

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

Category-I **BSc. (H) Zoology**

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE– 4 (DSC-4): Non-Chordata: Coelomates

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Non-Chordata: Coelomates	04	02	0	02	Class XII pass with Biology/ Biotechnology	NIL

Learning Objectives

The learning objectives of this course are as follows:

- The course aims to impart in-depth knowledge about the diverse life forms from the taxonomic positions of Annelida to Echinodermata.
- It will help the students to identify the body plan types of complex non-chordates and their systematic organization based on evolutionary relationships, structural and functional affinities.
- The course will help the students to understand the characteristic morphological, adaptive and anatomical features of diverse animals
- The course will help students to understand the economic and ecological significance of various animals in human life.
- The course will create interest among them to explore and appreciate the animal diversity in nature.

Learning Outcomes

By studying this course, students will be able to

- learn about the importance of systematics, taxonomy, and structural organization of non-chordate coelomates.
- recognize the diversity of non-chordates living in varied ecological habitats.
- critically analyse the organization, complexity and characteristic features of non-chordates.
- comprehend the economic importance of non-chordates, their interaction with the environment and their role in the ecosystem.
- enhance collaborative learning and communication skills through practical sessions, teamwork, group discussions, assignments, and projects.

SYLLABUS OF DSC-4

UNIT – I Annelida

07 Hours

General characteristics and classification; Excretion in Annelida; Evolution of coelom and metamerism.

UNIT – II Arthropoda and Onychophora

12 Hours

General characteristics and classification (Special reference to Insecta up to orders); Vision and Respiration in Arthropoda; Metamorphosis in insects; Social life of bees and termite, Evolutionary significance of Onychophora.

UNIT – III Mollusca

06 Hours

General characteristics and classification; Respiration in Mollusca; Torsion and Detorsion in Gastropoda; Pearl formation in bivalves.

UNIT – IV Echinodermata

05 Hours

General characteristics and classification; Water-vascular System in Asteroidea.

Note: Outline classification up to classes to be followed from “Ruppert, Fox and Barnes (2004). Invertebrate Zoology: A Functional Evolutionary Approach”. VII Edition, Cengage Learning, India.

Practical component -60 Hours

1. Study of *Aphrodite*, *Nereis*, *Heteronereis*, *Sabella*, *Serpula*, *Chaetopterus*, *Pheretima*, *Hirudinaria*, Trochophore larva.
2. Study of T.S. through pharynx, gizzard, and typhlosolar intestine of earthworm.
3. Study of *Limulus*, *Palamnaeus*, *Palaemon*, *Daphnia*, *Balanus*, *Sacculina*, *Cancer*, *Eupagurus*, *Scolopendra*, *Julus*, *Bombyx*, *Periplaneta*, termite, *Apis*, *Musca*.
4. Study of *Peripatus*.
5. Study of *Chiton*, *Dentalium*, *Pila*, *Doris*, *Helix*, *Unio*, *Patella*, *Ostrea*, *Pinctada*, *Sepia*, *Octopus*, *Nautilus*.
6. Study of *Pentaceros/Asterias*, *Ophiura*, *Clypeaster*, *Echinus*, *Cucumaria*, *Antedon*; Any two larval forms.
7. Study of mouth parts, digestive system and nervous system of *Periplaneta*. *
8. Study of the digestive system of *Pheretima*. *
9. Submit a Project Report on the larval forms in different phyla OR field study of the insect diversity.

*Subject to UGC approval and guidelines

Essential/recommended readings

1. Ruppert, Fox and Barnes (2004). Invertebrate Zoology. VII Edition, Cengage Learning, India.
2. Pechenik, J. A. (2015). Biology of the Invertebrates. VII Edition, McGraw-Hill Education.
3. Barnes, R.S.K., Calow, P., Olive, P.J.W., Golding, D.W. and Spicer, J.I. (2002). The Invertebrates: A New Synthesis. III Edition, Blackwell Science

Suggestive readings

1. Ruppert, E.E., Fox, R.S., Barnes, R. D. (2003). Invertebrate Zoology: A Functional Evolutionary Approach. VII Edition, Cengage Learning, India
2. Barrington, E.J.W. (2012). Invertebrate Structure and Functions. II Edition, EWP Publishers