

B.Sc. Bio - Technology (Hons.)
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Syllabus

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Courses of Study

Part-I,

Paper-I Bio-chemistry

General properties of Bio- Organic and In- Organic compounds.	03
Suitability of Bio-Organic Compounds for generation of structure, storage of energy and information.	02
Enzymes – Nature, Protein and Non- Protein enzymes, classification, properties.	
Factors mode of actions and kinetics. Co-enzymes and Isozymes, immobilisation of enzymes. use of enzymes in Industries. Food processing Medicines. Production of new compounds.	06
Classification of Biomolecule based on their role in Bio- Processes.	
Structure, Classification, important of carbohydrate Peptidoglycans and their role in basic metabolism, photosynthesis , photorespiration and respiration.	05
Lipid – structure and classification , Bio synthesis and Oxidation.	02
Protein- Structure and classification , Bio synthesis and degradation.	
The signal molecules.	02
Nucleic Acids- Structure , helicity , bendin, looping salt bridge etc.	
Type of Nucleic acids, DNA repairing, DNA replication, transcription and translation.	06
Immuno Biotechnology Antigen- Antibody reaction ELISA method.	03

Paper-II Cell Biology

Cell as a basic unit of living systems. The cell theory	02
Precellular evolution: artificial creation of "cells"	01
Broad classification of cell types: bacteria, eukaryotic microbes, plant and animal cells. A detailed classification of cell types within an organism. Cell, tissue, organ and organism as different levels of organization of otherwise genetically similar cells.	02
Ecological amplitude of cells in high altitude, sediments, arctic, hotspring, arid, brackish and freshwater environments	02
Biochemical composition of cells (Proteins, lipids, carbohydrates, nucleic acids and the metabolic pool)	01
Ultrastructure of the cell membrane	
Structure and function of cell organelles;	02
Ultrastructure of cell membrane, cytosol, Golgi bodies, endoplasmic reticulum (rough and smooth), ribosomes; cytoskeletal structures (actin, microtubules etc.). Mitochondria, chloroplasts, lysosomes, peroxysomes, nucleus (nuclear membrane, nucleoplasm, nucleolus chromatin).	
Cell division and cell cycle (including, cell synchrony and its applications.)	12
Cell-cell interaction	03
Cell locomotion (amoeboid, flagellar and ciliar. Muscular and nerve cells.	01
Cell senescence and cell death	02
Cell differentiation in plants and animals	01

MATHEMATICS

02

The Set Theory

Basic Definition of sets and its types , Union of sets and its properties. inter section of sets and its properties, compliment of sets and its properties. Construction of subsets and power of sets.

Venn Diagram.

01

Linear and Quadratic functions.

Definition of linear and quadratic functions with suitable examples.

02

Limits of Function and derivatives of functions.

Limits of function in the form of $(0/0)$ (∞/∞) $\infty-\infty$ in a case of algebraic trigonometric and logarithmic function, Derivate at a point (i.e. left hand derivative and right hand derivative).

The Binomial Theorem.

01

Definition of binomial theorem (without proof) for positive integral index and its properties elementary problem based on its expansion.

02

Logarithm-

Definition of logarithm , $\log(m \cdot n) = \log m + \log n$. $\log(m/n) = \log m - \log n$. $\log m^n = n \log m$.

Change of base, concept of characteristic and mantissa, sums based on logarithm calculation

05

Differentiation -

Definition of differentiation (i.e ab initio), fundamental rules of differentiation dy/dx of function, dy/dx of function of functions, logarithm, implicit and parametric function (applications of dy/dx).

05

Integration -

Integration is a inverse process of differentiation and deduction of formula of different types of functions, fundamental rules of integration, integration by transformation integration by substitution, integration by parts.

05

Probability calculations -

Random experiment, Sample space & events Classical definition of probability, Probability of an event, Axioms of probability, Theorems on probability (without proofs). Conditional probability, Independence of events.

Methods of sampling – Confidence level.

Measurement of central tendency, Requirements of a good statistical average. Arithmetic mean & its properties , Median & its properties , Mode & its properties. Harmonic mean, Geometric mean , Graphical representation of median & mode.

Measurement of deviation Concept of deviation, Requirements of a good measure of deviation Range, Mean deviation & its property, Standard deviation & its properties, Co-efficient of range. Co-efficient of mean deviation, Co-efficient of variation & its application.

COMPUTER

01

General Introduction to Computer.

Organization of computer using block diagram.

01

Digital and Analogue Computer

01

Computer Algorithm

01

Computer in Online Monitoring and Automation.

Application in solute concentration measurement, pH value calculation, variation with temperature in fermentation operation etc.

01

Demonstration of the above Utilities on Computer.

Paper-IV
Biophysics

Energetics of a living body. Sources of heat limits to temperature. Heat dissipation and conservation.

Lambert-Beer Law. Spectrophotometry and colorimetry Primary events in photosynthesis

Strategies of light reception in microbes, plants and animals

Correction of vision faults

Electrical properties of biological compartments. Electricity as a potential signal

Generation and reception of sonic vibrations. Hearing aides

Intra and intermolecular interactions in biological systems Spatial and charge compatibility as determinant of such interactions

Physical methods applied to find out molecular structure

- X-ray crystallography and NMR

General spectroscopy – UV-vis, fluorescence, atomic absorption, IR, Raman spectra

Physical methods of imaging intact biological structures:

- Ultrasound
- Optical filters
- X-ray
- Cat Scan
- ECG
- EEG
- NMR imaging

Paper-V
Microbiology

Development of microscopy (optical, TEM and SEM). 01

Pasteur's experiments disproving spontaneous generation 01

The concept of sterilization. Methods of sterilization (Dry heat, wet heat, Radiation, Chemical and Filtration etc.) 02

Concept of microbial species and strains 01

The various forms of microorganisms – PPLOs, cocci, bacilli and spirilla 01

Genetic homogeneity in clonal populations 01

Spontaneous and induced variation arising in microbial population 01

Gene transfer in microorganisms 04

Nature of the microbial cell surface. Gram positive and gram negative bacteria. Kinds of flagella. Serotypes 03

Prokaryotic and eukaryotic microbial cells 02

Nutritional classification of microorganisms 02

Microbes in extreme environments – the thermophiles and alkalophiles 01

Pathogenic microorganisms. Defence mechanism against microorganism 01

Symbiosis and antibiosis among microbial populations 02

N₂ – fixing microbes in agriculture 02

Microbial metabolism.- Fermentation products, A survey of products from microorganisms. 02

Strain improvement by enrichment, selection and recombinant DNA methods Production of heterologous proteins of interest in microorganisms

04

*Practical
Biochemical Techniques*

Quantitative estimation of the following in biological samples	
Sugar in given solutions	1x3 hrs
Sugar in biological samples	1x3 hrs
Extraction and separation of lipids	2x3 hrs
Estimation of proteins	2x3 hrs
Estimation of DNA/RNA	2x3 hrs
Isolation and purification of proteins	10x3 hrs
Assay of enzymes activity	2x3 hrs
Kinetic Studies on enzymes	5x3 hrs
Chromatographic methods for separation of macromolecules	5x3 hrs

*Practical
Microbiological Techniques*

Aseptic techniques	
Cleaning of glassware	2x3 hrs
Preparation of media, cotton plugging and sterilization	2x3 hrs
Personal hygiene-Microbes from hands, tooth-scum and other body parts	2x3 hrs
Isolation of microorganisms from air, water and soil samples. Dilution and pour plating	
Colony purification	2x3 hrs
Enumeration of microorganisms. Total vs viable counts.	2x3 hrs
Identification of isolated bacteria. Gram staining, other staining methods, metabolic characterization (e.g. IMVIC test)	2x3 hrs
Growth curve of microorganisms	3x3 hrs
Antibiotic sensitivity of microbes, use of antibiotic discs	2x3 hrs
Testing of water quality	4x3 hrs
Test for antibodies against given bacteria	3x3 hrs
One step growth of bacteriophage	3x3 hrs
Culture from body fluids (stool, Urine, Blood)	2x3 hrs
Alcoholic and mixed-acid fermentation	2x3 hrs

On the Job Training

The students should be assigned to assist a clinic (in a hospital), a fermentation plant, brewery or bakery and watch the various stages in brewing and baking and post fermentation processing

Prior arrangement must be made of the mode of interaction of the educational institution with the clinic and the industry



Part-II,

Paper-VI Molecular Biology

Molecular Basis of life	02
Structure of DNA	01
DNA replication both prokaryotes and eukaryotes	04
DNA recombination molecular mechanisms prokaryotic and eukaryotic	02
Insertion elements and transposons	03
Structure of prokaryotic genes	01
Prokaryotic transcription	03
Prokaryotic translation	03
Prokaryotic gene expression (lac, his, trp, catabolic repression)	10
Structure of eukaryotic genes	02
Eukaryotic transcription	02
Eukaryotic translation	02
Eukaryotic gene expression transcription factors etc.	10
Gene expression in yeast	02
Gene expression on protozoan parasites	02
Gene organization and expression in mitochondria chloroplasts	06
Post translation regulation of gene expression	02
Development and environmental regulation of gene expression	03

Paper-VII Recombinant DNA Technology

What is gene cloning and why do we need to clone a gene?	02
Tools and techniques plasmids and other vehicles genomic DNA, handling of DNA RNA CDNA, RT enzymes and other reagents techniques, laboratory requirement. Safety measures and regulations for recombinant DNA work	
Choice and selection of the tools and the techniques (including Gel electrophoresis)	02
Vehicles: Plasmids and bacteriophages, available phagemids, cosmids, viruses	04
Purification of DNA from bacterial, plant and animal cells	02
Manipulation of purified DNA	03
Introduction of DNA into living cells	02
Cloning vectors for E. Coli	02
Cloning vectors for organisms other than E. coli yeast, fungi, plants-agrobact, plantvirus animal viruses	02
Application of cloning in gene analysis	03
• How to obtain a clone of a specific gene	
• Studying gene location and structure	
• Studying gene expression	
Gene cloning and expression of foreign genes in research and biotechnology	03
• Production of protein from cloned genes	
Gene cloning in medicine	
• Pharmaceutical compounds , Artificial insulin gene, Recombinant vaccine, Diagnostic reagents	

*Paper-VII
Genetics*

Nature of genetic material: nucleic acids, DNA replication	0
Mendelian laws of inheritance, gene interactions	0
Sex determination in plants and animals; sex-linkage, non-disjunction as a proof of chromosomal theory of inheritance	0
Linkage, mapping genes; interference; coincidence in pro- and eukaryotes	0
Chromosomes: chemical composition; structural organization of chromatids, centromeres, telomeres, chromatin, nucleosome organization, eu- and heterochromatin; special chromosomes (e.g., polytene and lampbrush chromosomes); banding patterns in human chromosomes	0
Structural and numerical aberrations involving chromosomes; evolution of wheat, cotton and rice; Hereditary defects – Klinefelter, Turner, Cri-du-chat and Down syndromes	0
Mutations – spontaneous and induced; chemical and physical mutagens, induced mutations in plants, animals and microbes for economic benefit of man	0
Basic microbial genetics, conjugation, transduction, transformation; isolation of auxotrophs, replicating techniques, analysis of mutations in biochemical pathways, one gene- one enzyme hypothesis	0
Extrachromosomal inheritance, mitochondrial and chloroplast genetic systems	0
Population genetics: Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium, gene and genotypic frequencies	0

*Paper-IX
Immunology*

The immune system and immunity along with historical perspective	02
Antigen-antibody and their structure	03
The organs and the cells of the immune system their function	06
Antigen-antibody Interaction	03
Humoral and cell mediated immunity role of MHC and genetic restriction)	06
Origin of diversity in the immune system	02
Effector mechanisms	04
Immunity to infectious diseases, vaccines	04

*Paper-X
Animal Cell Culture*

History of development of cell cultures	01
The natural surroundings of animal cells	01
Metabolic capabilities of animal cells	02
Simulating natural condition for growing animal cells	01
Importance of growth factors of the serum	01
Primary cultures. Anchorage dependence of growth Non-anchorage dependent cells	01
Secondary cultures. Transformed animal cells – Established/ continuous cell lines	02
Commonly used animal cell lines – their origin and characteristics	02
Growth kinetics of cells in culture	01
Applications of animal cell culture for studies on gene expression	01
Organ culture	02
Transfection of animal cells: Selectable markers, HAT selection, antibiotic resistance etc.	02
Transplantation of cultured cells	01
Differentiation of cells	02
Cell fusion.	

Practical
Methods in Molecular and Cellular Biology

Cytological preparations.

- Fixation, dehydration and staining 3x3 hrs
- Squash in stain 2x3 hrs
- Embedding and sectioning 3x3 hrs

Cell Counting methods:

- The haemacytometer and other aides 2x3 hrs

Measurements with the help of light microscope

- Calibration of ocular micrometer 1x3 hrs
- Finding out average cell size 1x3 hrs
- Chromosome lengths 1x3 hrs

Separation of cell types (from blood!) 1x3 hrs

Separation of cell organelles:

- Methods for cell lysis: rupture Osmotic/ Chemical / Enzymatic lysis of cells followed by release of cellular material and by change in light scattering etc 2x3 hrs
- Mechanical rupture of cells: Ultrasonic vibrations; French pressure cell followed by centrifugation for cell organelles 2x3 hrs

Extraction of cellular materials

- Extraction in saline buffers 2x3 hrs
- Extraction in solvents 2x3 hrs
- Precipitation from extracts 2x3 hrs

Separation of the constituent molecules of the extract in aqueous buffer

- Gel filtration 3x3 hrs
- Ion filtration 2x3 hrs

Thin layer chromatography of extracted material 2x3 hrs

Isolation of chromosomal and plasmid DNA from bacteria 4x3 hrs

Restriction digestion of DNA and assigning restriction sites (may be done as a demonstration) 2x3 hrs

Making competent *E. coli* 2x3 hrs

Transfection of Plasmid DNA and selection for transformants 3x3 hrs

Practical
Immunological Methods

Purification of antigens 4x3 hrs

Raising polyclonal antibodies Spread over 8 weeks

Purification of antigens 4x3 hrs

Conjugation and labeling of antibodies 2x3 hrs

Enzyme-linked immunoassay 3x3 hrs

Radioimmunoassay 3x3 hrs

Radial immunodiffusion analysis 2x3 hrs

Generation of ascetic fluid 3x3 hrs

Diagnosis of an infectious disease by an immunoassay 3x3 hrs

On the Job Training

This should be taken up during summer over a period of one month preferably in an immunology/veterinary/ virology institute of a laboratory using recombinant

Courses of Study

Part-III,

Paper-XI
Plant Biotechnology

Introduction to in Vitro methods. Terms and definitions. Use of growth regulators	02
Beginning of in vitro-cultures in our country (ovary and ovula culture, in vitro pollination and fertilization)	01
Embryo culture, embryo rescue after wide hybridization, and its applications	01
Introduction to the processes of embryogenesis and organogenesis and their practical applications	02
Clonal multiplication of clite species (Micropropagation) exillary bud, shoot-tip and meristem culture	02
Haploids and their applications. Somatical variations and applications (Treasure your exceptions)	02
Endosperm culture and production of triploids	01
Practical applications of tissue and organ culture (summarizing the practical applications of all the above mentioned techniques)	01
Single-cell suspension cultures and their applications in selection of variants / mutants with or without mutagen treatment (of haploid cultures preferably)	01
Introduction to protoplast isolation: principles and applications	01
Testing of viability of isolated protoplasts	01
Various steps in the regeneration of protoplasts	01
Somatic hybridization – an introduction	02
Various methods for fusing protoplasts Chemical, electrical	01
Use of markers for selection of hybrid cells	01
Practical applications of somatic hybridization (hybrids vs cybrids)	01
Use of plant cell, protoplasts and tissue culture for genetic manipulation of plants.	
Introduction to <i>A. tumefaciens</i>	02
Tumor formation of plants using <i>A. tumefaciens</i> (Monocots vs Dicots)	01
Root-formation using <i>A. rhizogenes</i>	01
Practical application of genetic transformation	01

Paper-XII
Animal Biotechnology

General metabolism	02
Special secondary metabolites / products (Insulin, Growth hormone, Interferon, t-plasminogen activator, factor VIII etc.)	03
Expressing cloned proteins in animal cells. Over production and processing of chosen protein	02
The need to express in animal cells	01
Production of vaccines in animal cells	01
Production of monoclonal antibodies	02
Growth factors promoting proliferation of animal cells (EGF, FGF, PDGF, IL-1, IL-2, NGF, erythropoietin etc.)	04
Bioreactors for large scale culture of cells	04
Transplanting cultured cells	01

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Paper-XIII
Environmental Biotechnology

Renewable and non-renewable resources	02
What is renewable should be bioassimilable/biodegradable	02
Major consumer items: Food, fuel and fibres	01
Conventional fuels and their environmental impacts:	02
• Firewood	
• Plant and animal wastes	
• Coal	
• Gas	
• Animal oils	
Modern fuels and their environmental impacts:	05
• Methogenic bacteria and biogas	
• Microbial hydrogen production	
• Conversion of sugars to ethanol. The gasohol experiment	
• Solar energy converters – Hopes from the photosynthesis pigments	
• Plants based petroleum for combustible fuel	
Bio/technological inputs in producing good quality natural fibres	03
• Transgenic sheep and transgenic plants	
Microbiological quality of food and water	02
Treatment of municipal waste and industrial effluents	03
Degradation of pesticides and other toxic chemicals by microorganisms.	02
Thuringiensis toxin as a natural pesticide	01
Biological control of other insects swarming the agricultural fields	02
Enrichment of ores by microorganisms	02
Biofertilizers. Nitrogen fixing microorganisms enrich the soil with assimiable nitrogen	03

*Practical
Culture Methods*

Initiating plant tissue culture: (dedifferentiation of explants)	6x3 hrs
Growth of plant cells into undifferentiated mass	6x3 hrs
Large scale cultivation of plant cells in suspension	4x3 hrs
Induction of differentiation by modulating the hormonal balance	6x3 hrs
Culture of lymphocytes from blood samples	
Preparation of media, Filter sterilization, monitoring microbial contamination (bacteria, fungi and mycoplasma) Cloning of animal cells by cell and colony purification	
Fusion of cultured cells with myeloma cells	8x3 hrs
Production of monoclonal antibodies at a large scale	6x3 hrs
Demonstration / operation of large scale fermenters	6x3 hrs

Project Work

The students will be assigned to generate data on certain research projects and/or compile available information from literature on a given topic of biotechnological relevance. The project work will span over a period one semester under the supervision of chosen faculty member.

Entrepreneurship

The students will be delivered lectures on how to select for a product line, design and develop processes economies on material and energy requirement, stock the product and release the same for marketing etc. The basic regulations of excise also should be aprise to the candidates. In parallel the students will be asked to survey the demand for a given product, feasibility of its production under the given constraints of raw material energy input financial situations export potential etc. procedural details on how to select process how to move for loans, how to operate and how to repay the loans in a phasic manner should also be highlighted during the lectures. The semester should end with submission of a draft project by the students.

Outline Structure of B.Sc. Biotechnology (Honours)

Part - I

		Written	Internal Assessment	Total Marks	Duration of Examination
Paper		80	20	100	3 Hrs.
Th-I	Bio- Chemistry	80	20	100	3 Hrs.
Th-II	Cell - Biology	80	20	100	3 Hrs.
Th-III	Math & Computer	80	20	100	3 Hrs.
Th-IV	Bio- Physics	80	20	100	3 Hrs.
Th-V	Microbiology	80	20	100	3 Hrs.
Practical	Based on Th -I & V			100	6 Hrs.
Total 600					

On the Job Training (Reports to be compiled)

Part- II

		Written	Internal Assessment	Total Marks	Duration of Examination
Paper		80	20	100	3 Hrs.
Th-VI	Molecular Biology	80	20	100	3 Hrs.
Th-VII	Recom DNA Tech.	80	20	100	3 Hrs.
Th-VIII	Genetics	80	20	100	3 Hrs.
Th-IX	Immunology	80	20	100	3 Hrs.
Th-X	Animal Cell Culture	80	20	100	3 Hrs.
Practical	Based on Th- VI & IX			100	6 Hrs.
Total 600					

On the Job Training (Reports to be compiled)

Part- III

		Written	Internal Assessment	Total Marks	Duration of Examination
Paper		80	20	100	3 Hrs.
Th-XI	Plant- Biotechnology	80	20	100	3 Hrs.
Th-XII	Animal Biotechnology	80	20	100	3 Hrs.
Th-XIII	Environmental Biotech.	80	20	100	3 Hrs.
Practical	Culture methods			100	6 Hrs.
Project work Under Supervision of Chosen Faculty					100
Entrepreneurship Theory & Practice in project draft					50
On the Job Training Report Part - I					25
On the Job Training Report Part - II					25
Total 600					

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