills, including the ability to develop new algorithms and analysis methods
6. Acquire knowledge **to apply skills in a professional environment** via an industrial or academic internship in Bioinformatics.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution:

Unit 1 Introduction to bioinformatics:

Computer fundamentals - programming languages in bioinformatics, role of supercomputers in biology. Historical background. Scope of bioinformatics - genomics, proteomics, computer aided drug design (structure based and ligand based approaches) and Systems Biology. Applications of bioinformatics.

Unit 2 Biological databases and data retrieval:

Introduction to biological databases - primary, secondary and composite databases, NCBI, nucleic acid databases (GenBank, EMBL, DDBJ, NDB), protein databases (PIR, Swiss-Prot, TrEMBL, PDB), metabolic pathway database (KEGG, EcoCyc, and MetaCyc), small molecule databases (PubChem, Drug Bank, ZINC, CSD). Structure viewers (RasMol, J mol), file formats.



Unit 3 Sequence alignment Similarity, identity and homology:

Alignment – local and global alignment, pairwise and multiple sequence alignments, alignment algorithms, amino acid substitution matrices (PAM and BLOSUM), BLAST and CLUSTALW.

Unit 4 Phylogenetic analysis:

Construction of phylogenetic tree, dendrograms, methods of construction of phylogenetic trees - maximum parsimony, maximum likelihood and distance methods.

Unit 5 Protein structure prediction and analysis:

Levels of protein structure. Protein tertiary structure prediction methods - homology modeling, fold recognition and ab-initio methods. Significance of Ramachandran map.

Unit 6 Genomics:

Introduction to genomics, comparative and functional genomics, gene structure in prokaryotes and eukaryotes, gene prediction methods and tools.

Computational Biology & Bioinformatics (Practical)

Credit 2 Marks: 50

Course Learning Outcomes:

- Retrieve and analyze biological sequences (protein and gene) using databases such as NCBI and PDB.
- Understand molecular file formats (FASTA, GenBank, Genpept, CLUSTAL, Swiss-Prot, etc.) and their applications in bioinformatics.
- Perform sequence alignment using BLAST for pairwise alignment and CLUSTALW for multiple sequence alignment.
- Predict and evaluate protein structures using tools like SWISS-MODEL for tertiary structure prediction and PROCHECK for structure validation.
- Construct phylogenetic trees and perform gene prediction using PHYLIP, GENSCAN, and GLIMMER.

Content/ Syllabus: Unit wise course content distribution:

1. Sequence retrieval (protein and gene) from NCBI.
2. Structure download (protein and DNA) from PDB.
3. Molecular file formats - FASTA, GenBank, Genpept, GCG, CLUSTAL, Swiss-Prot, FIR.
4. Molecular viewer by visualization software.
5. BLAST suite of tools for pairwise alignment. Multiple sequence alignment using CLUSTALW.
6. Primary sequence analyses (Protparam). Secondary structure prediction (GOR, nnPredict).
7. Tertiary structure prediction (SWISSMODEL).
8. Protein structure evaluation - Ramachandran map (PROCHECK)
9. Generating phylogenetic tree using PHYLIP.



10. Gene prediction using GENSCAN and GLIMMER.

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Bioinformatics: Sequence and Genome Analysis (2001), 1st ed., Mount, D.W. Cold Spring Harbor Laborator Press (New York), ISBN: 0-87969-608-7.
2. Bioinformatics and Functional Genomics (2003), 1st ed., Pevsner, J., John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (New Jersey), ISBN: 0-47121004-8.
3. Bioinformatics: A Practical Guide to the Analysis of Genes and Proteins (2005), 3rd ed., Baxevanis, A.D. and Ouellette, B.F., John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (New Jersey), ISBN: 0- 47147878-4.
4. Bioinformatics – Principles and Applications (2008), 1st ed. Ghosh, Z. and Mallick, B., Oxford University Press (India), ISBN: 9780195692303