

**BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE, PILANI**  
**SECOND SEMESTER 2019-20**

Dated: 07.1.2020

**Course Handout Part II**

**Course No.** : BIO G523  
**Course Title** : Advanced & Applied Microbiology  
**Instructor In-charge** : JAYATI RAY DUTTA  
**Instructors** : Jayati Ray Dutta, Naresh Patnaik & Rolly Kumari

**1. Course Description:** Molecular taxonomy, Systematic Microbiology; Study of molecular diversity of microorganisms, Molecular tools employed in study of microbial ecology, clinical microbiology, human-microbe interaction, molecular plant-microbe interaction, applied microbiology, nanotechnology and synthetic microbiology.

**2. Scope & Objective of the Course:**

This course deals with in-depth study of microbial taxonomy and evolution as well as the molecular aspects of microbe-host interactions. In addition, it includes applied aspects of microbiology for in industry and human-health. It also emphasizes on recent developments in microbial genomics, nanotechnology and biotechnology.

**3. Text Book (TB):**

Madigan M.T., Martinko, J.M., Dunlap, P.V., Clark, D.P., Brock, Biology of Microorganism, 12<sup>th</sup> Ed., 2009, Pearson International Education.

**4. Reference Book (RB):**

1. Wiley, J.M., Sherwood, L.M., Woolverton, C.J. Prescott, Harley, and Klein's Microbiology, 7<sup>th</sup> Ed. McGraw-Hill International Edition.
2. Glazer, A.N. and Nikaido, H, Microbial Biotechnology, Fundamentals of applied Microbiology, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., Cambridge.

**5. Course Plan:**

<b>Lec. No.</b>	<b>Learning Objectives</b>	<b>Topic to be covered</b>	<b>Ref. to Chapters</b>
1-4	Bacterial Evolution and Systematics	Microbial Evolution, Microbiology Systematics, Microbial taxonomy	TB-14, RB1-19
5-6	Molecular biology of Archaea	Molecular biology of Archaea, DNA replication, Transcription and RNA processing, protein synthesis, shared features of Bacteria and Archaea	TB-8
7-9	Socio-microbiology	Quorum-sensing; prospective application of quorum-sensing mechanisms in medicine, biofilm	TB-9, 23
10-13	Microorganisms for Sustainable Agriculture	Plant growth promoting microorganisms; Associative bacteria, Endophytic bacteria: mechanisms of colonization, various plant growth promoting properties; Biocontrol: Mycorrhiza	RB1-29 TB-24

14-17	Molecular Plant-Microbe interaction-1	Molecular basis of legume-rhizobia interaction, plant-pathogenic bacteria interaction	RB1-29 TB-24
18-21	Molecular Plant-Microbe interaction-2	Plant immune response: Molecular aspects	Reviews
22-26	Medical Microbiology	Microbial interactions: Microbe-human interaction, normal microbiota in human; Host-parasite/pathogen interaction; Pathogenicity of Microorganisms, Antimicrobial Chemotherapy,	TB-28, RB1-33 RB1-34 and relevant reviews
27-28	Microbial Biosensors	Biosensors and their applications	RB1-35
29-34	Synthetic Microbiology	Synthetic / engineered microorganisms and their applications	Reviews
35-36	Industrial Microbiology	Microbial polysaccharides and Bioplastics	RB2-8
37-38	Food Microbiology	Primary and secondary metabolites, fermented foods, beverages, Enzymes, Single cell protein	TB-25
39-41	Microbes & fuel generation	Biomass production, Bioethanol/biodiesel production from different microbial sources.	Reviews

## 7. Evaluation Scheme:

EC No.	Evaluation Component	Duration	Weightage (%)	Date, Time & Venue	Remarks
1.	Mid-semester	90 min	20	2/3 11.00 -12.30 PM	CB
2.	Lab practical (Evaluation components include: 1. Laboratory quiz based on experiments conducted during class + Attendance 2. Comprehensive Written test 3. Minor project		20		OB
3.	Presentations/ assignments		20		OB
4.	Comprehensive	3 hours	40	01/05 AN	CB

**8. Chamber consultation hour:** To be announced in the class.

**9. Notices:** All notices will be displayed on Course management system.

**10. Make-up policy:** Make-up decisions will be considered for only genuine cases and validated by proper evidence of illness. No make-up for Lab component and assignments.

**Academic Honesty and Integrity Policy:** Academic honesty and integrity are to be maintained by all the students throughout the semester and no type of academic dishonesty is acceptable.

**Instructor-in-charge**  
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