DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE— 6 (DSC-6): Human Physiology-Control and Coordination Systems

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre- requisite of
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		the course (if any)
Human Physiology- Control and Coordination Systems	04	02	0	02	Class XII pass with Biology/ Biotechnology	NIL

Learning Objectives

The learning objectives of this course are as follows:

- The course will provide a thorough understanding of the normal body function and helps to determine the cause of disease.
- It will enable the development of new and more effective treatments and guidelines for maintaining good health.
- It will equip the students with an ability to pursue career in medical and healthcare sector, pharmaceuticals and other related areas.
- It will help in understanding how these systems interact among themselves to maintain stability or homeostasis.

Learning Outcomes

By studying this course, students will be able to:

- appreciate human physiology and have its enhanced knowledge.
- recognize and identify principal tissue structures and functions
- understand the functions of important physiological systems including the nervous system, muscular system, endocrine and reproductive system
- learn an integrative approach to understand how these separate systems interact to yield integrated physiological responses to maintain homeostasis in the body along with feedback mechanisms.
- synthesize ideas to make the connection between knowledge of physiology and realworld situations, including healthy lifestyle decisions and problems faced due to homeostatic imbalances
- perform, analyze and report on experiments and observations in physiology
- know the fundamentals and understand advanced concepts so as to develop a strong foundation that will help them to acquire skills and knowledge to pursue an advanced degree.

SYLLABUS OF DSC-6

UNIT – I Nervous System and Sense Organs

08 Hours

Structure of neuron, resting membrane potential, origin and conduction of action potential across

the myelinated and unmyelinated nerve fibers; Types of synapses, synaptic transmission, Neuromuscular junction.

UNIT – II Muscle Physiology

07 Hours

Mechanism of muscle contraction; Characteristics of muscle twitch; Motor unit, summation, and tetanus.

UNIT – III Endocrine System

08 Hours

Hormones secreted by the glands, their physiological action and the disorders related to their secretion; Classification of hormones and their regulation; Mode of hormone action- Signal transduction pathways for peptide and steroid hormones.

UNIT - IV Reproductive System

07 Hours

Physiology of male and female reproduction—spermatogenesis, oogenesis, follicular development, steroidogenesis, implantation, pregnancy, and mammary gland development.

Practical component – 60 Hours

- 1. Classification, structure and functions of tissues: epithelial, connective, muscular and nervous tissue.
- 2. Structure, histology, types and function of bones and cartilage.
- 3. Classification and histological structure of muscle; ultrastructure of striated muscle.
- 4. Preparation of temporary mounts: Squamous epithelium, Striated muscle fibres, Nerve cells.
- 5. Demonstration of the unconditioned reflex action (Deep tendon reflex such as knee jerk reflex).
- 6. Recording of simple muscle twitch with electrical stimulation (Interpretation/Virtual).
- 7. Study of permanent slides of Mammalian Skin, Spinal cord, Hypothalamus, Pineal, Pituitary, Thyroid, Parathyroid, Pancreas, Adrenal, Testis and Ovary.
- 8. Permanent slide preparation from various tissues: Tissue fixation, block preparation, tissue sectioning, H&E staining, microscopy (Minimum three tissues; tissue can be procured from the slaughterhouse).

Essential/recommended readings

- 1. Tortora, G.J. and Derrickson, B.H. (2012). Principles of Anatomy and Physiology. XIII Edition, John Wiley and Sons, Inc.
- 2. Widmaier E, Raff H and Strang K. (2013) Vander's Human Physiology: The Mechanism of Body Functions. XIII Edition, McGraw-Hill Education.
- 3. Guyton, A.C. and Hall, J.E. (2011) Textbook of Medical Physiology. XII Edition, Harcourt Asia Pvt. Ltd/ W.B. Saunders Company.
- 4. Eroschenko, Victor P. (2012) Di Fiore's Atlas of Histology with Functional Correlations; 12th edition, CBS Publishers and Distributors Pvt. Ltd.

Suggestive readings

- 1. Chatterjee, C.C. (2021) Human Physiology, 14th Edition, Volume 1 & Volume II, CBS Publishers and Distributors Pvt. Ltd.
- 2. Kesar, S. and Vashisht, N. (2007) Experimental Physiology. Heritage Publishers.