

**UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS**  
**B.Sc. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN MICROBIOLOGY**  
SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

Subject Code	Subject Name	Category	L	T	P	S	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
									CIA	External	Total
136C2A	Microbial Physiology and Metabolism	Core Course III	Y	-	-	-	5	5	25	75	100

**Course Objectives**

CO1	Study the basic principles of microbial growth.
CO2	Understand the basic concepts of aerobic and anaerobic metabolic pathways.
CO3	Analyze the role of individual components in overall cell function.
CO4	Provide information on sources of energy and its utilization by microorganisms.
CO5	Study the different types of metabolic strategies.

Unit	Details	No.of Hours	Course Objectives
I	Physiology of Microbial Growth: Batch – continuous - synchronous cultures; Growth curve and measurement method (turbidity, biomass, and cell count). Control of microbial growth.	12	CO1
II	Nutrition Requirements - Photoautotrophs, photoorganotrophs, chemolithotrophs (Ammonia, Nitrite, Sulfur, Hydrogen, Iron oxidizing Bacteria), chemoorganotrophs. Nutrition transport mechanisms – Passive diffusion and Active transport. Factors affecting microbial growth.	12	CO2
III	An overview of Metabolism - Embden Meyerhof Pathway, Entner-Doudoroff Pathway, Pentose Phosphate Pathway, Tricarboxylic Acid Cycle. Electron Transport Chain and Oxidative Phosphorylation. ATP synthesis. Fermentation-Homolactic Fermentation, Heterolactic Fermentation, Mixed Acid Fermentation, Butanediol Fermentation.	12	CO3
IV	Photosynthesis - An overview of chloroplast structure. Photosynthetic Pigments, Light Reaction-Cyclic and non-cyclic Photophosphorylation. Dark Reaction - Calvin Cycle.	12	CO4
V	Bacterial reproduction - Binary fission, Budding, Reproduction through conidia, cyst formation, endospore formation. Fungi asexual and sexual reproduction, Microalgae reproduction. Asexual and sexual reproduction of protozoa.	12	CO5
	Total	60	

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Course Outcomes		
Course Outcomes	On completion of this course, students will;	
CO1	Describe microorganisms based on nutrition.	PO6, PO9
CO2	Know the concept of microbial growth and identify the factors affecting bacterial growth.	PO6, PO7, PO9
CO3	Explain the methods of nutrient uptake.	PO6, PO9
CO4	Describe anaerobic and aerobic energy production.	PO6, PO9
CO5	Elaborate on the process of bacterial photosynthesis and reproduction.	PO6, PO9
Text Books		
1	Schlegel, H.G. (1993). General Microbiology.,7 <sup>th</sup> Edition, Press syndicate of the University of Cambridge.	
2	RajapandianK.(2010). Microbial Physiology, Chennai: PBS Book Enterprises India.	
3	MeenaKumari. S. Microbial Physiology, Chennai 1 <sup>st</sup> Edition MJP Publishers 2006.	
4	Dubey R.C. and Maheswari, S. (2003). A textbook of Microbiology, New Delhi: S. Chand & Co.	
5	S. Ram Reddy, S.M. Reddy (2008). Microbial Physiology. Anmol Publications Pvt Ltd.	
References Books		
1	Robert K. Poole (2004). Advances in Microbial Physiology, Elsevier Academic Press, New York, Volume 49.	
2	Kim B.H., Gadd G.M. (2008). Bacterial Physiology and Metabolism. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.	
3	Daniel R. Caldwell. (1995). Microbial Physiology & Metabolism Wm.C. Brown Communications, Inc. USA.	
4	Moat, A.G and J.W Foaster (1995). Microbial Physiology, 3 <sup>rd</sup> edition. Wiley – LISS, A John Wiley & Sons. Inc. Publications.	
5	BhanuShrivastava. (2011). Microbial Physiology and Metabolism: Study of Microbial Physiology and Metabolism. Lambert academic Publication.	
Web Resources		
1	<a href="https://sites.google.com/site/microbialphysiologyoddsem/teaching-contents">https://sites.google.com/site/microbialphysiologyoddsem/teaching-contents</a>	
2	<a href="https://courses.lumenlearning.com/boundless-microbiology/chapter/microbial-Nutrition">https://courses.lumenlearning.com/boundless-microbiology/chapter/microbial-Nutrition</a>	
3	<a href="https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/cec20_bt14/preview">https://onlinecourses.swayam2.ac.in/cec20_bt14/preview</a>	
4	<a href="http://web.iitd.ac.in/~amittal/2007_Addy_Enzymes_Chapter.pdf">http://web.iitd.ac.in/~amittal/2007_Addy_Enzymes_Chapter.pdf</a>	
5	<a href="https://www.frontiersin.org/microbial-physiology-and-metabolism">https://www.frontiersin.org/microbial-physiology-and-metabolism</a>	

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<b>Methods of Evaluation</b>		
<b>Internal Evaluation</b>	Continuous Internal Assessment Test	25 Marks
	Assignments	
	Seminars	
	Attendance and Class Participation	
<b>External Evaluation</b>	End Semester Examination	75 Marks
	Total	100 Marks
<b>Methods of Assessment</b>		
<b>Recall (K1)</b>	Simple definitions, MCQ, Recall steps, Concept definitions	
<b>Understand/ Comprehend (K2)</b>	MCQ, True/False, Short essays, Concept explanations, Short summary or overview	
<b>Application (K3)</b>	Suggest idea/concept with examples, Suggest formulae, Solve problems, Observe, Explain	
<b>Analyze (K4)</b>	Problem-solving questions, Finish a procedure in many steps, Differentiate between various ideas, Map knowledge	
<b>Evaluate (K5)</b>	Longer essay/ Evaluation essay, Critique or justify with pros and cons	
<b>Create (K6)</b>	Check knowledge in specific or offbeat situations, Discussion, Debating or Presentations	

**Mapping with Programme Outcomes:**

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10	PO11
CO1						M			M		
CO2						M	L		M		
CO3						M			M		
CO4						M			M		
CO5						M			M		