DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE –11:
MICROBIAL PHYSIOLOGY AND METABOLISM- II

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		
MICROB-DSC402: MICROBIAL PHYSIOLOGY AND METABOLISM-II	4	3	0	1	Class XII pass with Biology/ Biotechnology/ Biochemistry	Microbial Physiology and Metabolism-I

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- The main objective of this course is to enable students to understand the underlying mechanisms governing various physiological and metabolic features of prokaryotes.
- These include transport mechanisms for the uptake of nutrients, bacterial growth, and the diversity of prokaryotes due to (i) adaptations to the different habitats in which they grow and (ii) metabolic pathways for energy production and carbon and nitrogen assimilation.
- The course will build the strong foundation needed by the students for further studies in the advanced fields of microbiology including metabolic engineering.

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- Student will be able to elaborate on various pathways of fermentation in microbes.
- Student will be able to discuss the classification of chemolithotrophs and phototrophs along with mechanisms of energy production and cellular carbon synthesis.
- Student will be able to describe the nitrogen cycle and its assimilation and dissimilation by processes like nitrogen fixation, ammonia assimilation, nitrification, denitrification etc.

- Student will be able to evaluate the diversity of metabolic pathways in microbes by designing and formulation of microbial culture media and studying the effect of changing chemical environment on fungal growth using various carbon sources.
- Student will be able to evaluate the diversity of metabolic pathways in microbes by studying the effect of changing chemical environment on bacterial growth using various nitrogen sources.

SYLLABUS OF DSC-11

UNIT – I (8 hours)

Microbial fermentations: Principles of fermentation. Alcohol fermentation and Pasteur effect. Lactate fermentation (homofermentative and heterofermentative pathways). Concept of linear and branched fermentation pathways.

UNIT – II (12 hours)

Metabolism in chemolithotrophic autotrophs: Physiological groups of chemolithotrophs (aerobic and anaerobic). Detailed mechanism of energy production and generation of reducing power in H2 oxidizers and methanogens.

UNIT – III (13 hours)

Metabolism in phototrophic autotrophs: Families of phototrophic bacteria, bacterial photosynthetic pigments, generation of energy and reducing power in purple and green bacteria (anoxygenic photosynthesis) and cyanobacteria (oxygenic photosynthesis), photophosphorylation (cyclic and non- cyclic). Production of cellular carbon (C1 metabolism) in autotrophs by Calvin cycle & reductive TCA pathway and by acetyl-CoA in methanogens.

UNIT – IV (12 hours)

Nitrogen Metabolism: Biological nitrogen fixation: Diversity, mechanism of nitrogen fixation, nitrogenase activity and its physiological regulation, alternate nitrogenases, ammonia assimilation, assimilatory nitrate reduction. dissimilatory nitrate reduction (denitrification, nitrate/ nitrite and nitrate/ ammonia respiration).

Practical component

UNIT 1: (15 hours)

Carbon metabolism: Comparison of the growth of A. niger in minimal medium containing different carbon sources (glucose, fructose and lactose) on different days of growth using dry weight method.

Unit 2: (15 hours)

Nitrogen metabolism: Study of the effect of nitrogen sources (ammonium, nitrate and peptone) on the growth of E. coli. Investigation any one bacterium for its nitrifying / denitrifying properties

Essential/recommended readings

Theory:

1. Fundamentals of Bacterial Physiology and Metabolism by Rani Gupta and Namita Gupta. Springer Nature Singapore Pvt. Ltd., Singapore. 2021.
2. Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry by D.L. Nelson and M.M. Cox. 8th edition. W.H. Freeman and Company, UK. 2021.
3. Brock Biology of Microorganisms by M.T. Madigan,J. Aiyer,D. Buckley,W.Sattley and D. Stahl.16th edition. Pearson, USA. 2021.
4. Prescott's Microbiology by J. M. Willey, K. Sandman and D. Wood. 11th edition. McGrawHill Higher Education, USA. 2019.
5. Microbial Biochemistry by G.N. Cohen. 2nd edition. Springer, Germany. 2014.
6. The Physiology and Biochemistry of Prokaryotes by D. White, J. Drummond and C. Fuqua. 4th edition. Oxford University Press, UK. 2011.
7. Microbial Physiology by S.R. Reddy and S.M. Reddy. Scientific Publishers India. 2007.
8. Microbial Physiology by A.G. Moat, J.W. Foster and M.P. Spector. 4th edition. John Wiley& Sons, USA. 2002.

Practicals:

1. Essentials of Practical Microbiology by A. Sastry and S. Bhat. 2nd edition. Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers, India. 2021.
2. Microbiology: A Laboratory Manual by J. Cappuccino and C.T. Welsh. 12th edition. Pearson Education, USA. 2020.
3. Laboratory Experiments in Microbiology by T. Johnson and C. Case. 12th Edition. Pearson Education, USA. 2019.
4. Microbiology Practical Manual edited by A. Jain, J. Agarwal, V. Venkatesh. Elsevier, India. 2018.
5. Applied Microbial Physiology: A Practical Approach by P. M. Rhodes and P. F. Stanbury. IRC Press. 1997.

Suggestive readings

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.