

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE – 2 (DSC-2) Biology of Cell: Structure

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Prerequisites 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		
Biology of Cell: Structure and Function	4	2	--	2	Class X II pass with Biology as one of the papers in Class XII	-

Learning Objectives

The objective of the course is to help the students to learn and develop an understanding of a cell as a basic unit of life. This course is designed to enable them to understand the functions of cellular organelles and how a cell carries out and regulates cellular functions.

Learning outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- Understand the fundamental principles of cell biology.
- Explain the structure and functions of cell organelles involved in diverse cellular processes.
- Appreciate how cells grow, divide, survive, die, and regulate these important processes.
- Comprehend the process of cell signaling and its role in cellular functions.
- Have an insight into how defects in the functioning of cell organelles and regulation of cellular processes can develop into diseases. Learn the advances made in the field of cell biology and their applications

SYLLABUS OF DSC- 2

Unit I: Overview of Cells and Plasma membrane (05 Hours)

Prokaryotic and Eukaryotic cells; Various models of plasma membrane structures, Transport across membranes: active and passive transport, facilitated transport; Cell-cell junctions, structures, and functions: Tight junctions, adherens junctions, gap junctions.

Unit II: Endomembrane System (10 Hours)

Structure and Functions: Endoplasmic Reticulum (ER), Golgi apparatus, Signal hypothesis, Vesicular transport from ER to Golgi apparatus, Protein sorting and transport from Golgi apparatus, Coated Vesicles, Lysosomes, Peroxisomes. Structure of Mitochondria, Semiautonomous nature, Endosymbiotic hypothesis; Respiratory chain, Chemiosmotic hypothesis, ATP Synthase.

Unit III: Cytoskeleton (2 Hours)

Structure and Functions: Microtubules, Microfilaments and Intermediate filaments.

Unit IV: Nucleus (4 Hours)

Structure of Nucleus, Nuclear envelope, nuclear pore complex, Transport of molecules across nuclear membrane, nucleosome, nucleolus; Chromatin: euchromatin, heterochromatin.

Unit V: Cell Division (4 Hours)

Mitosis, Meiosis, Cell cycle and its regulation.

Unit VI: Introduction to Cell Signaling (05 Hours)

Cell Signaling through G-protein coupled receptor (GPCR) and role of secondary messenger: cAMP and protein kinase A.

Practical component (60 Hours)

1. Microscopy: Compound microscope: principle, components and handling; Phase contrast microscope; Electron microscope; Differential Interference Contrast (DIC) Microscope.
2. Principle and types of cell fixation and staining; Cell fractionation.
3. To study prokaryotic cells by Gram staining and eukaryotic cell (cheek cells) by hematoxylin/methylene blue.
4. To study the effect of hypotonic, isotonic, and hypertonic solutions on cell permeability.
5. Preparation of a temporary slide of squashed and stained onion root tip to study various stages of mitosis.
6. Study the effect of colchicine on mitosis at 24 hrs and 48 hrs.
7. Study of various stages of meiosis through permanent slides.
8. Preparation of stained mount to show the presence of Barr body in human female blood cells/cheek cells.
9. Cytochemical demonstration of:
 - a. DNA by Feulgen reaction
 - b. Mucopolysaccharides by PAS reaction
 - c. Proteins by Mercuric Bromophenol Blue/Acid Fast Green

Essential readings

1. Cooper, G.M., Hausman, R.E. (2019) The Cell: A Molecular Approach. VIII Edition, ASM Press and Sinauer Associates.
2. Becker, Kleinsmith, and Hardin (2018) The World of the Cell, IX Edition, Benjamin Cummings Publishing, San Francisco.
3. Karp, G. (2015). Cell and Molecular Biology: Concepts and Experiments, VIII Edition, John Wiley & Sons Inc.
4. Renu Gupta, Seema Makhija and Ravi Toteja (2018). Cell Biology Practical Manual, Prestige Publishers, New Delhi
5. VK Sharma (1991). Techniques in Microscopy and Cell Biology, Tata McGraw-Hill Publishing Company Limited, New Delhi

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE– 3 (DSC-3) Concepts of Ecology**Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course**

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