

SEMESTER -VI

Category I

Biological Science Courses for Undergraduate Programme of study with Biological Science as a Single Core Discipline (BSc Honors in Biological Science in three years)

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE – 16:

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		
Molecular Biology II (601)	4	2		2	Class XII Pass with Biology & Chemistry	Should have done Molecular biology I

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To introduce the students to the students the basic knowledge about how genes are transcribed and how translation takes place in prokaryotes and eukaryotes.
- To understand how these processes are regulated.
- To enable them to apply this knowledge in enhancing their analytical and problem- solving skills.

Learn CREDITS:2 TOTAL HOURS: 15 weeks ing outcomes

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

1. Acquire basic knowledge about the processes of transcription and translation in prokaryotes and eukaryotes
2. Learn about the features of the genetic code and various experimental approaches used to crack the code
3. Develop understanding of the molecular basis of RNA processing and RNA splicing
4. Learn about the various ways in which these biological processes are regulated and the significance of regulation in maintaining life forms

SYLLABUS

FOR DSC-16

UNIT I: Transcription in Prokaryotes and Eukaryotes

No. of hours :10

Transcription cycle in bacteria, Sigma factor, bacterial promoters and RNA Polymerases, various stages of RNA synthesis- initiation, elongation and termination, rho-dependent and rho-independent termination. Introduction of basal eukaryotic transcription machinery: three classes of eukaryotic RNA polymerases – I, II and III, and their respective promoters. Details of transcription by RNA polymerase II, features of RNA polymerase II core promoters. Inhibitors of eukaryotic and prokaryotic transcription and their applications.

UNIT II: RNA Processing

No. of hours : 4

Various types of mRNA processing- polyadenylation and capping, brief overview of rRNA and tRNA processing. Chemistry of RNA splicing, the spliceosome machinery, group I and group II introns, alternative splicing.

UNIT III: Translation

No. of hours: 7

Salient features of the genetic code, triplet nature, degenerate, wobble hypothesis, codon usage bias. Experimental approaches used to decipher the genetic code. Messenger RNA, transfer RNA, charging of tRNA. Structure of the ribosome. Three stages of translation- initiation, elongation and termination in prokaryotes and eukaryotes, charging of tRNA and aminoacyl tRNA synthetases.

UNIT IV: Regulation of gene expression

No. of hours: 9

Concept of operons, regulatory proteins, activators, repressors, DNA binding domains, regulation of *lac* and *trp* operon, riboswitches, induction of SOS response. Eukaryotic gene regulation by chromatin remodeling, heterochromatin and euchromatin, regulation of galactose metabolism genes in yeast, action of enhancers and insulators, working of activators and repressors, synthesis and mechanism of action - siRNA and miRNA.

PRACTICAL:

Credit: 2

Total Hours: 60

1. Quantitative estimation of RNA by Orcinol Method
2. Extraction of total RNA from bacteria /yeast
3. To study growth curve and diauxic growth curve in *E. coli*
4. To study the effect of inhibitors on protein synthesis

5. DNA Footprinting (Dry Lab)

Essential readings:

1. Nelson, D.L. and Cox, M.M (2017) *Lehninger: Principles of Biochemistry* (7th ed.) W.H. Freeman & Company (New York), ISBN:13: 9781464126116 / ISBN:10-1464126119.
2. Watson, J.D., Baker, T.A., Bell, S.P., Gann, A., Levine, M. and Losick, R. (2008) *Watson: Molecular Biology of the Gene* (7th ed.), Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold spring Harbor (New York), ISBN:0-321-50781 / ISBN-13: 9780321762436

Suggested readings:

Lewin, B., Krebs, J.E., Kilpatrick, S.T., Goldstein, E.S., (2018) *Lewin's Gene X* (10th edition). Bartlett Learning publishers, LLC, ISBN: 978-0-7637-6632-0.

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