

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad University of Technology, West Bengal
(Formerly West Bengal University of Technology)
Syllabus for B. Tech in Civil Engineering
 (Applicable from the academic session 2018-2019)

CE(ES)393	Life Science	1L + 2P	2 Credits
Module 1A	Plant Physiology Transpiration; Mineral nutrition		3 L
Module 1B	Ecology Ecosystems- Components, types, flow of matter and energy in anecosystem; Community ecology- Characteristics, frequency, life forms, and biological spectrum;Ecosystem structure- Biotic and a-biotic factors, food chain, food web, ecological pyramids;		3 L
Module 2A	Population Dynamics Population ecology- Population characteristics,ecotypes; Population genetics- Concept of gene pool and genetic diversity in populations,polymorphism and heterogeneity;		3 L
Module 2B	Environmental Management Principles: Perspectives, concerns andmanagement strategies; Policies and legal aspects- Environment Protection Acts and modification,International Treaties; Environmental Impact Assessment- Case studies (International Airport,thermal power plant);		3 L
Module 3A	Molecular Genetics Structures of DNA and RNA; Concept of Gene, Generegulation, e.g., Operon concept		3 L
Module 3B	Biotechnology Basic concepts: Totipotency and Cell manipulation; Plant &Animal tissue culture- Methods and uses in agriculture, medicine and health; Recombinant DNATechnology- Techniques and applications		3 L
Module 4	Biostatistics Introduction to Biostatistics:-Terms used, types of data;Measures of Central Tendencies- Mean, Median, Mode, Normal and Skewed distributions; Analysisof Data- Hypothesis testing and ANNOVA (single factor)		4 L
Module 5	Laboratory & FieldworkSessions Comparison of stomatal index in differentplants; Study of mineral crystals in plants; Determination of diversity indices in plant communities;To construct ecological pyramids of population sizes in an ecosystem; Determination of ImportanceValue Index of a species in a plant community; Seminar (with PPTs) on EIA of a Mega-Project (e.g.,Airport, Thermal/Nuclear Power Plant/ Oil spill scenario); Preparation and extraction of genomic DNA and determination of yield by UV absorbance; Isolation of Plasmid DNA and its separation byGel Electrophoresis; Data analysis using Bio-statistical tools;		15 P
References	1. Biology: A global approach: Campbell, N. A.; Reece, J. B.; Urry, Lisa; Cain, M, L.; Wasserman, S. A.; Minorsky, P. V.; Jackson, R. B. Pearson Education Ltd 2. Outlines of Biochemistry, Conn, E.E; Stumpf, P.K; Bruening, G; Doi, R.H. John Wiley and Sons 3. Principles of Biochemistry (V Edition), By Nelson, D. L.; and Cox, M. M.W.H. Freeman and Company 4. Molecular Genetics (Second edition), Stent, G. S.; and Calender, R. W.H. Freeman and company, Distributed by Satish Kumar Jain for CBS Publisher 5. Microbiology, Prescott, L.M J.P. Harley and C.A. Klein 1995. 2nd edition Wm, C. Brown Publishers		