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	Exter-nal	Total
336C6A	**Environmental And Agriculture Microbiology**	Core Course – XIII	**Y**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**4**	**6**	**25**	**75**	**100**

Course Objectives

CO1	To discuss the distribution and association of microorganism in various ecosystems and to know about the role of microorganism in water pollution and water quality.
CO2	To acquire knowledge about the role of microorganism in water pollution and water quality
CO3	Gain knowledge about microbes as biofertilizers and the aspects of application.
CO4	To learn about the process of solid waste management and sewage water treatment.
CO5	Gain knowledge on various plant diseases and pathogens

Unit	Details	No. of Hours	Course Objectives
I	Microorganisms and their Habitats: Structure and function of ecosystems Terrestrial Environment: Soil profile and soil microflora, Microbial succession in decomposition of soil organic matter. Role of microorganisms in elemental cycles in nature: Carbon, Nitrogen. Aquatic Environment: Microflora of fresh water and marine habitats, factors influencing microbial growth in the aquatic environments. Atmosphere: Aeromicroflora and dispersal of microbes, Assessment of air quality, Enumeration of microorganism in air, Air sanitation. Extreme Habitats: Extremophiles: Microbes thriving at high & low temperatures, pH, high hydrostatic & osmotic pressures, salinity, & low nutrient levels. Predisposing factors for Environmental diseases – infectious (water and air borne) and pollution related, spread and control of these diseases. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - role in environmental protection.	12	CO1
II	Water potability: Sources and types of water surface, ground, stored, distilled, mineral and de-mineralized water and their pollution, biological indicators of water Pollution, Eutrophication. Conventional Bacteriological standards of Water Quality, MPN index, coliform test, Membrane filtration. BOD, COD. Advanced molecular methods for water analysis. Water borne diseases. Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) standards**.**	11	CO2

III	Microbial Interactions: Rhizosphere microflora. Concepts of Nitrogen fixation – Symbiotic and asymbiotic nitrogen fixers. Brief account of microbial interactions: Symbiosis, neutralism, commensalism, competition, Ammensalism, Synergism, parasitism, and predation. General account and Significance of Biofertilizers and biocontrol agents – Bacterial, cyanobacterial, VAM. Mass production of Rhizobial biofertilizer. Biocontrol agents – Bacterial, viral, fungal.	12	CO3
IV	Waste treatment and bioremediation**:** Solid waste management: Sources and types of solid waste, composting, vermicomposting, production of biogas. Liquid waste management: Primary, secondary, and tertiary sewage treatment. Bioremediation and waste management: Need and scope of bioremediation. Degradation of hydrocarbons, oil spills, heavy metals – Chromium, lead, and xenobiotics – PCB.	15	CO4
V	Plant pathology: Mode of entry of pathogens, Microbial enzymes, toxins, growth regulators and suppressor of plant defense in plant diseases. Plant defense mechanisms. Bacterial diseases – Citrus canker, Blight of paddy. Viral disease – TMV, CMV. Fungal disease- red rot of sugarcane, Tikka disease. Plant disease management.	10	CO5
	Total	60	

Course Outcomes

Course Outcomes	On completion of this course, students will;	
CO1	Describe about the structure and function of ecosystems and understand the role of microbes in various environments	PO1
CO2	Identify the cause of water pollution, and perform methods to assess the quality of water.	PO4,PO5,PO6,PO7, PO8
CO3	Explain the productionof biofertilizers and biopesticides.	PO1, PO7,PO8
CO4	Explainabout waste treatment process and microbial decomposition and bio-remediation process.	PO6
CO5	Describe about plant diseases caused by microbes and acquire a clear idea on plant pathogenic interaction	PO1,PO5

Text Books

1.	Joseph C. Daniel. (2006). Environmental aspects of Microbiology 2nd Edition. BrightSun Publications.
2.	Pradipta. K.M. (2008). Textbook of Environmental Microbiology.I.K.Publishing. House.
3.	Ramanathan, and Muthukaruppan SM. (2005). Environmental Microbiology.OmSakthiPathipagam, Annamalai Nagar.
4.	K. Vijaya Ramesh.(2004).Environmental Microbiology. 1st Edition. MJP Publishers.
5.	SubbaRao.N.S.(2017). Soil Microbiology.4th Edition. Oxford and IBH Publishing Pvt.Ltd.

References Books	
1	Dirk, J. Elasas, V., Trevors, J.T., Wellington, E.M.H. (1997). Modern Soil Microbiology, Marcel Dekker INC, New York, Hong Kong.
2	EcEldowney S, Hardman D.J., Waite D.J., Waite S.(1993). Pollution: Ecology and Biotreatment – Longman Scientific Technical.
3	Mitchel, R.(1992). Environmental Microbiology. Wiley –John Wiley and Sons. Inc. Publications, New York.
4	Clescri, L.S., Greenberg, A.E. and Eaton, A.D.(1998). Standard Methods for Examination of Water and Wastewater, 20thEdition. American Public Health Association.
5	Atlas, R.M. and Bartha, R.(1992). Microbial Ecology: Fundamentals andApplications, 2nd Edition. The Benjamin / Cummings Publishing Co.,Redwood City, CA.
Web Resources	
1	https://nptel.ac.in/courses/126105016
2	https://www.classcentral.com/course/swayam-plant-pathology-and-soil-health-14236
3	https://www.wasteonline.org.uk/resources/InformationSheets/WasteDisposal.htm
4	https://plantpath.cornell.edu/labs/enelson/PDFs/Hill_et_al_2000.pdf
5	https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/j.1365-2389.2005.00781.x

Methods of Evaluation		
Internal Evaluation	Continuous Internal Assessment Test	25 Marks
	Assignments	
	Seminars	
	Attendance and Class Participation	
External Evaluation	End Semester Examination	75 Marks
	Total	100 Marks

Methods of Assessment	
Recall (KI)	**Simple definitions, MCQ, Recall steps, Concept definitions**
Understand / Comprehend (K2)	MCQ, True/False, Short essays, Concept explanations, Short summary or overview
Application (K3)	Suggest idea/concept with examples, Suggest formulae, Solve problems, Observe, Explain
Analyse (K4)	Problem-solving questions, Finish a procedure in many steps, Differentiate between various ideas, Map knowledge
Evaluate (K5)	Longer essay/ Evaluation essay, Critique or justify with pros and cons
Create (K6)	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	S										
CO2				M	S	S	S	S			
CO3	S						S	S			
CO4						S					
CO5	M				M						