

VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY



**Curriculum for 3 -Year B Sc (HONOURS)
in
Botany**

**Under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)
w.e.f 2017-2018**

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[Choice Based Credit System]

Year	Semester	Course Type	Course Code	Course Title	Credit	L-T-P	Marks				
							CA	ESE	TOTAL		
Semester-I											
1	I	Core-1		CT1: Algae and Microbiology	6	4-0-0	15	60	75		
				CP1: Algae and Microbiology-Lab		0-0-4					
		Core-2		CT2: Biomolecule and Cell Biology	6	4-0-0	15	60	75		
				CP2: Biomolecule and Cell Biology-Lab		0-0-4					
		GE-1		TBD	6	4/5	15	60	75		
				TBD		2/1					
		AECC-1		English/MIL	2	1-1-0	10	40	50		
		Semester -I: total					20			275	
		Semester-II									
			II	Core-3		CT3: Mycology and Phytopathology	6	4-0-0	15	60	75
	CP3: Mycology and Phytopathology -Lab				0-0-4						
Core-4				CT4: Archegoniate	6	4-0-0	15	60	75		
				CP4: Archegoniate-Lab		0-0-4					
GE-2				TBD	6	4/5	15	60	75		
				TBD		2/1					
AECC-2				ENVS	4		20	80	100		
Semester-II : total					22			325			

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							CA	ESE	TOTAL
2	Semester-III								
	III	Core-5		CT5: Morphology and Anatomy	6	4-0-0	15	60	75
				CP5: Morphology and Anatomy - Lab		0-0-4			
		Core-6		CT6: Economic Botany	6	4-0-0	15	60	75
				CP6: Economic Botany-Lab		0-0-4			
		Core-7		CT7: Genetics	6	4-0-0	15	60	75
				CP7: Genetics -Lab		0-0-4			
		GE-3		TBD	6	4/5	15	60	75
						2/1			
	SEC-1		TBD	2		10	40	50	
	Semester – III : total					26			350
	Semester-IV								
	IV	Core-8		CT8: Molecular Biology	6	4-0-0	15	60	75
				CP8: Molecular Biology -Lab		0-0-4			
		Core-9		CT9: Plant Ecology and Phytogeography	6	4-0-0	15	60	75
				CP9: Plant Ecology and Phytogeography -Lab		0-0-4			
		Core-10		CT10: Plant Systematics	6	4-0-0	15	60	75
				CP10: Plant Systematics-Lab		0-0-4			
		GE-4		TBD	6	4/5	15	60	75
						2/1			
SEC-2		TBD	2		10	40	50		
Semester – IV : total					26			350	

Year	Semester	Course Type	Course Code	Course Title	Credit	L-T-P	Marks		
							CA	ESE	TOTAL
3	V	Semester-V							
		Core-11		CT11: Reproductive Biology Angiosperms	6	4-0-0	15	60	75
				CP11: Reproductive Biology Angiosperms -Lab		0-0-4			
		Core-12		CT12: Plant Physiology	6	4-0-0	15	60	75
				CP12: Plant Physiology -Lab		0-0-4			
		DSE-1		TBD	6	4-0-0	15	60	75
						0-0-4			
		DSE-2		TBD	6	4-0-0	15	60	75
						0-0-4			
		Semester –V : total					24		
	Semester-VI								
	VI	Core-13		CT13: Plant Metabolism	6	4-0-0	15	60	75
				CP13: Plant Metabolism -Lab		0-0-4			
		Core-14		CT14: Plant Biotechnology	6	4-0-0	15	60	75
				CP14: Plant Biotechnology-Lab		0-0-4			
		DSE-3		TBD	6	4-0-0	15	60	75
						0-0-4			
		DSE-4		TBD	6	4-0-0	15	60	75
						0-0-4			
		Semester – VI : total					24		
Total in all semester:					142			1900	

CC = Core Course , AECC = Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course , GE = Generic Elective , SEC = Skill Enhancement Course , DSE = Discipline Specific Elective , CA= Continuous Assessment , ESE= End Semester Examination , TBD=To be decided , CT = Core Theory, CP=Core Practical , L = Lecture, T = Tutorial ,P = Practical , MIL = Modern Indian Language , ENVS = Environmental Studies ,

List of Core Course (CC)

- CC-1: Phycology and Microbiology
- CC-2: Bio-molecules and Cell Biology
- CC-3: Mycology and Phytopathology
- CC-4: Archegoniate
- CC-5: Anatomy of Angiosperms
- CC-6: Economic Botany
- CC-7: Genetics
- CC-8: Molecular Biology
- CC-9: Plant Ecology and Phytogeography
- CC-10: Plant Systematics
- CC-11: Reproductive Biology of Angiosperms
- CC-12: Plant Physiology
- CC-13: Plant Metabolism
- CC-14: Plant Biotechnology

Discipline Specific Electives (DSE)

- DSE-1: Natural Resource Management
- Or
- DSE-1: Biostatistics
- DSE-2: Plant Breeding
- Or
- DSE-2: Stress Biology
- DSE-3: Industrial and Environmental Microbiology
- Or
- DSE-3: Bioinformatics
- DSE-4: Analytical Techniques in Plant Sciences
- Or
- DSE-4: Research Methodology

Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)

- SEC-1: Biofertilizers
- Or
- SEC-1: Floriculture

- SEC-2: Medicinal Botany
- Or
- SEC-2: Mushroom Culture Technology

Generic Electives (GE)

- GE-1: Biodiversity (Microbes, Algae, Fungi and Archegoniate)
- GE-2: Plant Ecology and Taxonomy
- GE-3: Economic Botany and Plant Biotechnology
- GE-4: Plant Anatomy and Embryology
- Or
- GE-4: Plant Physiology and Metabolism

Core Courses(CC)

CC-1: Phycology and Microbiology

Credits 06

C1T: Phycology and Microbiology

Credits 04

Course Contents:

Unit 1: Introduction to microbial world

Microbial nutrition, growth and metabolism. Economic importance of viruses with reference to vaccine production, role in research, medicine and diagnostics, as causal organisms of plant diseases. Economic importance of bacteria with reference to their role in agriculture and industry (fermentation and medicine).

Unit 2: Viruses

Discovery, physiochemical and biological characteristics; classification (Baltimore), general structure with special reference to viroids and prions; replication (general account), DNA virus (T-phage), lytic and lysogenic cycle; RNA virus (TMV).

Unit 3: Bacteria

Discovery, general characteristics; Types-archaeobacteria, eubacteria, wall-less forms (mycoplasma and spheroplasts); Cell structure; Nutritional types; Reproduction-vegetative, asexual and recombination (conjugation, transformation and transduction).

Unit 4: Algae

General characteristics; Ecology and distribution; range of thallus organization; Cell structure and components; cell wall, pigment system, reserve food (of only groups represented in the syllabus), flagella; methods of reproduction; Classification; criteria, system of Fritsch, and evolutionary classification of Lee (only upto groups) and Van – den Hoek et.al(1982); Significant contributions of important phycologists (F.E. Fritsch, G.M. Smith, R.N. Singh, T.V. Desikachary, H.D. Kumar, M.O.P. Iyengar). Role of algae in the environment, agriculture, biotechnology and industry.

Unit 5: Cyanophyta and Xanthophyta

Ecology and occurrence; Range of thallus organization; Cell structure; Reproduction, Morphology and life-cycle of *Nostoc* and *Vaucheria*.

Unit 6: Chlorophyta and Charophyta

General characteristics; Occurrence; Range of thallus organization; Cell structure; Reproduction. Morphology and life-cycles of *Chlamydomonas*, *Volvox*, *Oedogonium*, *Coleochaete*, *Chara*.

Evolutionary significance of *Prochloron*.

Unit 7: Phaeophyta and Rhodophyta

Characteristics; Occurrence; Range of thallus organization; Cell structure; Reproduction. Morphology and life-cycles of *Ectocarpus*, *Fucus* and *Polysiphonia*.

(Practical)**Microbiology**

1. Electron micrographs/Models of viruses – T-Phage and TMV, Line drawings/ Photographs of Lytic and Lysogenic Cycle.
2. Types of Bacteria to be observed from temporary/permanent slides/photographs. Electron micrographs of bacteria, binary fission, endospore, conjugation, root Nodule.
3. Gram staining.
4. Endospore staining with malachite green using the (endospores taken from soil bacteria).
5. Study of bacteria from root nodules/Curd sample.

Phycology

Study of vegetative and reproductive structures of *Nostoc*, *Chlamydomonas* (electron micrographs), *Volvox*, *Oedogonium*, *Coleochaete*, *Chara*, *Vaucheria*, *Ectocarpus*, *Fucus* and *Polysiphonia*, *Prochloron* through electron micrographs, temporary preparations and permanent slides.

Suggested Readings:

- Lee, R.E. (2008). Phycology, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge. 4th edition.
- Wiley JM, Sherwood LM and Woolverton CJ. (2013) Prescott's Microbiology. 9th Edition. McGraw
- Hill International.
- Kumar, H.D. (1999). Introductory Phycology. Affiliated East-West Press, Delhi.
- 4.Sahoo, D. (2000). Farming the ocean: seaweeds cultivation and utilization. Aravali International, New Delhi.
- Campbell, N.A., Reece J.B., Urry L.A., Cain M.L., Wasserman S.A. Minorsky P.V., Jackson
- R.B. (2008). Biology, Pearson Benjamin Cummings, USA. 8th edition.
- Pelczar, M.J. (2001) Microbiology, 5th edition, Tata McGraw-Hill Co, New Delhi.

CC-2 : Bio-molecules and Cell Biology**Credits 06****C2T : Bio-molecules and Cell Biology****Credits 04****Course Contents:****Unit-1: Biomolecules**

Types and significance of chemical bonds; Structure and properties of water; pH and buffers.

Carbohydrates: Nomenclature and classification; Monosaccharides ; Disaccharides; Oligosaccharides and polysaccharides.

Lipids: Definition and major classes of storage and structural lipids; Fatty acids structure and functions; Essential fatty acids; Triacyl glycerols structure, functions and properties; Phosphoglycerides.

Proteins: Structure of amino acids; Levels of protein structure-primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary; Protein denaturation and biological roles of proteins.

Nucleic acids: Structure of nitrogenous bases; Structure and function of nucleotides; Types of nucleic acids; Structure of A, B, Z types of DNA; Types of RNA; Structure of tRNA.

Unit- 2: Bioenergetics

Laws of thermodynamics, concept of free energy, endergonic and exergonic reactions, coupled reactions, redox reactions. ATP: structure, its role as a energy currency molecule.

Unit- 3: Enzymes

Structure of enzyme: holoenzyme, apoenzyme, cofactors, coenzymes and prosthetic group; Classification of enzymes; Features of active site, substrate specificity, mechanism of action (activation energy, lock and key hypothesis, induced - fit theory), Michaelis – Menten equation, enzyme inhibition and factors affecting enzyme activity.

Unit-4: The cell

Cell as a unit of structure and function; Characteristics of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells; Origin of eukaryotic cell (Endosymbiotic theory).

Unit- 5: Cell wall and plasma membrane

Chemistry, structure and function of Plant cell wall. Overview of membrane function; fluid mosaic model; Chemical composition of membranes; Membrane transport – Passive, active and facilitated transport, endocytosis and exocytosis.

Unit- 6: Cell organelles

Nucleus: Structure-nuclear envelope, nuclear pore complex, nuclear lamina, molecular organization of chromatin; nucleolus. **Cytoskeleton:** Role and structure of microtubules, microfilaments and intermediary filament. **Chloroplast, mitochondria and peroxisomes:** Structural organization; Function; Semiautonomous nature of mitochondria and chloroplast. **Endomembrane system:** Endoplasmic Reticulum – Structure, targeting and insertion of proteins in the ER, protein folding, processing; Smooth ER and lipid synthesis, export of proteins and lipids; Golgi Apparatus – organization, protein glycosylation, protein sorting and export from Golgi Apparatus; Lysosomes

Unit -7: Cell division

Phases of eukaryotic cell cycle, mitosis and meiosis; Regulation of cell cycle- checkpoints, role of protein kinases.

C2P : Bio-molecules and Cell Biology

Credits 02

(Practical)

1. Qualitative tests for carbohydrates, reducing sugars, non-reducing sugars, lipids and proteins.

2. Study of plant cell structure with the help of epidermal peel mount of Onion/*Rhoeo/Crinum*.
3. Demonstration of the phenomenon of protoplasmic streaming in *Hydrilla* leaf.
4. Measurement of cell size by the technique of micrometry.
5. Counting the cells per unit volume with the help of haemocytometer. (Yeast / pollen grains).
6. Study of cell and its organelles with the help of electron micrographs.
7. Cytochemical staining of : DNA- Feulgen Acto carmin and Aceto Orcrin stain and cell wall in the epidermal peel of onion using Periodic Schiff's (PAS) staining technique.
8. Study the phenomenon of plasmolysis and deplasmolysis.
9. Study the effect of organic solvent and temperature on membrane permeability.
10. Study different stages of mitosis and meiosis.

Suggested Readings:

- Campbell, MK (2012) Biochemistry, 7th ed., Published by Cengage Learning
- Campbell, PN and Smith AD (2011) Biochemistry Illustrated, 4th ed., Published by Churchill Livingstone
- Tymoczko JL, Berg JM and Stryer L (2012) Biochemistry: A short course, 2nd ed., W.H.Freeman
- Berg JM, Tymoczko JL and Stryer L (2011) Biochemistry, W.H.Freeman and Company
- Nelson DL and Cox MM (2008) Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry, 5th Edition., W.H. Freeman and Company.
- Karp, G. (2010). Cell Biology, John Wiley & Sons, U.S.A. 6th edition.
- Hardin, J., Becker, G., Skliensmith, L.J. (2012). Becker's World of the Cell, Pearson Education Inc. U.S.A. 8th edition.
- Cooper, G.M. and Hausman, R.E. (2009) The Cell: A Molecular Approach. 5th edition. ASM Press & Sunderland, Washington, D.C.; Sinauer Associates, MA.
- Becker, W.M., Kleinsmith, L.J., Hardin. J. and Bertoni, G. P. (2009) The World of the Cell. 7th edition. Pearson Benjamin Cummings Publishing, San Francisco

CC-3 : Mycology and Phytopathology

Credits 06

C3 T : Mycology and Phytopathology

Credits 04

Course Contents:

Unit- 1: Introduction to true fungi

General characteristics; Affinities with plants and animals; Thallus organization; Cell wall composition; Nutrition; Classification.

Unit- 2: Chytridiomycota and Zygomycota

Characteristic features; Ecology and significance; Thallus organisation; Reproduction; Life cycle with reference to *Synchytrium*, *Rhizopus* .

Unit-3: Ascomycota

General characteristics (asexual and sexual fruiting bodies); Ecology; Life cycle, Heterokaryosis and parasexuality; Life cycle and classification with reference to *Saccharomyces*, *Aspergillus*, *Penicillium*, *Alternaria*, *Neurospora* and *Peziza*.

Unit- 4: Basidiomycota

General characteristics; Ecology; Life cycle and Classification with reference to black stem rust on wheat *Puccinia* (Physiological Specialization), loose and covered smut (symptoms only), *Agaricus*; Bioluminescence, Fairy Rings and Mushroom Cultivation with special reference to Oyster Mushroom..

Unit- 5: Allied Fungi

General characteristics; Status of Slime molds, Classification; Occurrence; Types of plasmodia; Types of fruiting bodies.

Unit- 6: Oomycota

General characteristics; Ecology; Life cycle and classification with reference to *Phytophthora*, *Albugo*.

Unit -7: Symbiotic associations

Lichen – Occurrence; General characteristics; Growth forms and range of thallus organization; Nature of associations of algal and fungal partners; Reproduction; Mycorrhiza-Ectomycorrhiza, Endomycorrhiza and their significance.

Unit- 8: Applied Mycology

Role of fungi in biotechnology; Application of fungi in food industry (Flavour & texture, Fermentation, Baking, Organic acids, Enzymes, Mycoproteins); Secondary metabolites (Pharmaceutical preparations); Agriculture (Biofertilizers); Mycotoxins; Biological control (Mycofungicides, Mycoherbicides, Mycoinsecticides, Myconematicides); Medical mycology.

Unit- 9: Phytopathology

Terms and concepts; General symptoms; Geographical distribution of diseases; Etiology; Symptomology; Host-Pathogen relationships; Disease cycle and environmental relation; prevention and control of plant diseases, and role of quarantine.

Bacterial diseases – Citrus canker and angular leaf spot of cotton. Viral diseases – Tobacco Mosaic viruses, vein clearing. Fungal diseases – Early blight of potato, Black stem rust of wheat, White rust of crucifers.

C3P: Mycology and Phytopathology

Credits 02

Practical

1. Introduction to the world of fungi (Unicellular, coenocytic/septate mycelium, ascocarps & basidiocarps).
2. *Rhizopus*: study of asexual stage from temporary mounts and sexual structures through permanent slides.
3. *Aspergillus* and *Penicillium*: study of asexual stage from temporary mounts. Study of Sexual stage from permanent slides/photographs.
4. *Peziza*: Ascobulus sectioning through ascocarp.
5. *Alternaria*: Specimens/photographs and temporary mounts.

6. *Puccinia*: Herbarium specimens of Black Stem Rust of Wheat and infected Barberry leaves; sections/ mounts of spores on wheat and permanent slides of both the hosts.
7. *Agaricus*: Specimens of button stage and full grown mushroom; sectioning of gills of *Agaricus*, fairy rings and bioluminescent mushrooms to be shown.
8. Study of phaneroplasmodium from actual specimens and /or photograph. Study of *Stemonitis* sporangia.
9. *Albugo*: Study of symptoms of plants infected with *Albugo*; asexual phase study through section/ temporary mounts and sexual structures through permanent slides.
10. Lichens: Study of growth forms of lichens (crustose, foliose and fruticose) on different substrates. Study of thallus and reproductive structures (soredia and apothecium) through permanent slides. Mycorrhizae: ectomycorrhiza and endomycorrhiza (Photographs)
11. Phytopathology : Herbarium specimens of bacterial diseases; Citrus Canker; Angular leaf spot of cotton, Viral diseases: TMV, Vein clearing, Fungal diseases: Early blight of potato, Black stem rust of wheat and White rust of crucifers.

Suggested Readings:

- Agrios, G.N. (1997) Plant Pathology, 4th edition, Academic Press, U.K.
- Alexopoulos, C.J., Mims, C.W., Blackwell, M. (1996). Introductory Mycology, John Wiley & Sons (Asia) Singapore. 4th edition.
- Webster, J. and Weber, R. (2007). Introduction to Fungi, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge. 3rd edition.
- Sethi, I.K. and Walia, S.K. (2011). Text book of Fungi and Their Allies, Macmillan Publishers India Ltd.
- Sharma, P.D. (2011). Plant Pathology, Rastogi Publication, Meerut, India.

CC-4: Archegoniate

Credits 06

C4T: Archegoniate

Credits 04

Course Contents:

Unit 1: Introduction

Unifying features of archegoniate; Transition to land habit; Alternation of generations.

Unit 2: Bryophytes

General characteristics; Adaptations to land habit; Classification; Range of thallus organization.

Unit 3: Type Studies- Bryophytes

Classification (up to family), morphology, anatomy and reproduction of *Riccia*, *Marchantia*, *Pellia*, *Porella*, *Anthoceros*, *Sphagnum* and *Funaria*; Pogonatum, Reproduction and evolutionary trends in *Riccia*, *Marchantia*, *Plagichasma* *Anthoceros* and *Funaria* (developmental stages not included). Ecological and economic importance of bryophytes with special reference to *Sphagnum*.

Unit 4: Pteridophytes

General characteristics; Classification; Early land plants (*Cooksonia* and *Rhynia*).

Unit 5: Type Studies- Pteridophytes

Classification (up to family), morphology, anatomy and reproduction of *Psilotum*, *Selaginella*, *Equisetum* and *Pteris* (Developmental details not to be included). Apogamy, and apospory, heterospory and seed habit, telome theory, stelar evolution; Ecological and economic importance.

Unit 6: Gymnosperms

General characteristics, classification (up to family), morphology, anatomy and reproduction of *Cycas*, *Pinus* and *Gnetum* (Developmental details not to be included); Ecological and economic importance.

C4P : Archegoniate

Credits 02

Practical

1. *Riccia* – Morphology of thallus.
2. *Marchantia*- Morphology of thallus, whole mount of rhizoids & Scales, vertical section of thallus through Gemma cup, whole mount of Gemmae (all temporary slides), vertical section of Antheridiophore, Archegoniophore, longitudinal section of Sporophyte (all permanent slides).
3. *Anthoceros*- Morphology of thallus, dissection of sporophyte (to show stomata, spores, pseudocelaters, columella) (temporary slide), vertical section of thallus (permanent slide).
4. *Pellia*, *Porella*- Permanent slides.
5. *Sphagnum*- Morphology of plant, whole mounts of leaf (permanent slide only).
6. *Funaria*- Pogonatum/ Polytrichum Morphology, whole mount of leaf, rhizoids, operculum, peristome, annulus, spores (temporary slides); permanent slides showing antheridial and archegonial heads, longitudinal section of capsule and protonema.
7. *Psilotum*- Study of specimen, transverse section of synangium (permanent slide).
8. *Selaginella*- Morphology, whole mount of leaf with ligule, transverse section of stem, whole mount of strobilus, whole mount of microsporophyll and megasporophyll (temporary slides), longitudinal section of strobilus (permanent slide).
9. *Equisetum*- Morphology, transverse section of internode, longitudinal section of strobilus, transverse section of strobilus, whole mount of sporangiophore, whole mount of spores (wet and dry) (temporary slide), transverse section of rhizome (permanent slide).
10. *Pteris*- Morphology, transverse section of rachis, vertical section of sporophyll, whole mount of sporangium, whole mount of spores (temporary slides), transverse section of rhizome, whole mount of prothallus with sex organs and young sporophyte (permanent slide).

11. *Cycas*- Morphology (coralloid roots, bulbil, leaf), whole mount of microsporophyll, transverse section of coralloid root, transverse section of rachis, vertical section of leaflet, vertical section of microsporophyll, whole mount of spores (temporary slides), longitudinal section of ovule, transverse section of root (permanent slide).
12. *Pinus*- Morphology (long and dwarf shoots, whole mount of dwarf shoot, male and female cones), transverse section of Needle, transverse section of stem, longitudinal section of / transverse section of male cone, whole mount of microsporophyll, whole mount of Microspores (temporary slides), longitudinal section of female cone, tangential longitudinal section & radial longitudinal sections stem (permanent slide).
13. *Gnetum*- Morphology (stem, male & female cones), transverse section of stem, vertical section of ovule (permanent slide)
14. **Botanical excursion.**

Suggested Readings:

- Vashistha, P.C., Sinha, A.K., Kumar, A. (2010). Pteridophyta. S. Chand. Delhi, India.
- Bhatnagar, S.P. & Moitra, A. (1996). Gymnosperms. New Age International (P) Ltd Publishers, New Delhi, India.
- Parihar, N.S. (1991). An introduction to Embryophyta: Vol. I. Bryophyta. Central Book Depot. Allahabad.
- Raven, P.H., Johnson, G.B., Losos, J.B., Singer, S.R. (2005). Biology. Tata McGraw Hill, Delhi.
- Vanderpoorten, A. & Goffinet, B. (2009) Introduction to Bryophytes. Cambridge University Press.

CC-5: Anatomy of Angiosperms

Credits 06

C5T: Anatomy of Angiosperms

Credits 04

Course Contents:

Unit 1: Introduction and scope of Plant Anatomy: Applications in systematics, forensics and pharmacognosy.

Unit 2: Structure and Development of Plant Body

Internal organization of plant body: The three tissue systems, types of cells and tissues. Development of plant body: polarity, cytodifferentiation and organogenesis during embryogenic development, Root-stem transition, Nodal anatomy – Basic concept.

Unit 2: Tissues

Classification of tissues; Simple and complex tissues (no phylogeny); cytodifferentiation of tracheary elements and sieve elements; Pits and plasmodesmata; Wall ingrowths and transfer cells, adcrustation and incrustation, Ergastic substances. Hydathodes, cavities, lithocysts and laticifers.

Unit 3: Apical meristems

Evolution of concept of organization of shoot apex (Apical cell theory, Histogen theory, Tunica Corpus theory, continuing meristematic residue, cytohistological zonation); Types of vascular bundles; Structure of dicot and monocot stem. Origin, development, arrangement and diversity in size and shape of leaves; Structure of dicot and monocot leaf, Kranz anatomy. Organization of root apex (Apical cell theory, Histogen theory, Korper-Kappe theory); Quiescent centre; Root cap; Structure of dicot and monocot root; Endodermis, exodermises and origin of lateral root.

Unit 4: Vascular Cambium and Wood

Structure, function and seasonal activity of cambium; Secondary growth in root and stem. Anomalous secondary growth in *Bignonia*, *Boerhaavia*, *Aristolochia* and *Dracaena*. Axially and radially oriented elements; Types of rays and axial parenchyma; Cyclic aspects and reaction wood; Sapwood and heartwood; Ring and diffuse porous wood; Early and late wood, tyloses; Dendrochronology. Development and composition of periderm, rhytidome and lenticels.

Unit 5: Adaptive and Protective Systems

Epidermal tissue system, cuticle, epicuticular waxes, trichomes (uni- and multicellular, glandular and nonglandular, two examples of each), stomata (classification); Adcrustation and incrustation; Anatomical adaptations of xerophytes and hydrophytes. Mechanical tissue – distribution and significance.

C5P: Anatomy of Angiosperms

Credits 02

Practical

1. Study of anatomical details through permanent slides/temporary stain mounts/macerations/museum specimens with the help of suitable examples.
2. Apical meristem of root, shoot and vascular cambium.
3. Distribution and types of parenchyma, collenchyma and sclerenchyma.
4. Xylem: Tracheary elements-tracheids, vessel elements; thickenings; perforation plates; xylem fibres.
5. Wood: ring porous; diffuse porous; tyloses; heart- and sapwood.
6. Phloem: Sieve tubes-sieve plates; companion cells; phloem fibres.
7. Epidermal system: cell types, stomata types; trichomes: non-glandular and glandular.
8. Root: monocot, dicot, secondary growth.
9. Stem: monocot, dicot - primary and secondary growth; periderm; lenticels.
10. Leaf: isobilateral, dorsiventral, C4 leaves (Kranz anatomy).
11. Adaptive Anatomy: xerophytes, hydrophytes.
12. Secretory tissues: cavities, lithocysts and laticifers.

Suggested Readings:

- Dickison, W.C. (2000). Integrative Plant Anatomy. Harcourt Academic Press, USA.
- Fahn, A. (1974). Plant Anatomy. Pergmon Press, USA.
- Mauseth, J.D. (1988). Plant Anatomy. The Benjamin/Cummings Publisher, USA.
- Evert, R.F. (2006) Esau's Plant Anatomy: Meristems, Cells, and Tissues of the Plant Body: Their Structure, Function and Development. John Wiley and Sons, Inc.

CC-6: Economic Botany

Credits 06

C6T: Economic Botany

Credits 04

Course Contents:

Unit 1: Origin of Cultivated Plants

Concept of Centres of Origin, their importance with reference to Vavilov's work. Examples of major plant introductions; Crop domestication and loss of genetic diversity; evolution of new crops/varieties, importance of germplasm diversity.

Unit 2: Cereals

Wheat and Rice (origin, morphology, cultivation, management processing & uses); Brief account of millets.

Unit 3: Legumes

Origin, morphology cultivation, management and uses of Chick pea, Pigeon pea and fodder legumes. Importance to man and ecosystem.

Unit 4: Sources of sugars and starches

Morphology cultivation, management and processing of sugarcane, products and by-products of sugarcane industry. Potato – morphology, propagation & uses.

Unit 5: Spices

Listing of important spices, their family and part used. Economic importance with special reference to fennel, saffron, clove and black pepper

Unit 6: Beverages

Tea, Coffee (morphology, processing & uses)

Unit 7: Sources of oils and fats

General description, classification, extraction, their uses and health implications groundnut, coconut, linseed, soybean, mustard and coconut (Botanical name, family & uses). Essential Oils: General account, extraction methods, comparison with fatty oils & their uses.

Unit 8: Natural Rubber

Para-rubber: tapping, processing and uses.

Unit 9: Drug-yielding plants

Therapeutic and habit-forming drugs with special reference to *Cinchona*, *Digitalis*, *Papaver* and *Cannabis*; Tobacco (Morphology, processing, uses and health hazards).

Unit 10: Timber plants

General account with special reference to teak and pine.

Unit 11: Fibers

Classification based on the origin of fibers; Cotton, Coir and Jute (morphology, extraction and uses).

C6P: Economic Botany

Credits 02

Practical

1. **Cereals:** Wheat (habit sketch, L. S/T.S. grain, starch grains, micro-chemical tests)
Rice (habit sketch, study of paddy and grain, starch grains, micro-chemical tests).
2. **Legumes:** Soybean, Groundnut, (habit, fruit, seed structure, micro-chemical tests).
3. **Sources of sugars and starches:** Sugarcane (habit sketch; cane juice- micro-chemical tests), Potato (habit sketch, tuber morphology, T.S. tuber to show localization of starch grains, w.m. starch grains, micro-chemical tests).
4. **Spices:** Black pepper, Fennel and Clove (habit and sections).
5. **Beverages:** Tea (plant specimen, tea leaves), Coffee (plant specimen, beans).
6. **Sources of oils and fats:** Coconut- T.S. nut, Mustard–plant specimen, seeds; tests for fats in crushed seeds.
7. **Essential oil-yielding plants:** Habit sketch of *Rosa*, *Vetiveria*, *Santalum* and *Eucalyptus* (specimens/photographs).
8. **Rubber:** specimen, photograph/model of tapping, samples of rubber products.
9. **Drug-yielding plants:** Specimens of *Digitalis*, *Papaver* and *Cannabis*.
10. **Tobacco:** specimen and products of Tobacco.
11. **Woods:** *Tectona*, *Pinus*: Specimen, Section of young stem.
12. **Fiber-yielding plants:** Cotton (specimen, whole mount of seed to show lint and fuzz; whole mount of fiber and test for cellulose), Jute (specimen, transverse section of stem, test for lignin on transverse section of stem and fiber).

Suggested Readings:

- Kochhar, S.L. (2012). Economic Botany in Tropics, MacMillan & Co. New Delhi, India.
- Wickens, G.E. (2001). Economic Botany: Principles & Practices. Kluwer Academic Publishers, The Netherlands.
- Chrispeels, M.J. and Sadava, D.E. 1994 Plants, Genes and Agriculture. Jones & Bartlett_Publishers.

CC-7: Genetics

Credits 06

C7T: Genetics

Credits 04

Course Contents:

Unit 1: Mendelian genetics and its extension

Mendelism: History; Principles of inheritance; Chromosome theory of inheritance; Autosomes and sex chromosomes; Probability and pedigree analysis; Incomplete dominance and codominance; Multiple alleles, Lethal alleles, Epistasis, Pleiotropy, Recessive and Dominant traits, Penetrance and Expressivity, Numericals; Polygenic inheritance.

Unit 2: Extra-chromosomal Inheritance

Chloroplast mutation: Variegation in Four o'clock plant; Mitochondrial mutations in yeast; Maternal effects-shell coiling in snail; Infective heredity- Kappa particles in *Paramecium*.

Unit 3: Linkage, crossing over and chromosome mapping

Linkage and crossing over-Cytological and molecular basis of crossing over; Recombination frequency, two factor and three factor crosses; Interference and coincidence; Numericals based on gene mapping; Sex Linkage.

Unit 4: Variation in chromosome number and structure

Deletion, Duplication, Inversion, Translocation, Position effect, Euploidy and Aneuploidy

Unit 5: Gene mutations

Types of mutations; Molecular basis of Mutations; Mutagens – physical and chemical (Base analogs, deaminating, alkylating and intercalating agents); Detection of mutations: CIB method. Role of Transposons in mutation. DNA repair mechanisms.

Unit 6: Fine structure of gene

Classical vs molecular concepts of gene; Cis-Trans complementation test for functional allelism; Structure of Phage T4, rII Locus.

Unit 6. Population and Evolutionary Genetics

Allele frequencies, Genotype frequencies, Hardy-Weinberg Law, role of natural selection, mutation, genetic drift. Genetic variation and Speciation.

C7P: Genetics

Credits 02

Practical

1. Demonstration on pretreatment, fixation, staining and squash and smear preparation.
2. Study of Mitosis from Onion / Garlic / Lentil root.
3. Study of Meiosis with pollen mother cell (PMC) of Onion / Solanum / Datura by smear preparation.
4. Mendel's laws through seed ratios. Laboratory exercises in probability and chi-square.
5. Chromosome mapping using point test cross data.
6. Pedigree analysis for dominant and recessive autosomal and sex linked traits.
7. Incomplete dominance and gene interaction through seed ratios (9:7, 9:6:1, 13:3, 15:1, 12:3:1, 9:3:4).
8. Blood Typing: groups & Rh factor.
9. Study of aneuploidy: Down's, Klinefelter's and Turner's syndromes.
10. Photographs/Permanent Slides showing Translocation Ring, Laggards and Inversion Bridge.
11. Study of human genetic traits: Sickle cell anemia, Xeroderma Pigmentosum, Albinism, red-green Colour blindness, Widow's peak, Rolling of tongue, Hitchhiker's thumb and Attached ear lobe.

Suggested Readings:

- Gardner, E.J., Simmons, M.J., Snustad, D.P. (1991). Principles of Genetics, John Wiley & sons, India. 8th edition.
- Snustad, D.P. and Simmons, M.J. (2010). Principles of Genetics, John Wiley & Sons Inc., India. 5th edition.
- Klug, W.S., Cummings, M.R., Spencer, C.A. (2009). Concepts of Genetics. Benjamin Cummings, U.S.A. 9th edition.
- Griffiths, A.J.F., Wessler, S.R., Carroll, S.B., Doebley, J. (2010). Introduction to Genetic Analysis. W. H. Freeman and Co., U.S.A. 10th edition.

CC-8: Molecular Biology

Credits 06

C8T: Molecular Biology

Credits 04

Course Contents:

Unit- 1: Nucleic acids: Carriers of genetic information

Historical perspective; DNA as the carrier of genetic information (Griffith's, Hershey & Chase, Avery, McLeod & McCarty, Fraenkel-Conrat's experiment).

Unit -2. The Structures of DNA and RNA / Genetic Material

DNA Structure: Miescher to Watson and Crick- historic perspective, DNA structure, Salient features of double helix, Types of DNA, Types of genetic material, denaturation and renaturation, cot curves; Organization of DNA-Prokaryotes, Viruses, Eukaryotes. RNA Structure- Organelle DNA -- mitochondria and chloroplast DNA. The Nucleosome-Chromatin structure- Euchromatin, Heterochromatin- Constitutive and Facultative heterochromatin.

Unit- 2: The replication of DNA

Chemistry of DNA synthesis (Kornberg's discovery); General principles – bidirectional, semiconservative and semi discontinuous replication, RNA priming; Various models of DNA replication, including rolling circle, θ (theta) mode of replication, replication of linear ds-DNA, replication of the 5' end of linear chromosome; Enzymes involved in DNA replication.

Unit- 3: Central dogma and genetic code

Key experiments establishing- The Central Dogma (Adaptor hypothesis and discovery of mRNA template), Genetic code (deciphering & salient features)

Unit 4: Transcription

Transcription in prokaryotes and eukaryotes. Principles of transcriptional regulation; Prokaryotes: Regulation of lactose metabolism and tryptophan synthesis in *E.coli*. Eukaryotes: transcription factors, heat shock proteins, steroids and peptide hormones; Gene silencing.

Unit 5: Processing and modification of RNA

Split genes-concept of introns and exons, removal of introns, spliceosome machinery, splicing pathways, group I and group II intron splicing, alternative splicing eukaryotic mRNA processing (5' cap, 3' polyA tail); Ribozymes; RNA editing and mRNA transport.

Unit 6: Translation

Ribosome structure and assembly, mRNA; Charging of tRNA, aminoacyl tRNA synthetases; Various steps in protein synthesis, proteins involved in initiation, elongation and termination of polypeptides; Fidelity of translation; Inhibitors of protein synthesis; Post-translational modifications of proteins.

C8P: Molecular Biology

Credits 02

Practical

1. Preparation of LB medium and raising *E.Coli*.
2. Isolation of genomic DNA from *E.Coli*.
3. DNA isolation from cauliflower head.
4. DNA estimation by diphenylamine reagent/UV Spectrophotometry.
5. Study of DNA replication mechanisms through photographs (Rolling circle, Theta replication and semi-discontinuous replication).
6. Study of structures of prokaryotic RNA polymerase and eukaryotic RNA polymerase II through photographs.
7. Photographs establishing nucleic acid as genetic material (Messelson and Stahl's, Avery et al, Griffith's, Hershey & Chase's and Fraenkel & Conrat's experiments)
8. Study of the following through photographs: Assembly of Spliceosome machinery; Splicing mechanism in group I & group II introns; Ribozyme and Alternative splicing.

Suggested Readings

- Watson J.D., Baker, T.A., Bell, S.P., Gann, A., Levine, M., Losick, R. (2007). Molecular Biology of the Gene, Pearson Benjamin Cummings, CSHL Press, New York, U.S.A. 6th edition.
- Snustad, D.P. and Simmons, M.J. (2010). Principles of Genetics. John Wiley and Sons Inc., U.S.A. 5th edition.
- Klug, W.S., Cummings, M.R., Spencer, C.A. (2009). Concepts of Genetics. Benjamin Cummings. U.S.A. 9th edition.
- Russell, P. J. (2010). i-Genetics- A Molecular Approach. Benjamin Cummings, U.S.A. 3rd edition.
- Griffiths, A.J.F., Wessler, S.R., Carroll, S.B., Doebley, J. (2010). Introduction to Genetic Analysis. W. H. Freeman and Co., U.S.A. 10th edition.

CC-9: Plant Ecology and Phylogeography

Credits 06

C9T: Plant Ecology and Phylogeography

Credits 04

Course Contents:

Unit 1: Introduction

Basic concepts; Levels of organization. Inter-relationships between the living world and the environment, the components and dynamism, homeostasis.

Unit 2: Soil

Importance; Origin; Formation; Composition; Physical; Chemical and Biological components; Soil profile; Role of climate in soil development.

Unit 3: Water

Importance: States of water in the environment; Atmospheric moisture; Precipitation types (rain, fog, snow, hail, dew); Hydrological Cycle; Water in soil; Water table.

Unit 4: Light, temperature, wind and fire

Variations; adaptations of plants to their variation.

Unit 5: Ecosystems

Structure; Processes; Trophic organisation; Food chains and Food webs; Ecological pyramids.

Unit 6: Population ecology

Characteristics and Dynamics .Ecological Speciation

Unit 7: Plant communities

Concept of ecological amplitude; Habitat and niche; Characters: analytical and synthetic; Ecotone and edge effect; Dynamics: succession – processes, types; climax concepts.

Unit 8: Biotic interactions

Trophic organization, basic source of energy, autotrophy, heterotrophy; symbiosis, commensalism, parasitism; food chains and webs; ecological pyramids; biomass, standing crop.

Unit 9: Functional aspects of ecosystem

Principles and models of energy flow; Production and productivity; Ecological efficiencies; Biogeochemical cycles; Cycling of Carbon, Nitrogen and Phosphorus.

Unit 10: Phytogeography

Principles; Continental drift; Theory of tolerance; Endemism; Brief description of major terrestrial biomes (one each from tropical, temperate & tundra); Phytogeographical division of India; Local Vegetation.

C9P: Plant Ecology and Phytogeography

Credits 02

Practical

1. Study of instruments used to measure microclimatic variables: Soil thermometer, maximum and minimum thermometer, anemometer, psychrometer/hygrometer, rain gauge and lux meter.
2. Determination of pH of various soil and water samples (pH meter, universal indicator/Lovibond comparator and pH paper)
3. Analysis for carbonates, chlorides, nitrates, sulphates, organic matter and base deficiency from
4. two soil samples by rapid field tests.
5. Determination of organic matter of different soil samples by Walkley & Black rapid titration
6. method.

7. Comparison of bulk density, porosity and rate of infiltration of water in soils of three habitats.
8. Determination of dissolved oxygen of water samples from polluted and unpolluted sources.
9. (a). Study of morphological adaptations of hydrophytes and xerophytes (four each).
(b). Study of biotic interactions of the following: Stem parasite (*Cuscuta*), Root parasite (*Orobanchae*) Epiphytes, Predation (Insectivorous plants).
10. Determination of minimal quadrat size for the study of herbaceous vegetation in the college campus, by species area curve method (species to be listed).
11. Quantitative analysis of herbaceous vegetation in the college campus for frequency and comparison with Raunkiaer's frequency distribution law.
12. Quantitative analysis of herbaceous vegetation for density and abundance in the college campus.
13. Field visit to familiarise students with ecology of different sites.

Suggested Readings:

- Odum, E.P. (2005). Fundamentals of ecology. Cengage Learning India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. 5th edition.
- Singh, J.S., Singh, S.P., Gupta, S. (2006). Ecology Environment and Resource Conservation. Anamaya Publications, New Delhi, India.
- Sharma, P.D. (2010). Ecology and Environment. Rastogi Publications, Meerut, India. 8th edition.
- Wilkinson, D.M. (2007). Fundamental Processes in Ecology: An Earth Systems Approach. Oxford University Press. U.S.A.
- Kormondy, E.J. (1996). Concepts of ecology. PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd., Delhi, India. 4th edition.

CC-10: Plant Systematics

Credits 06

C10T: Plant Systematics

Credits 04

Course Contents:

Unit 1: Significance of Plant systematics

Introduction to systematics; Plant identification, Classification, Nomenclature. Evidences from palynology, cytology, phytochemistry and molecular data. Field inventory; Functions of Herbarium; Important herbaria and botanical gardens of the world and India; Virtual herbarium; E-flora; Documentation: Flora, Monographs, Journals; Keys: Single access and Multi-access.

Unit 2: Taxonomic hierarchy

Concept of taxa (family, genus, species); Categories and taxonomic hierarchy; Species concept (taxonomic, biological, evolutionary).

Unit 3: Botanical nomenclature

Principles and rules (ICN); Ranks and names; Typification, author citation, valid publication, rejection of names, principle of priority and its limitations; Names of hybrids.

Unit 4: Systems of classification

Major contributions of Theophrastus, Bauhin, Tournefort, Linnaeus, Adanson, de Candolle, Bessey, Hutchinson, Takhtajan and Cronquist; Classification systems of Bentham and Hooker (upto series) and Engler and Prantl (upto series); Brief reference of Angiosperm Phylogeny Group (APG III) classification.

Unit 5: Biometrics, numerical taxonomy and cladistics

Characters; Variations; OTUs, character weighting and coding; Cluster analysis; Phenograms, cladograms (definitions and differences).

Unit 6: Phylogeny of Angiosperms

Terms and concepts (primitive and advanced, homology and analogy, parallelism and convergence, monophyly, Paraphyly, polyphyly and clades). Origin and evolution of angiosperms; Co-evolution of angiosperms and animals; Methods of illustrating evolutionary relationship (phylogenetic tree, cladogram).

C10P: Plant Systematics

Credits 02

Practical

1. Study of vegetative and floral characters of the following families (Description, V.S. flower, section of ovary, floral diagram/s, floral formula/e and systematic position according to Bentham & Hooker's system of classification):

1. Ranunculaceae - *Ranunculus*, *Delphinium*.
2. Brassicaceae - *Brassica*, *Alyssum* / *Iberis*.
3. Malvaceae – *Sida Sp.* *Urena lobota*.
4. Myrtaceae - *Eucalyptus*, *Callistemon*
5. Umbelliferae - *Coriandrum* / *Anethum* / *Foeniculum*.
6. Asteraceae - *Sonchus/Launaea*, *Vernonia/Ageratum*, *Eclipta/Tridax*.
7. Solanaceae - *Solanum nigrum/Withania*, *Nicotina*, *Plumbaginefolia*.
8. Lamiaceae - *Salvia/Ocimum*.
9. Euphorbiaceae - *Euphorbia hirta/E.milii*, *Jatropha*.
10. Fasaceae – *Tephrosia Sp.*, *Crotalaria Sp.*,
11. Caesalpineaeceae – *Cassia Sp.*,
12. Asclepiadaeaceae- *Pesgularia Gygnema*,
13. Apocynaceae – *Hollorhen*, *Catharanthus*.
14. Rubiaceae – *Oldenladeae*, *Spermoeoceae*,
15. Liliaceae - *Asphodelus/Lilium/Allium*.
16. Poaceae - *Triticum/Hordeum/Avena*.

2. Field visit (local) – Subject to grant of funds from the university.

3. Mounting of a properly dried and pressed specimen of any wild plant with herbarium label (to be submitted in the record book).

Suggested Readings:

- Singh, (2012). *Plant Systematics: Theory and Practice* Oxford & IBH Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. 3rd edition.

- Jeffrey, C. (1982). *An Introduction to Plant Taxonomy*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
- Judd, W.S., Campbell, C.S., Kellogg, E.A., Stevens, P.F. (2002). *Plant Systematics-A*
- *Phylogenetic Approach*. Sinauer Associates Inc., U.S.A. 2nd edition.
- Maheshwari, J.K. (1963). *Flora of Delhi*. CSIR, New Delhi.
- Radford, A.E. (1986). *Fundamentals of Plant Systematics*. Harper and Row, New York.

CC-11: Reproductive Biology of Angiosperms

Credits 06

C11T: Reproductive Biology of Angiosperms

Credits 04

Course Contents:

Unit 1: Introduction

History (contributions of G.B. Amici, W. Hofmeister, E. Strasburger, S.G. Nawaschin, P. Maheshwari, B.M. Johri, W.A. Jensen, J. Heslop-Harrison) and scope.

Unit 2: Reproductive development

Induction of flowering; flower as a modified determinate shoot. Flower development: genetic and molecular aspects.

Unit 3: Anther and pollen biology

Anther wall: Structure and functions, microsporogenesis, callose deposition and its significance. Microgametogenesis; Pollen wall structure, MGU (Male Germ Unit) structure, NPC system; Palynology and scope (a brief account); Pollen wall proteins; Pollen viability, storage and germination; Abnormal features: Pseudomonads, polyads, massulae, pollinia.

Unit 4: Ovule

Structure; Types; Special structures—endothelium, obturator, aril, caruncle and hypostase; Female Gametophyte – megasporogenesis (monosporic, bisporic and tetrasporic) and megagametogenesis (details of *Polygonum* type); Organization and ultrastructure of mature embryo sac.

Unit 4: Pollination and fertilization

Pollination types and significance; adaptations; structure of stigma and style; path of pollen tube in pistil; double fertilization.

Unit 5: Self incompatibility

Basic concepts (interspecific, intraspecific, homomorphic, heteromorphic, GSI and SSI); Methods to overcome self- incompatibility: mixed pollination, bud pollination, stub pollination; Intra-ovarian and *in vitro* pollination; Modification of stigma surface, parasexual hybridization; Cybrids, *in vitro* fertilization.

Unit 6: Embryo, Endosperm and Seed

Structure and types; General pattern of development of dicot and monocot embryo and endosperm; Suspensor: structure and functions; Embryo-endosperm relationship; Nutrition

of embryo; Unusual features; Embryo development in *Paeonia*. Seed structure, importance and dispersal mechanisms

Units 7: Polyembryony and apomixis

Introduction; Classification; Causes and applications.

C11P: Reproductive Biology of Angiosperms

Credits 02

Practical

1. Anther: Wall and its ontogeny; Tapetum (amoeboid and glandular); MMC, spore tetrads, uninucleate, bicelled and dehisced anther stages through slides/micrographs, male germ unit (MGU) through photographs and schematic representation.
2. Pollen grains: Fresh and acetolyzed showing ornamentation and aperture, pseudomonads, polyads, pollinia (slides/photographs, fresh material), ultrastructure of pollen wall (micrograph); Pollen viability: Tetrazolium test, germination: Calculation of percentage germination in different media using hanging drop method.
3. Ovule: Types-anatropous, orthotropous, amphitropous/campylotropous, circinotropous, unitegmic, bitegmic; Tenuinucellate and crassinucellate; Special structures: Endothelium, obturator, hypostase, caruncle and aril (permanent slides/specimens/photographs).
4. Female gametophyte through permanent slides/ photographs: Types, ultrastructure of mature egg apparatus.
5. Intra-ovarian pollination; Test tube pollination through photographs.
6. Endosperm: Dissections of developing seeds for endosperm with free-nuclear haustoria.
7. Embryogenesis: Study of development of dicot embryo through permanent slides; dissection of developing seeds for embryos at various developmental stages; Study of suspensor through electron micrographs.

Suggested Readings:

- Bhojwani, S.S. and Bhatnagar, S.P. (2011). The Embryology of Angiosperms, Vikas Publishing House. Delhi. 5th edition.
- Shivanna, K.R. (2003). Pollen Biology and Biotechnology. Oxford and IBH Publishing Co. Pvt. Ltd. Delhi.
- Raghavan, V. (2000). Developmental Biology of Flowering plants, Springer, Netherlands.
- Johri, B.M. I (1984). Embryology of Angiosperms, Springer-Verlag, Netherlands.

CC-12: Plant Physiology

Credits 06

Course Contents:**Unit 1: Plant-water relations**

Water Potential and its components, water absorption by roots, aquaporins, pathway of water movement, symplast, apoplast, transmembrane pathways, root pressure, guttation. Ascent of sap – cohesion-tension theory. Transpiration and factors affecting transpiration, antitranspirants, mechanism of stomatal movement.

Unit 2: Mineral nutrition

Essential and beneficial elements, macro and micronutrients, methods of study and use of nutrient solutions, criteria for essentiality, mineral deficiency symptoms, roles of essential elements, chelating agents.

Unit 3: Nutrient Uptake

Soil as a nutrient reservoir, transport of ions across cell membrane, passive absorption, electrochemical gradient, facilitated diffusion, active absorption, role of ATP, carrier systems, proton ATPase pump and ion flux, uniport, co-transport, symport, antiport.

Unit 4: Translocation in the phloem

Experimental evidence in support of phloem as the site of sugar translocation. Pressure–Flow Model; Phloem loading and unloading; Source–sink relationship.

Unit 5: Plant growth regulators

Discovery, chemical nature (basic structure), bioassay and physiological roles of Auxin, Gibberellins, Cytokinin, Abscisic acid, Ethylene, Brassinosteroids and Jasmonic acid.

Unit 6: Physiology of flowering

Photoperiodism, flowering stimulus, florigen concept, vernalization, seed dormancy.

Unit 7: Phytochrome , cryptochromes and phototropins

Discovery, chemical nature, role in photomorphogenesis, low energy responses (LER) and high irradiance responses (HIR), mode of action.

Practical

1. Determination of osmotic potential of plant cell sap by plasmolytic method.
2. Determination of water potential of given tissue (potato tuber) by weight method.
3. Study of the effect of wind velocity and light on the rate of transpiration in excised twig/leaf.
4. Calculation of stomatal index and stomatal frequency from the two surfaces of leaves of a mesophyte and xerophyte.
5. To calculate the area of an open stoma and percentage of leaf area open through stomata in a mesophyte and xerophyte (both surfaces).
6. To study the phenomenon of seed germination (effect of light).
7. To study the effect of different concentrations of IAA on *Avena* coleoptile elongation (IAA Bioassay).

8. To study the induction of amylase activity in germinating barley grains.

Demonstration experiments

1. To demonstrate suction due to transpiration.
2. Fruit ripening/Rooting from cuttings (Demonstration).
3. Bolting experiment/*Avena* coleptile bioassay (demonstration).

Suggested Readings:

- Hopkins, W.G. and Huner, A. (2008). Introduction to Plant Physiology. John Wiley and Sons. U.S.A. 4th edition.
- Taiz, L., Zeiger, E., Møller, I.M. and Murphy, A (2015). Plant Physiology and Development. Sinauer Associates Inc. USA. 6th edition.
- Bajracharya D. (1999). Experiments in Plant Physiology-A Laboratory Manual. Narosa Publishing House, New Delhi.

CC-13: Plant Metabolism

Credits 06

C13T: Plant Metabolism

Credits 04

Course Contents:

Unit 1: Concept of metabolism

Introduction, anabolic and catabolic pathways, regulation of metabolism, role of regulatory enzymes (allosteric, covalent modulation and Isozymes).

Unit 2: Carbon assimilation

Historical background, photosynthetic pigments, role of photosynthetic pigments (chlorophylls and accessory pigments), antenna molecules and reaction centres, photochemical reactions, photosynthetic electron transport, PSI, PSII, Q cycle, CO₂ reduction, photorespiration, C₄ pathways; Crassulacean acid metabolism; Factors affecting CO₂ reduction.

Unit 3: Carbohydrate metabolism

Synthesis and catabolism of sucrose and starch.

Unit 4: Carbon Oxidation

Glycolysis, fate of pyruvate, regulation of glycolysis, oxidative pentose phosphate pathway, oxidative decarboxylation of pyruvate, regulation of PDH, NADH shuttle; TCA cycle, amphibolic role, anaplerotic reactions, regulation of the cycle, mitochondrial electron transport, oxidative phosphorylation, cyanide-resistant respiration, factors affecting respiration.

Unit 5: ATP-Synthesis

Mechanism of ATP synthesis, substrate level phosphorylation, chemiosmotic mechanism (oxidative and photophosphorylation), ATP synthase, Boyers conformational model, Racker's experiment, Jagendorf's experiment; role of uncouplers.

Unit 6: Lipid metabolism

Synthesis and breakdown of triglycerides, β -oxidation, glyoxylate cycle, gluconeogenesis and its role in mobilisation of lipids during seed germination, α oxidation.

Unit 7: Nitrogen metabolism

Nitrate assimilation, biological nitrogen fixation (examples of legumes and non-legumes); Physiology and biochemistry of nitrogen fixation; Ammonia assimilation and transamination.

Unit 8: Mechanisms of signal transduction

Receptor-ligand interactions; Second messenger concept, Calcium calmodulin, MAP kinase cascade.

C13P: Plant Metabolism

Credits 02

Practical

1. Chemical separation of photosynthetic pigments.
2. Experimental demonstration of Hill's reaction.
3. To study the effect of light intensity on the rate of photosynthesis.
4. Effect of carbon dioxide on the rate of photosynthesis.
5. To compare the rate of respiration in different parts of a plant.
6. To demonstrate activity of Nitrate reductase in germinating leaves of different plant sources.
7. To study the activity of lipases in germinating oilseeds and demonstrate mobilization of lipids
 1. during germination.
8. Demonstration of fluorescence by isolated chlorophyll pigments.
9. Demonstration of absorption spectrum of photosynthetic pigments.

Suggested Readings

- Hopkins, W.G. and Huner, A. (2008). Introduction to Plant Physiology. John Wiley and Sons. U.S.A. 4th edition.
- Taiz, L., Zeiger, E., Møller, I.M. and Murphy, A (2015). Plant Physiology and Development. Sinauer Associates Inc. USA. 6th edition.
- Harborne, J.B. (1973). Phytochemical Methods. John Wiley & Sons. New York.

CC-14: Plant Biotechnology

Credits 06

C14T: Plant Biotechnology

Credits 04

Course Contents:

Unit -1: Plant Tissue Culture

Historical perspective; Composition of media; Nutrient and hormone requirements (role of vitamins and hormones); Totipotency; Organogenesis; Embryogenesis (somatic and zygotic); Protoplast isolation, culture and fusion; Tissue culture applications (micropropagation, androgenesis, virus elimination, secondary metabolite production, haploids, triploids and hybrids; Cryopreservation; Germplasm Conservation).

Unit- 2: Recombinant DNA technology

Restriction Endonucleases (History, Types I-IV, biological role and application); Restriction Mapping (Linear and Circular); Cloning Vectors: Prokaryotic (pUC 18 and pUC19, pBR322, Ti plasmid, BAC); Lambda phage, M13 phagemid, Cosmid, Shuttle vector; Eukaryotic Vectors (YAC).

Unit- 3: Gene Cloning

Recombinant DNA, Bacterial Transformation and selection of recombinant clones, PCR mediated gene cloning; Gene Construct; construction of genomic and cDNA libraries, screening DNA libraries to obtain gene of interest by genetic selection; complementation, colony hybridization; PCR

Unit- 4: Methods of gene transfer

Agrobacterium-mediated, Direct gene transfer by Electroporation, Microinjection, Microprojectile bombardment; Selection of transgenics– selectable marker and reporter genes (Luciferase, GUS, GFP).

Unit - 5: Applications of Biotechnology

Pest resistant (Bt-cotton); herbicide resistant plants (RoundUp Ready soybean); Transgenic crops with improved quality traits (Flavr Savr tomato, Golden rice); Improved horticultural varieties (Moondust carnations); Role of transgenics in bioremediation (Superbug); edible vaccines; Industrial enzymes (Aspergillase, Protease, Lipase); Genetically Engineered Products–Human Growth Hormone; Humulin; Biosafety concerns.

C14P: Plant Biotechnology

Credits 02

Practical

1. (a) Preparation of MS medium.
(b) Demonstration of *in vitro* sterilization and inoculation methods using leaf and nodal explants of tobacco, *Datura*, *Brassica* etc.
2. Study of anther, embryo and endosperm culture, micropropagation, somatic embryogenesis & artificial seeds through photographs.
3. Isolation of protoplasts.
4. Construction of restriction map of circular and linear DNA from the data provided.
5. Study of methods of gene transfer through photographs: *Agrobacterium*-mediated, direct gene transfer by electroporation, microinjection, microprojectile bombardment.
6. Study of steps of genetic engineering for production of Bt cotton, Golden rice, Flavr Savr tomato through photographs.
7. Isolation of plasmid DNA.
8. Restriction digestion and gel electrophoresis of plasmid DNA.

Suggested Readings:

- Bhojwani, S.S. and Razdan, M.K., (1996). Plant Tissue Culture: Theory and Practice. Elsevier Science Amsterdam. The Netherlands.
- Glick, B.R., Pasternak, J.J. (2003). Molecular Biotechnology- Principles and Applications of recombinant DNA. ASM Press, Washington.

- Bhojwani, S.S. and Bhatnagar, S.P. (2011). The Embryology of Angiosperms. Vikas Publication House Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. 5th edition.
- Snustad, D.P. and Simmons, M.J. (2010). Principles of Genetics. John Wiley and Sons, U.K. 5th edition.
- Stewart, C.N. Jr. (2008). Plant Biotechnology & Genetics: Principles, Techniques and Applications. John Wiley & Sons Inc. U.S.A.

Discipline Specific Electives (DSE)

DSE-1: Natural Resource Management **Credits 06**

DSE1T: Natural Resource Management **Credits 04**

Course Contents:

Unit- 1: Natural resources : Definition and types.

Unit- 2: Sustainable utilization : Concept, approaches (economic, ecological and socio-cultural).

Unit- 3: Land : Utilization (agricultural, pastoral, horticultural, silvicultural); Soil degradation and management.

Unit- 4: Water

Fresh water (rivers, lakes, groundwater, aquifers, watershed); Marine; Estuarine; Wetlands; Threats and management strategies.

Unit- 5: Biological Resources

Biodiversity-definition and types; Significance; Threats; Management strategies; Bio-prospecting; IPR; CBD; National Biodiversity Action Plan).

Unit - 6: Forests

Definition, Cover and its significance (with special reference to India); Major and minor Forest products; Depletion; Management.

Unit- 7: Energy : Renewable and non-renewable sources of energy

Unit- 8: Contemporary practices in resource management

EIA, GIS, Participatory Resource Appraisal, Ecological Footprint with emphasis on carbon footprint, Resource Accounting; Waste management.

Unit- 9: National and international efforts in resource management and conservation

DSE-1P: Natural Resource Management **Credits 02**

Practical

1. Estimation of solid waste generated by a domestic system (biodegradable and nonbiodegradable) and its impact on land degradation.
2. Collection of data on forest cover of specific area.

3. Measurement of dominance of woody species by DBH (diameter at breast height) method.
4. Calculation and analysis of ecological footprint.
5. Ecological modeling.

Suggested Readings:

- Vasudevan, N. (2006). Essentials of Environmental Science. Narosa Publishing House, New Delhi.
- Singh, J. S., Singh, S.P. and Gupta, S. (2006). Ecology, Environment and Resource Conservation. Anamaya Publications, New Delhi.
- Rogers, P.P., Jalal, K.F. and Boyd, J.A. (2008). An Introduction to Sustainable Development. Prentice Hall of India Private Limited, New Delhi.

Or

DSE-1: Biostatistics

Credits 06

DSE1T: Biostatistics

Credits 04

Course Contents:

Unit 1: Biostatistics

Definition - statistical methods - basic principles. Variables - measurements, functions, limitations and uses of statistics.

Unit 2: Collection of data primary and secondary

Types and methods of data collection procedures - merits and demerits. Classification - tabulation and presentation of data - sampling methods.

Unit 3: Measures of central tendency

Mean, median, mode, geometric mean - merits & demerits. Measures of dispersion - range, standard deviation, mean deviation, quartile deviation - merits and demerits; Co-efficient of variations.

Unit 4: Correlation

Types and methods of correlation, regression, simple regression equation, fitting prediction, similarities and dissimilarities of correlation and regression

Unit 5: Statistical inference

Hypothesis - simple hypothesis - student 't' test - chi square test.

DSE1P: Biostatistics

Credits 02

Practical

1. Calculation of mean, standard deviation and standard error
2. Calculation of correlation coefficient values and finding out the probability
3. Calculation of 'F' value and finding out the probability value for the F value.

Suggested Readings

- Biostatistic, Danniell, W.W., 1987. New York, John Wiley Sons.

- An introduction to Biostatistics, 3rd edition, Sundarrao, P.S.S and Richards, J. Christian Medical College, Vellore
- Statistical Analysis of epidemiological data, Selvin, S., 1991. New York University Press. Statistics for Biology, Boston, Bishop, O.N. Houghton, Mifflin.
- The Principles of scientific research, Freedman, P. New York, Pergamon Press.
- Statistics for Biologists, Campbell, R.C., 1998. Cambridge University Press.

DSE-2: Plant Breeding

Credits 06

DSE2T: Plant Breeding

Credits 04

Course Contents:

Unit -1: Plant Breeding

Introduction and objectives. Breeding systems: modes of reproduction in crop plants. Important achievements and undesirable consequences of plant breeding.

Unit -2: Methods of Crop improvement

Introduction: Centres of origin and domestication of crop plants, plant genetic resources; Acclimatization; Selection methods: For self pollinated, cross pollinated and vegetatively propagated plants; Hybridization: For self, cross and vegetatively propagated plants – Procedure, advantages and limitations.

Unit -3: Quantitative inheritance

Concept, mechanism, examples of inheritance of Kernel colour in wheat, Skin colour in human beings. Monogenic vs polygenic Inheritance.

Unit - 4: Inbreeding depression and heterosis

History, genetic basis of inbreeding depression and heterosis : Applications.

Unit - 5: Crop improvement and breeding

Role of mutations; Polyploidy; Distant hybridization and role of biotechnology in crop improvement.

DSE2P: Plant Breeding (Practical)

Credits 02

Practical

1. Identification of offspring's having parental genotypes and recombinant genotypes, based on combination of morphological attributes in a dihybrid cross.

2. Processes of emasculation –

- a) By applying higher temperature,
- b) By amputating anthers.

3. Determination of genetic inheritance of characters in monohybrid and dihybrid crosses by Chi-square test (including Mendelian ratios and the ratios of gene interactions e.g. Dominant Epistasis, Supplementary gene action, Polymeric Gene action, Complementary Gene action, Inhibitory Gene action and Duplicating Gene action.

4. Identification of fertile and sterile pollens with carmine stain and TTC test.

Suggested Readings:

1. Singh, B.D. (2005). Plant Breeding: Principles and Methods. Kalyani Publishers. 7th edition.
2. Chaudhari, H.K. (1984). Elementary Principles of Plant Breeding. Oxford-IBH. 2nd edition.
3. Acquaah, G. (2007). Principles of Plant Genetics & Breeding. Blackwell Publishing.

Or

DSE-2: Stress Biology

Credits 06

DSE2T: Stress Biology

Credits 04

Course Contents:

Unit 1: Defining plant stress: Acclimation and adaptation.

Unit 2: Environmental factors: Water stress; Salinity stress, High light stress; Temperature stress; Hypersensitive reaction; Pathogenesis– related (PR) proteins; Systemic acquired resistance; Mediation of insect and disease resistance by jasmonates.

Unit 3: Stress sensing mechanisms in plants: Calcium modulation, Phospholipid signaling

Unit 4: Developmental and physiological mechanisms that protect plants against environmental stress: Adaptation in plants; Changes in root: shoot ratio; Aerenchyna development; Osmotic adjustment; Compatible solute production.

Unit 5: Reactive oxygen species–Production and scavenging mechanisms.

DSE2P: Stress Biology

Credits 02

Practical

1. Quantitative estimation of peroxidase activity in the seedlings in the absence and presence of salt stress.
2. Superoxide activity in seedlings in the absence and presence of salt stress.
3. Zymographic analysis of peroxidase.
4. Zymographic analysis of superoxide dismutase activity.
5. Quantitative estimation and zymographic analysis of catalase.
6. Quantitative estimation and zymographic analysis of glutathione reductase.
7. Estimation of superoxide anions.

Suggested Readings:

- Hopkins, W.G. and Huner, A. (2008). Introduction to Plant Physiology. John Wiley and Sons. U.S.A. 4th edition.
- Taiz, L., Zeiger, E., MØller, I.M. and Murphy, A (2015). Plant Physiology and Development. Sinauer Associates Inc. USA. 6th edition.

DSE-3: Industrial and Environmental Microbiology

Credits 06

DSE-3T: Industrial and Environmental Microbiology

Credits 04

Course Contents:

Unit 1: Scope of microbes in industry and environment

Unit 2: Bioreactors / Fermenters and fermentation processes

Solid-state and liquid-state (stationary and submerged) fermentations; Batch and continuous fermentations. Components of a typical bioreactor, Types of bioreactors-laboratory, pilotscale and production fermenters; Constantly stirred tank fermenter, tower fermenter, fixed bed and fluidized bed bioreactors and air-lift fermenter.

A visit to any educational institute/ industry to see an industrial fermenter, and other downstream processing operations.

Unit 3: Microbial production of industrial products

Microorganisms involved, media, fermentation conditions, downstream processing and uses; Filtration, centrifugation, cell disruption, solvent extraction, precipitation and ultrafiltration, lyophilization, spray drying; Hands on microbial fermentations for the production and estimation (qualitative and quantitative) of Enzyme: amylase or lipase activity, Organic acid (citric acid or glutamic acid), alcohol (Ethanol) and antibiotic (Penicillin)

Unit 4: Microbial enzymes of industrial interest and enzyme immobilization

Microorganisms for industrial applications_and hands on screening microorganisms for casein hydrolysis; starch hydrolysis; cellulose hydrolysis. Methods of immobilization, advantages and applications of immobilization, large scale applications of immobilized enzymes (glucose isomerase and penicillin acylase).

Unit 5: Microbes and quality of environment.

Distribution of microbes in air; Isolation of microorganisms from soil, air and water.

Unit 6: Microbial flora of water.

Water pollution, role of microbes in sewage and domestic waste water treatment systems. Determination of BOD, COD, TDS and TOC of water samples; Microorganisms as indicators of water quality, check coliform and fecal coliform in water samples.

Unit 7: Microbes in agriculture and remediation of contaminated soils.

Biological fixation; Mycorrhizae; Bioremediation of contaminated soils. Isolation of root nodulating bacteria, arbuscular mycorrhizal colonization in plant roots.

DSE-3P: Industrial and Environmental Microbiology

Credits 02

Practical

1. Principles and functioning of instruments in microbiology laboratory
2. Hands on sterilization techniques and preparation of culture media.

Suggested Readings:

- Pelzar, M.J. Jr., Chen E.C. S., Krieg, N.R. (2010). Microbiology: An application based approach. Tata McGraw Hill Education Pvt. Ltd., Delhi.
- Tortora, G.J., Funke, B.R., Case. C.L. (2007). Microbiology. Pearson Benjamin Cummings, San Francisco, U.S.A. 9th edition.

OR

DSE-3: Bioinformatics

Credits 06

DSE3T: Bioinformatics

Credits 04

Course Contents:

Unit 1. Introduction to Bioinformatics

Introduction, Branches of Bioinformatics, Aim, Scope and Research areas of Bioinformatics.

Unit 2. Databases in Bioinformatics

Introduction, Biological Databases, Classification format of Biological Databases, Biological Database Retrieval System.

Unit 3. Biological Sequence Databases

National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI): Tools and Databases of NCBI, Database Retrieval Tool, Sequence Submission to NCBI, Basic local alignment search tool (BLAST), Nucleotide Database, Protein Database, Gene Expression Database. EMBL Nucleotide Sequence Database (EMBL-Bank): Introduction, Sequence Retrieval, Sequence Submission to EMBL, Sequence analysis tools. DNA Data Bank of Japan (DDBJ): Introduction, Resources at DDBJ, Data Submission at DDBJ. Protein

Information Resource (PIR): About PIR, Resources of PIR, Databases of PIR, Data Retrieval in PIR. Swiss-Prot: Introduction and Salient Features.

Unit 4. Sequence Alignments

Introduction, Concept of Alignment, Multiple Sequence Alignment (MSA), MSA by CLUSTALW, Scoring Matrices, Percent Accepted Mutation (PAM), Blocks of Amino Acid Substitution Matrix (BLOSUM).

Unit 5. Molecular Phylogeny

Methods of Phylogeny, Software for Phylogenetic Analyses, Consistency of Molecular Phylogenetic Prediction.

Unit 6. Applications of Bioinformatics

Structural Bioinformatics in Drug Discovery, Quantitative structure-activity relationship (QSAR) techniques in Drug Design, Microbial genome applications, Crop improvement

DSE3P: Bioinformatics

Credits 02

Practical

1. Nucleic acid and protein databases.
2. Sequence retrieval from databases.
3. Sequence alignment.
4. Sequence homology and Gene annotation.
5. Construction of phylogenetic tree.

Suggested Readings:

- Ghosh Z. and Bibekanand M. (2008) Bioinformatics: Principles and Applications. Oxford University Press.
- Pevsner J. (2009) Bioinformatics and Functional Genomics. II Edition. Wiley-Blackwell.
- Campbell A. M., Heyer L. J. (2006) Discovering Genomics, Proteomics and Bioinformatics. II Edition. Benjamin Cummings.

DSE-4: Analytical Techniques in Plant Sciences

Credits 06

DSE4T: Analytical Techniques in Plant Sciences

Credits 04

Course Contents:

Unit- 1: Imaging and related techniques

Principles of microscopy; Light microscopy; Fluorescence microscopy; Confocal microscopy; Use of fluorochromes: (a) Flow cytometry (FACS); (b) Applications of fluorescence microscopy: Chromosome banding, FISH, chromosome painting; Transmission and Scanning electron microscopy – sample preparation for electron microscopy, cryofixation, negative staining, shadow casting, freeze fracture, freeze etching.

Unit- 2: Cell fractionation

Centrifugation: Differential and density gradient centrifugation, sucrose density gradient, CsCl₂ gradient, analytical centrifugation, ultracentrifugation, marker enzymes.

Unit- 3: Radioisotopes

Use in biological research, auto-radiography, pulse chase experiment.

Unit- 4: Spectrophotometry

Principle and its application in biological research.

Unit- 5: Chromatography

Principle; Paper chromatography; Column chromatography, TLC, GLC, HPLC, Ion-exchange chromatography; Molecular sieve chromatography; Affinity chromatography.

Unit- 6: Characterization of proteins and nucleic acids

Mass spectrometry; X-ray diffraction; X-ray crystallography; Characterization of proteins and nucleic acids; Electrophoresis: AGE, PAGE, SDS-PAGE

Unit- 7: Biostatistics

Statistics, data, population, samples, parameters; Representation of Data: Tabular, Graphical; Measures of central tendency: Arithmetic mean, mode, median; Measures of dispersion: Range, mean deviation, variation, standard deviation; Chi-square test for goodness of fit.

DSE4P: Analytical Techniques in Plant Sciences

Credits 02

Practical

1. Study of Blotting techniques: Southern, Northern and Western, DNA fingerprinting, DNA sequencing, PCR through photographs.
2. Demonstration of ELISA.
3. To separate nitrogenous bases by paper chromatography.
4. To separate sugars by thin layer chromatography.
5. Isolation of chloroplasts by differential centrifugation.
6. To separate chloroplast pigments by column chromatography.
7. To estimate protein concentration through Lowry's methods.
8. To separate proteins using PAGE.
9. To separation DNA (marker) using AGE.
10. Study of different microscopic techniques using photographs/micrographs (freeze fracture, freeze etching, negative staining, positive staining, fluorescence and FISH).
11. Preparation of permanent slides (double staining).

Suggested Readings:

- Plummer, D.T. (1996). An Introduction to Practical Biochemistry. Tata McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. Ltd. New Delhi. 3rd edition.
- Ruzin, S.E. (1999). Plant Microtechnique and Microscopy, Oxford University Press, New York. U.S.A.
- Ausubel, F., Brent, R., Kingston, R. E., Moore, D.D., Seidman, J.G., Smith, J.A., Struhl, K. (1995). Short Protocols in Molecular Biology. John Wiley & Sons. 3rd edition.

- Zar, J.H. (2012). Biostatistical Analysis. Pearson Publication. U.S.A. 4th edition.

OR

DSE-4: Research Methodology

Credits 06

DSE4T: Research Methodology

Credits 04

Course Contents:

Unit 1: Basic concepts of research

Research-definition and types of research (Descriptive vs analytical; applied vs fundamental; quantitative vs qualitative; conceptual vs empirical). Research methods vs methodology. Literature-review and its consolidation; Library research; field research; laboratory research.

Unit 2: General laboratory practices

Common calculations in botany laboratories. Understanding the details on the label of reagent bottles. Molarity and normality of common acids and bases. Preparation of solutions. Dilutions. Percentage solutions. Molar, molal and normal solutions. Technique of handling micropipettes; Knowledge about common toxic chemicals and safety measures in their handling.

Unit 3: Data collection and documentation of observations

Maintaining a laboratory record; Tabulation and generation of graphs. Imaging of Tissue specimens and application of scale bars. The art of field photography.

Unit 4: Overview of Biological Problems

History; Key biology research areas, Model organisms in biology (A Brief overview): Genetics, Physiology, Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, Genomics, Proteomics Transcriptional regulatory network.

Unit 5: Methods to study plant cell/tissue structure

Whole mounts, peel mounts, squash preparations, clearing, maceration and sectioning; Tissue preparation: living vs fixed, physical vs chemical fixation, coagulating fixatives, non-coagulant fixatives; tissue dehydration using graded solvent series; Paraffin and plastic infiltration; Preparation of thin and ultrathin sections.

Unit 6: Plant microtechniques

Staining procedures, classification and chemistry of stains. Staining equipment. Reactive dyes and fluorochromes (including genetically engineered protein labeling with GFP and other tags). Cytogenetic techniques with squashed plant materials.

Unit 7: The art of scientific writing and its presentation

Numbers, units, abbreviations and nomenclature used in scientific writing. Writing references. Powerpoint presentation. Poster presentation. Scientific writing and ethics, Introduction to copyright-academic misconduct/plagiarism.

DSE4P: Research Methodology

Credits 02

Practical

1. Experiments based on chemical calculations.
2. Plant microtechnique experiments.
3. The art of imaging of samples through microphotography and field photography.
4. Poster presentation on defined topics.
5. Technical writing on topics assigned.

Suggested Readings:

- Dawson, C. (2002). Practical research methods. UBS Publishers, New Delhi.
- Stapleton, P., Yondeowei, A., Mukanyange, J., Houten, H. (1995). Scientific writing for agricultural research scientists – a training reference manual. West Africa Rice Development Association, Hong Kong.
- Ruzin, S.E. (1999). Plant microtechnique and microscopy. Oxford University Press, New York, U.S.A.

Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)

SEC-1: Biofertilizers

Credits 02

SEC1T: Biofertilizers

Credits 02

Course Contents:

Unit- 1: General account about the microbes used as biofertilizer – Rhizobium – isolation, identification, mass multiplication, carrier based inoculants, Actinorrhizal symbiosis.

Unit- 2: *Azospirillum*: isolation and mass multiplication – carrier based inoculant, associative effect of different microorganisms. *Azotobacter*: classification, characteristics – crop response to *Azotobacter* inoculum, maintenance and mass multiplication.

Unit- 3: Cyanobacteria (blue green algae), *Azolla* and *Anabaena azollae* association, nitrogen fixation, factors affecting growth, blue green algae and *Azolla* in rice cultivation.

Unit- 4: Mycorrhizal association, types of mycorrhizal association, taxonomy, occurrence and distribution, phosphorus nutrition, growth and yield – colonization of VAM – isolation and inoculum production of VAM, and its influence on growth and yield of crop plants.

Unit-5: Organic farming – Green manuring and organic fertilizers, Recycling of biodegradable municipal, agricultural and Industrial wastes – biocompost making methods, types and method of vermicomposting – field Application.

Suggested Readings:

- Dubey, R.C., 2005 A Text book of Biotechnology S.Chand & Co, New Delhi.
- Kumaresan, V. 2005, Biotechnology, Saras Publications, New Delhi.
- John Jothi Prakash, E. 2004. Outlines of Plant Biotechnology. Emkay Publication, New Delhi.

- Sathe, T.V. 2004 Vermiculture and Organic Farming. Daya publishers.
- Subha Rao, N.S. 2000, Soil Microbiology, Oxford & IBH Publishers, New _Delhi.
- Vayas,S.C, Vayas, S. and Modi, H.A. 1998 Bio-fertilizers and organic _Farming Akta Prakashan, Nadiad

OR

SEC- 1: Floriculture

Credits 02

SEC1T: Floriculture

Course Contents:

Unit 1: Introduction: History of gardening; Importance and scope of floriculture and landscape gardening.

Unit 2: Nursery Management and Routine Garden Operations: Sexual and vegetative methods of propagation; Soil sterilization; Seed sowing; Pricking; Planting and transplanting; Shading; Stopping or pinching; Defoliation; Wintering; Mulching; Topiary; Role of plant growth regulators.

Unit 3:Ornamental Plants: Flowering annuals; Herbaceous perennials; Divine vines; Shade and ornamental trees; Ornamental bulbous and foliage plants; Cacti and succulents; Palms and Cycads; Ferns and Selaginellas; Cultivation of plants in pots; Indoor gardening; Bonsai.

Unit 4: Principles of Garden Designs: English, Italian, French, Persian, Mughal and Japanese gardens; Features of a garden (Garden wall, Fencing, Steps, Hedge, Edging, Lawn, Flower beds, Shrubbery, Borders, Water garden. Some Famous gardens of India.

Unit 5: Landscaping Places of Public Importance: Landscaping highways and Educational institutions.

Unit 6: Commercial Floriculture: Factors affecting flower production; Production and packaging of cut flowers; Flower arrangements; Methods to prolong vase life; Cultivation of Important cut flowers (Carnation, Aster, Chrysanthemum, Dahlia, Gerbera, Gladiolous, Marigold,Rose, Lilium, Orchids).

Unit 7: Diseases and Pests of Ornamental Plants.

Suggested Readings:

- Randhawa, G.S. and Mukhopadhyay, A. 1986. Floriculture in India. Allied Publishers.

SEC-2: Medicinal Botany

Credits 02

SEC-2T: Medicinal Botany

Course Contents:

Unit 1:

History, Scope and Importance of Medicinal Plants. Indigenous Medicinal Sciences; Definition and Scope - **Ayurveda**: History, origin, panchamahabhutas, saptadhatu and tridosha concepts, Rasayana, plants used in ayurvedic treatments, **Siddha**: Origin of Siddha medicinal systems, Basis of Siddha system, plants used in Siddha medicine. **Unani**: History, concept: Umoor-e- tabiya, tumors treatments/ therapy, polyherbal formulations.

Unit 2:

Conservation of endangered and endemic medicinal plants. Definition: endemic and endangered medicinal plants, Red list criteria; In situ conservation: Biosphere reserves, sacred groves, National Parks; Ex situ conservation: Botanic Gardens, Ethnomedicinal plant Gardens. Propagation of Medicinal Plants: Objectives of the nursery, its classification, important components of a nursery, sowing, pricking, use of green house for nursery production, propagation through cuttings, layering, grafting and budding.

Unit 3:

Ethnobotany and Folk medicines. Definition; Ethnobotany in India: Methods to study ethnobotany; Applications of Ethnobotany: National interacts, Palaeo-ethnobotany. Folk medicines of ethnobotany, ethnomedicine, ethnoecology, ethnic communities of India. Application of natural products to certain diseases- Jaundice, cardiac, infertility, diabetics, Blood pressure and skin diseases.

Suggested Readings:

- Trivedi P C, 2006. Medicinal Plants: Ethnobotanical Approach, Agrobios, India.
- Purohit and Vyas, 2008. Medicinal Plant Cultivation: A Scientific Approach, 2nd edn. Agrobios, India.

Or

SEC-2: Mushroom Culture Technology**Credits 02****SEC-2T: Mushroom Culture Technology****Course Contents:****Unit 1:**

Introduction, history. Nutritional and medicinal value of edible mushrooms; Poisonous mushrooms. Types of edible mushrooms available in India - *Volvariella volvacea*, *Pleurotus citrinopileatus*, *Agaricus bisporus*.

Unit 2:

Cultivation Technology : Infrastructure: substrates (locally available) Polythene bag, vessels, Inoculation hook, inoculation loop, low cost stove, sieves, culture rack, mushroom unit (Thatched house) water sprayer, tray, small polythene bag. Pure culture: Medium, sterilization, preparation of spawn, multiplication. Mushroom bed preparation - paddy straw, sugarcane trash, maize straw, banana leaves. Factors affecting the mushroom bed preparation - Low cost technology, Composting technology in mushroom production.

Unit 3:

Storage and nutrition: Short-term storage (Refrigeration - upto 24 hours) Long term Storage (canning, pickels, papads), drying, storage in salt solutions. Nutrition - Proteins - amino acids, mineral elements nutrition - Carbohydrates, Crude fibre content - Vitamins.

Unit 4:

Food Preparation: Types of foods prepared from mushroom. Research Centres - National level and Regional level. Cost benefit ratio - Marketing in India and abroad, Export Value.

Suggested Readings:

- Marimuthu, T. Krishnamoorthy, A.S. Sivaprakasam, K. and Jayarajan. R (1991) Oyster Mushrooms, Department of Plant Pathology, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.
- Swaminathan, M. (1990) Food and Nutrition. Bappco, The Bangalore Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd., No. 88, Mysore Road, Bangalore - 560018.
- Tewari, Pankaj Kapoor, S.C., (1988). Mushroom cultivation, Mittal Publications, Delhi.
- Nita Bahl (1984-1988) Hand book of Mushrooms, II Edition, Vol. I & Vol. II.

Generic Elective (GE)
[Interdisciplinary for other department]

GE-1: Biodiversity (Microbes, Algae, Fungi and Archegoniate) Credits 06

GE1T: Biodiversity (Microbes, Algae, Fungi and Archegoniate) Credits 04

Course Contents:

Unit 1: Microbes

Viruses – Discovery, general structure, replication (general account), DNA virus (T-phage); Lytic and lysogenic cycle, RNA virus (TMV); Economic importance; Bacteria – Discovery, General characteristics and cell structure; Reproduction – vegetative, asexual and recombination (conjugation, transformation and transduction); Economic importance.

Unit 2: Algae

General characteristics; Ecology and distribution; Range of thallus organization and reproduction; Classification of algae; Morphology and life-cycles of the following: *Nostoc*, *Chlamydomonas*, *Oedogonium*, *Vaucheria*, *Fucus*, *Polysiphonia*. Economic importance of algae.

Unit 3: Fungi

Introduction- General characteristics, ecology and significance, range of thallus organization, cell wall composition, nutrition, reproduction and classification; True Fungi- General characteristics, ecology and significance, life cycle of *Rhizopus* (Zygomycota) *Penicillium*, *Alternaria* (Ascomycota), *Puccinia*, *Agaricus* (Basidiomycota); Symbiotic

Associations-Lichens:General account, reproduction and significance; Mycorrhiza: ectomycorrhiza and endomycorrhiza and their significance.

Unit 4: Introduction to Archegoniate

Unifying features of archegoniates, Transition to land habit, Alternation of generations.

Unit 5: Bryophytes

General characteristics, adaptations to land habit, Classification, Range of thallus organization. Classification (up to family), morphology, anatomy and reproduction of *Marchantia* and *Funaria*. (Developmental details not to be included). Ecology and economic importance of bryophytes with special mention of *Sphagnum*.

Unit 6: Pteridophytes

General characteristics, classification, Early land plants (*Cooksonia* and *Rhynia*). Classification (up to family), morphology, anatomy and reproduction of *Selaginella*, *Equisetum* and *Pteris*. (Developmental details not to be included). Heterospory and seed habit, stellar evolution. Ecological and economical importance of Pteridophytes.

Unit 4: Gymnosperms

General characteristics; Classification (up to family), morphology, anatomy and reproduction of *Cycas* and *Pinus* (Developmental details not to be included). Ecological and economical importance.

GE1P: Biodiversity (Microbes, Algae, Fungi and Archegoniate) (Practical) Credits 02

Practical:

1. EMs/Models of viruses – T-Phage and TMV, Line drawing/Photograph of Lytic and Lysogenic Cycle.
1. Types of Bacteria from temporary/permanent slides/photographs; EM bacterium; Binary Fission; Conjugation; Structure of root nodule.
2. Gram staining.
3. Study of vegetative and reproductive structures of *Nostoc*, *Chlamydomonas* (electron micrographs), *Oedogonium*, *Vaucheria*, *Fucus** and *Polysiphonia* through temporary preparations and permanent slides. (* *Fucus* - Specimen and permanent slides).
4. *Rhizopus* and *Penicillium*: Asexual stage from temporary mounts and sexual Structures through permanent slides.
5. *Alternaria*: Specimens/photographs and tease mounts.
6. *Puccinia*: Herbarium specimens of Black Stem Rust of Wheat and infected Barberryleaves; section/tease mounts of spores on Wheat and permanent slides of both the hosts.

7. *Agaricus*: Specimens of button stage and full grown mushroom; Sectioning of gills of *Agaricus*.
8. Lichens: Study of growth forms of lichens (crustose, foliose and fruticose)
9. Mycorrhiza: ecto mycorrhiza and endo mycorrhiza (Photographs)
10. *Marchantia*- morphology of thallus, w.m. rhizoids and scales, v.s. thallus through gemmacup, w.m. gemmae (all temporary slides), v.s. antheridiophore, archegoniophore, l.s. sporophyte (all permanent slides).
11. *Funaria*- morphology, w.m. leaf, rhizoids, operculum, peristome, annulus, spores (temporary slides); permanent slides showing antheridial and archegonial heads, l.s. capsule and protonema.
12. *Selaginella*- morphology, w.m. leaf with ligule, t.s. stem, w.m. strobilus, w.m. microsporophyll and megasporophyll (temporary slides), l.s. strobilus (permanent slide).
14. *Equisetum*- morphology, t.s. internode, l.s. strobilus, t.s. strobilus, w.m. sporangiophore, w.m. spores (wet and dry)(temporary slides); t.s. rhizome (permanent slide).
13. Pteris- morphology, t.s. rachis, v.s. sporophyll, w.m. sporangium, w.m. spores (temporary slides), t.s. rhizome, w.m. prothallus with sex organs and young sporophyte (permanent slide).
14. *Cycas*- morphology (coralloid roots, bulbil, leaf), t.s. coralloid root, t.s. rachis, v.s. leaflet, v.s. micro sporophyll, w.m. spores (temporary slides), l.s. ovule, t.s. root (permanent slide).
15. *Pinus*- morphology (long and dwarf shoots, w.m. dwarf shoot, male and female), w.m. dwarf shoot, t.s. needle, t.s. stem, l.s./t.s. male cone, w.m. microsporophyll, w.m. microspores (temporary slides), l.s. female cone, t.l.s. & r.l.s. stem (permanent slide).

Suggested Readings:

- Kumar, H.D. (1999). Introductory Phycology. Affiliated East-West. Press Pvt. Ltd. Delhi. 2nd edition.
- Tortora, G.J., Funke, B.R., Case, C.L. (2010). Microbiology: An Introduction, Pearson Benjamin Cummings, U.S.A. 10th edition.
- Sethi, I.K. and Walia, S.K. (2011). Text book of Fungi & Their Allies, MacMillan Publishers Pvt. Ltd., Delhi.
- Alexopoulos, C.J., Mims, C.W., Blackwell, M. (1996). Introductory Mycology, John Wiley and Sons (Asia), Singapore. 4th edition.
- Raven, P.H., Johnson, G.B., Losos, J.B., Singer, S.R., (2005). Biology. Tata McGraw Hill, Delhi, India.
- Vashishta, P.C., Sinha, A.K., Kumar, A., (2010). Pteridophyta, S. Chand. Delhi, India.
- Bhatnagar, S.P. and Moitra, A. (1996). Gymnosperms. New Age International (P) Ltd Publishers, New Delhi, India.
- Parihar, N.S. (1991). An introduction to Embryophyta. Vol. I. Bryophyta. Central Book Depot, Allahabad.

GE-2: Plant Ecology and Taxonomy

Credits 06

GE2T: Plant Ecology and Taxonomy

Credits 04

Course Contents:

Unit- 1: Introduction

Unit- 2: Ecological factors

Soil: Origin, formation, composition, soil profile. Water: States of water in the environment, precipitation types. Light and temperature: Variation Optimal and limiting factors; Shelford law of tolerance. Adaptation of hydrophytes and xerophytes

Unit -3: Plant communities

Characters; Ecotone and edge effect; Succession; Processes and types

Unit- 4: Ecosystem

Structure; energy flow trophic organisation; Food chains and food webs, Ecological pyramids production and productivity; Bio-geochemical cycling; Cycling of carbon, nitrogen and Phosphorous

Unit- 5: Phytogeography

Principle of Biogeographical zone; Endemism.

Unit- 6: Introduction to plant taxonomy

Identification, Classification, Nomenclature.

Unit- 7 : Identification

Functions of Herbarium, important herbaria and botanical gardens of the world and India; Documentation: Flora, Keys: single access and multi-access

Unit 8 : Taxonomic evidences from palynology, cytology, phytochemistry and molecular data.

Unit 9 : Taxonomic hierarchy

Ranks, categories and taxonomic groups

Unit 10: Botanical nomenclature

Principles and rules (ICN); ranks and names; binominal system, typification, author citation, valid publication, rejection of names, principle of priority and its limitations.

Unit 11: Classification

Types of classification-artificial, natural and phylogenetic. Bentham and Hooker (upto series), Engler and Prantl (upto series).

Unit 12: Biometrics, numerical taxonomy and cladistics

Characters; variations; OTUs, character weighting and coding; cluster analysis; phenograms, cladograms (definitions and differences).

GE2P: Practical

Credit 02

Practical:

1. Study of instruments used to measure microclimatic variables: Soil thermometer, maximum and minimum thermometer, anemometer, psychrometer/hygrometer, rain gauge and lux meter.
2. Determination of pH, and analysis of two soil samples for carbonates, chlorides, nitrates, sulphates, organic matter and base deficiency by rapid field test.
3. Comparison of bulk density, porosity and rate of infiltration of water in soil of three habitats.
4. (a) Study of morphological adaptations of hydrophytes and xerophytes (four each).
(b) Study of biotic interactions of the following: Stem parasite (*Cuscuta*), Root parasite (*Orobancha*), Epiphytes, Predation (Insectivorous plants).
5. Determination of minimal quadrat size for the study of herbaceous vegetation in the college campus by species area curve method. (species to be listed)
6. Quantitative analysis of herbaceous vegetation in the college campus for frequency and comparison with Raunkiaer's frequency distribution law
7. Study of vegetative and floral characters of the following families (Description, V.S. flower, section of ovary, floral diagram/s, floral formula/e and systematic position according to Bentham & Hooker's system of classification): Brassicaceae - *Brassica*, *Alyssum* / *Iberis*; Asteraceae - *Sonchus*/*Launaea*, *Vernonia*/*Ageratum*, *Eclipta*/*Tridax*; Solanaceae - *Solanum nigrum*, *Withania*; Lamiaceae - *Salvia*, *Ocimum*; Liliaceae - *Asphodelus* / *Lilium* / *Allium*.
8. Mounting of a properly dried and pressed specimen of any wild plant with herbarium label (to be submitted in the record book).

Suggested Readings:

1. Kormondy, E.J. (1996). Concepts of Ecology. Prentice Hall, U.S.A. 4th edition.
2. Sharma, P.D. (2010) Ecology and Environment. Rastogi Publications, Meerut, India. 8th edition.
3. Simpson, M.G. (2006). *Plant Systematics*. Elsevier Academic Press, San Diego, CA, U.S.A.
4. Singh, G. (2012). *Plant Systematics: Theory and Practice*. Oxford & IBH Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. 3rd edition

GE-3: Economic Botany and Plant Biotechnology

Credits 06

GE3T: Economic Botany and Plant Biotechnology

Credits 04

Course Contents:

Unit 1: Origin of Cultivated Plants

Concept of centres of origin, their importance with reference to Vavilov's work.

Unit 2: Cereals

Wheat - Origin, morphology, uses

Unit 3: Legumes

General account with special reference to Gram and soybean

Unit 4: Spices

General account with special reference to clove and black pepper (Botanical name, family, part used morphology and uses)

Unit 5: Beverages

Tea (morphology, processing, uses)

Unit 6: Oils and Fats

General description with special reference to groundnut

Unit 7: Fibre Yielding Plants

General description with special reference to Cotton (Botanical name, family, part used, morphology and uses)

Unit 8: Introduction to biotechnology

Unit 9: Plant tissue culture

Micropropagation ; haploid production through androgenesis and gynogenesis; brief account of embryo and endosperm culture with their applications

Unit 10: Recombinant DNA Techniques

Blotting techniques: Northern, Southern and Western Blotting, DNA Fingerprinting; Molecular DNA markers i.e. RAPD, RFLP, SNPs; DNA sequencing, PCR and Reverse Transcriptase-PCR. Hybridoma and monoclonal antibodies, ELISA and Immuno detection. Molecular diagnosis of human disease, Human gene Therapy.

GE3P: Economic Botany and Plant Biotechnology

Credits 04

Practical:

1. Study of economically important plants : Wheat, Gram, Soybean, Black pepper, Clove Tea, Cotton, Groundnut through specimens, sections and micro chemical tests

2. Familiarization with basic equipments in tissue culture.
3. Study through photographs: Anther culture, somatic embryogenesis, endosperm and embryo culture; micropropagation.
4. Study of molecular techniques: PCR, Blotting techniques, AGE and PAGE.

Suggested Readings:

- Kochhar, S.L. (2011). Economic Botany in the Tropics, MacMillan Publishers India Ltd., New Delhi. 4th edition.
- Bhojwani, S.S. and Razdan, M.K., (1996). Plant Tissue Culture: Theory and Practice. Elsevier Science Amsterdam. The Netherlands.
- Glick, B.R., Pasternak, J.J. (2003). Molecular Biotechnology- Principles and Applications of recombinant DNA. ASM Press, Washington.

GE-4: Plant Anatomy and Embryology

Credits 06

GE4T: Plant Anatomy and Embryology

Credits 04

Course Contents:

Unit 1: Meristematic and permanent tissues

Root and shoot apical meristems; Simple and complex tissues

Unit 2: Organs

Structure of dicot and monocot root stem and leaf.

Unit 3: Secondary Growth

Vascular cambium – structure and function, seasonal activity. Secondary growth in root and stem, Wood (heartwood and sapwood)

Unit 4: Adaptive and protective systems

Epidermis, cuticle, stomata; General account of adaptations in xerophytes and hydrophytes.

Unit 5: Structural organization of flower

Structure of anther and pollen; Structure and types of ovules; Types of embryo sacs, organization and ultrastructure of mature embryo sac.

Unit 6: Pollination and fertilization

Pollination mechanisms and adaptations; Double fertilization; Seed-structure appendages and dispersal mechanisms.

Unit 7: Embryo and endosperm

Endosperm types, structure and functions; Dicot and monocot embryo; Embryo endosperm relationship

Unit 8: Apomixis and polyembryony

Definition, types and Practical applications

Practical:

1. Study of meristems through permanent slides and photographs.
2. Tissues (parenchyma, collenchyma and sclerenchyma); Macerated xylary elements, Phloem (Permanent slides, photographs)
3. Stem: Monocot: *Zea mays*; Dicot: *Helianthus*; Secondary: *Helianthus* (only Permanent slides).
4. Root: Monocot: *Zea mays*; Dicot: *Helianthus*; Secondary: *Helianthus* (only Permanent slides).
5. Leaf: Dicot and Monocot leaf (only Permanent slides).
6. Adaptive anatomy: Xerophyte (*Nerium* leaf); Hydrophyte (*Hydrilla* stem).
7. Structure of anther (young and mature), tapetum (amoeboid and secretory) (Permanent slides).
8. Types of ovules: anatropous, orthotropous, circinotropous, amphitropous/campylotropous.
9. Female gametophyte: *Polygonum* (monosporic) type of Embryo sac Development (Permanent slides/photographs).
10. Ultrastructure of mature egg apparatus cells through electron micrographs.
11. Pollination types and seed dispersal mechanisms (including appendages, aril, caruncle) (Photographs and specimens).
12. Dissection of embryo/endosperm from developing seeds.
13. Calculation of percentage of germinated pollen in a given medium.

Suggested Readings:

1. Bhojwani, S.S. & Bhatnagar, S.P. (2011). Embryology of Angiosperms. Vikas Publication House Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi. 5th edition.
2. Mauseth, J.D. (1988). Plant Anatomy. The Benjamin/Cummings Publisher, USA.

OR**GE-4: Plant Physiology and Metabolism****Credits 06****GE4T: Plant Physiology and Metabolism****Credits 04****Course Contents:****Unit 1: Plant-water relations**

Importance of water, water potential and its components; Transpiration and its significance; Factors affecting transpiration; Root pressure and guttation.

Unit 2: Mineral nutrition

Essential elements, macro and micronutrients; Criteria of essentiality of elements; Role of essential elements; Transport of ions across cell membrane, active and passive transport, carriers, channels and pumps.

Unit 3: Translocation in phloem.

Composition of phloem sap, girdling experiment; Pressure flow model; Phloem loading and unloading

Unit 4: Photosynthesis

Photosynthetic Pigments (Chl a, b, xanthophylls, carotene); Photosystem I and II, reaction center, antenna molecules; Electron transport and mechanism of ATP synthesis; C₃, C₄ and CAM pathways of carbon fixation; Photorespiration.

Unit 5: Respiration

Glycolysis, anaerobic respiration, TCA cycle; Oxidative phosphorylation, Glyoxylate, Oxidative Pentose Phosphate Pathway.

Unit 6: Enzymes

Structure and properties; Mechanism of enzyme catalysis and enzyme inhibition.

Unit 7: Nitrogen metabolism

Biological nitrogen fixation; Nitrate and ammonia assimilation.

Unit 8: Plant growth regulators

Discovery and physiological roles of auxins, gibberellins, cytokinins, ABA, ethylene.

Unit 9: Plant response to light and temperature

Photoperiodism (SDP, LDP, Day neutral plants); Phytochrome (discovery and structure), red and far red light responses on photomorphogenesis; Vernalization.

GE4P: Plant Physiology and Metabolism

Credits 02

Practical

1. Determination of osmotic potential of plant cell sap by plasmolytic method.
2. To study the effect of two environmental factors (light and wind) on transpiration by excised twig.
3. Calculation of stomatal index and stomatal frequency of a mesophyte and a xerophyte.
4. Demonstration of Hill reaction.
5. Demonstrate the activity of catalase and study the effect of pH and enzyme concentration.
6. To study the effect of light intensity and bicarbonate concentration on O₂ evolution in photosynthesis.
7. Comparison of the rate of respiration in any two parts of a plant.
8. Separation of amino acids by paper chromatography.

Demonstration experiments (any four)

1. Bolting.
2. Effect of auxins on rooting.
3. Suction due to transpiration.
4. R.Q.
5. Respiration in roots.

Suggested Readings

- Taiz, L., Zeiger, E., MØller, I.M. and Murphy, A (2015). Plant Physiology and Development. Sinauer Associates Inc. USA. 6th edition.
- Hopkins, W.G., Huner, N.P., (2009). Introduction to Plant Physiology. John Wiley & Sons, U.S.A. 4th Edition.
- Bajracharya, D., (1999). Experiments in Plant Physiology- A Laboratory Manual. Narosa Publishing House, New Delhi.