DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY
B.Sc. (H) Botany
Category-I

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE - 7: Phycology - The World of Algae

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		
Phycology - The World of Algae DSC-7	4	**2**	**0**	**2**	Class XII pass	Nil

Learning Objective:

To provide students with in-depth knowledge of the unique group of algae that are the primary photosynthetic organisms.

Learning Outcomes:

By studying this course students will gain basic knowledge on algae, with reference to:

- the diversity and general characteristics.
- distinguishing features of taxa belonging to different families.
- the various ecological and economic benefits.

Unit 1: Introduction to Algal World **6 hours**

Relevance of studying algae – Industrial (food, feed, fodder), Environmental (climate change, biofuel, acidification of oceans), Evolutionary (range of thallus organization); General characteristics; Ecology, diversity and distribution; Range of thallus organization; Cell structure; Criteria for classification (cell wall, pigment system, reserve food, flagella); Reproduction and life cycle patterns; Classification by Fritsch; Evolutionary classification of Lee (only up to groups); Significant contributions of eminent Phycologists.

Unit 2: Cyanophyceae (Blue-Green Algae) **3 hours**

General characteristics; Occurrence; Cell structure; Heterocyst (structure and function); Morphology, reproduction and life-cycle of *Nostoc*, economic importance.

Unit 3: Chlorophyceae (Green Algae) **6 hours**

General characteristics; Occurrence; Cell structure; Morphology, reproduction and life-cycle of *Chlamydomonas*, *Volvox*, *Chlorella, Ulva*, *Oedogonium*, *Coleochaete*; *Chara*; Structure and evolutionary significance of *Prochloron*, economic importance.

Unit 4: Xanthophyceae (Yellow-Green Algae) 2 hours
General characteristics; Occurrence; Morphology, reproduction, and life-cycle of *Vaucheria*, economic importance.

Unit 5: Bacillariophyceae (Diatoms) and Dinophyceae (Dinoflagellates) 3 hours

General characteristics, Occurrence, morphology, unique features**,** economic importance.

Unit 6: Phaeophyceae (Brown Algae) 4 hours
General characteristics; Occurrence; Morphology, reproduction, and life-cycle of *Ectocarpus* and *Sargassum*, economic importance.

Unit 7: Rhodophyceae (Red Algae) 4 hours
General characteristics; Occurrence; Morphology, reproduction, and life-cycle of *Gracilaria*, economic importance.

Unit 8: Recent advances in algal studies 2 hours
Model systems and their applications in genetic, molecular and evolutionary studies.

Practicals 60 hours

1. Study of algal diversity in different habitats through botanical excursion and submission of digital catalogue/report of various species observed.
2. ***Nostoc***: Study of vegetative, reproductive structures from temporary mounts and permanent slides; Ultrastructure of Heterocyst through Electron Micrographs.
3. ***Chlorella***: Study of vegetative, reproductive structures from temporary mounts. Study of ultrastructure through Electron Micrographs.
4. ***Volvox***: Study of vegetative, reproductive structures from temporary mounts and permanent slides.
5. ***Oedogonium***: Study of vegetative, reproductive structures from temporary mounts and permanent slides.
6. ***Coleochaete***: Study of vegetative, reproductive structures from temporary mounts and permanent slides.
7. ***Chara***: Study of vegetative, reproductive structures from temporary mounts, specimens and permanent slides.
8. ***Vaucheria***: Study of vegetative, reproductive structures from temporary mounts and permanent slides.
9. **Diatoms** and **Dinoflagellates**: Study vegetative, reproductive structures of at least two taxa from water bodies.
10. ***Ectocarpus***: Study of vegetative, reproductive structures from temporary mounts and permanent slides.
11. ***Sargassum***: Study of vegetative, reproductive structures from temporary mounts, specimens and permanent slides.
12. ***Polysiphonia/ Gracilaria***: Study of vegetative, reproductive structures from temporary mounts and permanent slides.

Suggested Readings:

1. Bold, H.C. and Wynne, M.J. (1985). Introduction to the Algae: Structure and Reproduction, 2nd edition. Prentice-Hall International INC.
2. Kumar, H.D. (1999). Introductory Phycology, 2nd edition. Affiliated East-West Press, New Delhi.
3. Lee, R.E. (2018). Phycology, 4th edition: Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
4. Sahoo, D. and Seckbach, J. (2015). The Algae World. Springer, Dordrecht.
5. Sahoo, D. (2000).Farming the Ocean: Seaweed Cultivation and Utilization. Aravali Book International, New Delhi.

Additional Resources:

1. Van den Hoek, C., Mann, D.G., Jahans H.M. (1995). Algae: An Introduction to Phycology. Cambridge University Press.
2. Sharma, O.P. (2011). Algae. Tata Mc Graw Hill Education Private Limited, New Delhi.
3. Smith, G.M. (1955). Cryptogamic Botany. Vol.1.Algae and Fungi. McGraw-Hill Book Company, New York.
4. Vashishta, B.R., Singh, V.P. and Sinha, A.K. (2012). Botany for Degree Students: Algae. S Chand Publishing, New Delhi.

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