



ADIKAVI NANNAYA UNIVERSITY: RAJMAHENDRAVARAM

B.Sc Micro-Biology

Single Major

From 2023-24 (Syllabus-Curriculum)

Course Structure

Year	Semester	Course	Title of the Course	No. of Hrs /Week	No. of Credits
I	I	1	Introduction to Classical Biology	3+2	4
	I	2	Introduction to Applied Biology	3+2	4



SEMESTER-I

COURSE 1: INTRODUCTION TO CLASSICAL BIOLOGY

Theory

Credits: 4

5 hrs/week

Learning objectives

The student will be able to learn the diversity and classification of living organisms and understand their chemical, cytological, evolutionary and genetic principles.

Learning Outcomes

1. Learn the principles of classification and preservation of biodiversity
2. Understand the plant anatomical, physiological and reproductive processes.
3. Knowledge on animal classification, physiology, embryonic development and their economic importance.
4. Outline the cell components, cell processes like cell division, heredity and molecular processes.
5. Comprehend the chemical principles in shaping and driving the macromolecules and life processes.

Unit 1: Introduction to systematics, taxonomy and ecology.

- 1.1. Systematics – Definition and concept, Taxonomy – Definition and hierarchy.
- 1.2. Nomenclature – ICBN and ICZN, Binomial and trinomial nomenclature.
- 1.3. Ecology – Concept of ecosystem, Biodiversity and conservation.
- 1.4. Pollution and climate change.

Unit 2: Essentials of Botany.

- 2.1. The classification of plant kingdom.
- 2.2. Plant physiological processes (Photosynthesis, Respiration, Transpiration, phytohormones).
- 2.3. Structure of flower – Micro and macro sporogenesis, pollination, fertilization and structure of mono and dicot embryos.
- 2.4 Mushroom cultivation, floriculture and landscaping.

Unit 3: Essentials of Zoology

- 3.1. The classification of Kingdom Animalia and Chordata.
- 3.2 Animal Physiology – Basics of Organ Systems & their functions, Hormones and Disorders
- 3.3 Developmental Biology – Basic process of development (Gametogenesis, Fertilization, Cleavage and Organogenesis)
- 34 Economic Zoology – Sericulture, Apiculture, Aquaculture



Unit 4: Cell biology, Genetics and Evolution

- 4.1. Cell theory, Ultrastructure of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cell, cell cycle.
- 4.2. Chromosomes and heredity – Structure of chromosomes, concept of gene.
- 4.3. Central Dogma of Molecular Biology.
- 4.4. Origin of life

Unit 5: Essentials of chemistry

- 5.1. Definition and scope of chemistry, applications of chemistry in daily life.
- 5.2. Branches of chemistry
- 5.3. Chemical bonds – ionic, covalent, noncovalent – Vander Waals, hydrophobic, hydrogen bonds.
- 5.4. Green chemistry

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ACTIVITIES:

1. Make a display chart of life cycle of nonflowering plants.
2. Make a display chart of life cycle of flowering plants.
3. Study of stomata
4. Activity to prove that chlorophyll is essential for photosynthesis
5. Study of pollen grains.
6. Observation of pollen germination.
7. Ikebana.
8. Differentiate between edible and poisonous mushrooms.
9. Visit a nearby mushroom cultivation unit and know the economics of mushroom cultivation.
10. Draw the Ultrastructure of Prokaryotic and Eukaryotic Cell
11. Visit to Zoology Lab and observe different types of preservation of specimens
12. Hands-on experience of various equipment – Microscopes, Centrifuge, pH Meter, Electronic Weighing Balance, Laminar Air Flow
13. Visit to Zoo / Sericulture / Apiculture / Aquaculture unit
14. List out different hormonal, genetic and physiological disorders from the society



SEMESTER-I

COURSE 2: INTRODUCTION TO APPLIED BIOLOGY

Theory

Credits: 4

5 hrs/week

Learning objectives

The student will be able to learn the foundations and principles of microbiology, immunology, biochemistry, biotechnology, analytical tools, quantitative methods, and bioinformatics.

Learning Outcomes

1. Learn the history, ultrastructure, diversity and importance of microorganisms.
2. Understand the structure and functions of macromolecules.
3. Knowledge on biotechnology principles and its applications in food and medicine.
4. Outline the techniques, tools and their uses in diagnosis and therapy.
5. Demonstrate the bioinformatics and statistical tools in comprehending the complex biological data.

Unit 1: Essentials of Microbiology and Immunology

- 1.1. History and Major Milestones of Microbiology; Contributions of Edward Jenner, Louis Pasteur, Robert Koch and Joseph Lister.
- 1.2. Groups of Microorganisms – Structure and characteristics of Bacteria, Fungi, Archaea and Virus.
- 1.3. Applications of microorganisms in – Food, Agriculture, Environment, and Industry.
- 1.4. Immune system – Immunity, types of immunity, cells and organs of immune system.

Unit 2: Essentials of Biochemistry

- 2.1. Biomolecules I – Carbohydrates, Lipids.
- 2.2. Biomolecules II – Amino acids & Proteins.
- 2.3. Biomolecules III – Nucleic acids -DNA and RNA.
- 2.4. Basics of Metabolism – Anabolism and catabolism.

Unit 3: Essentials of Biotechnology

- 3.1. History, scope, and significance of biotechnology. Applications of biotechnology in Plant, Animal, Industrial and Pharmaceutical sciences.
- 3.2. Environmental Biotechnology – Bioremediation and Biofuels, Bio fertilizers and Bio pesticides.
- 3.3. Genetic engineering – Gene manipulation using restriction enzymes and cloning vectors; Physical, chemical, and biological methods of gene transfer.
- 3.4. Transgenic plants – Stress tolerant plants (biotic stress – BT cotton, abiotic stress – salt tolerance). Transgenic animals – Animal and disease models.



Unit 4: Analytical Tools and techniques in biology – Applications

- 4.1. Applications in forensics – PCR and DNA fingerprinting
- 4.2. Immunological techniques – Immunoblotting and ELISA.
- 4.3. Monoclonal antibodies – Applications in diagnosis and therapy.
- 4.4. Eugenics and Gene therapy

Unit 5: Biostatistics and Bioinformatics

- 5.1. Data collection and sampling. Measures of central tendency – Mean, Median, Mode.
- 5.2. Measures of dispersion – range, standard deviation and variance. Probability and tests of significance.
- 5.3. Introduction, Genomics, Proteomics, types of Biological data, biological databases- NCBI, EBI, Gen Bank; Protein 3D structures, Sequence alignment
- 5.4. Accessing Nucleic Acid and Protein databases, NCBI Genome Workbench

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ACTIVITIES

1. Identification of given organism as harmful or beneficial.
2. Observation of microorganisms from house dust under microscope.
3. Finding microorganism from pond water.

4. Visit to a microbiology industry or biotech company.
5. Visit to a waste water treatment plant.
6. Retrieving a DNA or protein sequence of a gene'
7. Performing a BLAST analysis for DNA and protein.
8. Problems on biostatistics.
9. Field trip and awareness programs on environmental pollution by different types of wastes and hazardous materials.
10. Demonstration on basic biotechnology lab equipment.
11. Preparation of 3D models of genetic engineering techniques.
12. Preparation of 3D models of transgenic plants and animals.

[**NOTE:** In the colleges where there is availability of faculty for microbiology and biotechnology, those chapters need to be handled by microbiology and biotechnology faculty. In other colleges, the above topics shall be dealt by Botany and Zoology faculty]

Course – I & II Model Paper (70 Marks)

SECTION A (Multiple Choice Questions)

30 x 1 = 30 M

30 Multiple Choice Questions (Each Unit 6 Questions)

SECTION B (Fill in the blanks)

10 x 1 = 10 M

10 Fill in the Blanks (Each Unit 2 Questions)

SECTION C (Very short answer questions)

10 x 1 = 10 M

10 Very short answer questions (Each Unit 2 Questions)

SECTION D (Matching) (From 5 Units)

2 x 5 = 10 M

1 A

B

C

D

E

2 A

B

C

D

E

SECTION E (True or False)

10 x 1 = 10 M

10 True or False (Each Unit 2 Questions)



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SEMESTER – II

COURSE STRUCTURE

Year	Semester	Course	Title	Hr/ week	credits
	II	3	Introduction to Microbiology	3	3
			Introduction to Microbiology	2	1
		4	Bacteriology and Virology	3	3
			Bacteriology and Virology	2	1



II SEMESTER
COURSE 3: - INTRODUCTION TO MICROBIOLOGY
credits -_3

Course Outcomes:

On successful completion of the course, the students will be able to

1. Understand the historical significance of microbiology and the contributions of key scientists.
2. Recognize the classification of microorganisms and their place in the living world.
3. Comprehend the scope and applications of microbiology, including the origin of microbial life and the distinction between eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells.
4. Describe the characteristics of bacteria, archaea, fungi, algae, and protozoa.
5. Describe viruses, including their nature, composition, and diversity in structure.
6. Develop practical skills in aseptic techniques, growth media preparation, isolation methods, and the identification of bacteria and fungi.

Unit - 1: History of Microbiology

No. of Hours: 10

1. Discovery of Microscope and microbial world by Anton von Leeuwenhoek; Aseptic techniques with reference to Charak Samhita, Sushruta Samhita and Ignaz Philipp Semmelweis
2. Golden era of Microbiology- Refutation of abiogenesis; Germ theory of Disease; Discovery of vaccination; Discovery of penicillin
3. Major contributions of Scientists: Edward Jenner, Louis Pasteur, Robert Koch, Joseph Lister, Ivanowsky, Martinus Beijerinck and Sergei Winogradsky

Unit - 2: Place of Microorganisms in the living world
Hours:10

No. of

1. Haeckel's three Kingdom concept, Whittaker's five kingdom concept, three domain concept of Carl Woese
2. Definition and scope of Microbiology; Applications of Microbiology; Diverse groups of Microorganisms
3. Origin of microbial life on earth- Timeline, Miller's Experiment, endosymbiosis (cyanobacteria), distinguishing features of eukaryotic and prokaryotic cell

Unit - 3: Prokaryotic microorganisms and Viruses

No. of Hours:10

1. General characteristics of Bacteria (Morphology, metabolic diversity and reproduction)
2. General characteristics of Archaea differentiating them from Bacteria
3. General characteristics of viruses (Nature, composition, size, host specificity, diversity in structure)



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Unit - 4: Eukaryotic microorganisms

No. of Hours: 10

1. Fungi - Habitat, nutrition, vegetative structure and modes of reproduction;
2. Algae- Habitat, thallus organization, photosynthetic pigments, storage forms of food, reproduction.
3. Protozoa–Habitat, cell structure, nutrition, locomotion, excretion, reproduction, encystment.

Unit - 5: Growing Microbes in Lab: Five I's

No. of Hours:05

1. Inoculation-Aseptic methods of introducing inoculum to growth media;
Composition of basic growth media, solid and liquid
2. Incubation and Isolation- Ambient temperature for growth of microorganisms;
Concept of Pure culture, mixed culture and contaminated culture
3. Inspection and Identification - Observation of colour, size and shape of colonies;
Wet mount and simple staining of bacteria and fungi

III. Skill Outcomes:

1. Implement safety protocols, handling hazardous materials, and practicing personal protective measures.
2. Identify microscope parts, adjusting focus and diaphragm, and accurately observing and documenting microscopic images.
3. Prepare smears, identifying different microorganisms, and interpreting microscopic characteristics.
4. Analyze electron micrographs, identifying virus types, and describing their morphology and size.
5. Operate Autoclave, Hot Air Oven, and Laminar Air Flow Chamber for sterilization and decontamination purposes.



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II SEMESTER
COURSE 3: - INTRODUCTION TO MICROBIOLOGY
credits -_1

1. Good Laboratory Practices and Biosafety
2. Compound Light microscope -Parts and its handling
3. Microscopic observation of bacteria, Algae and Fungi and protozoa
4. Observation of electron micrographs of viruses (Lambda, T4, TMV, HIV, SARS CoV-2, Polio)
5. Laboratory equipment -Working principles of Autoclave, Hot air oven, Laminar airflow chamber

IV. References:

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V. Co-Curricular Activities:

1. Establish a Microbiology Club where students can come together to discuss and explore various topics related to microbiology.
2. Organizing microbiology-themed events like microbiologyday 3

Poster presentations, oral presentations, and Q&A sessions.

4. Field Trips to Microbiology-related Sites
5. Establish a Microbiology Journal Club where students can review and discuss scientific articles related to microbiology.



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II SEMESTER

COURSE 4: - BACTERIOLOGY AND VIROLOGY

credits -_3

I. Learning Outcomes:

On successful completion of the course, the students will be able to

1. Understand the concept of prokaryotic diversity and taxonomy.
2. Identify and describe the salient features of various bacterial groups
3. Comprehend the discovery, nature, and definition of viruses.
4. Describe the replication processes of specific viruses
5. Comprehend the concept of oncogenic viruses, and role of viruses in the ecosystem.

Unit -1: Bacterial Taxonomy and Ultrastructure **No. ofHours: 9**

1. Introduction to prokaryotic diversity and taxonomy. Types of classification- Numerical and Phylogenetic
2. Introduction to Bergy's manual of Systematic Bacteriology
3. Non-Culturables and Metagenomics
4. Ultrastructure of a Bacterial Cell-Invariable components -cell wall, Structure and/Functions of cell membrane, cytoplasm, nucleoid; Variable components- plasmid, inclusion bodies, flagella (structure and arrangement), pili, capsule, endospore.

Unit - 2: Type studies of Bacteria and Archaea **No. of Hours:9**

1. Salient features of:
 - a) Photosynthetic bacteria - Purple bacteria, Green bacteria and *Anabaena*
 - b) Gliding bacteria - Myxobacteria and Cytophaga group
 - c) Filamentous -Actinomycetes
 - d) Spore forming bacteria - Bacillus and Clostridia
 - e) Miscellaneous - Mycoplasma, Rickettsia, Chlamydia
2. Salient features of Fermentative bacteria, Sulphur bacteria, Nitrogen fixing bacteria
3. Salient features of Extremophiles- Methanogens and halobacteria.

Unit - 3: General Properties and Classification of Viruses **No. of Hours:9**

1. Discovery of viruses, Nature and definition of viruses, general properties
2. Hierarchy of ICTV nomenclature
3. Outline of Baltimore system of classification.
4. Cultivation of Viruses, Virus Purification and Assay.



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Unit - 4: Replication of Viruses

No. ofHours:9

1. General features of Viral Replication
2. Replication of T4, lambda, TMV , HIV
3. Replication of Polio, Influenza, Adeno Viruses

Unit - 5: Pathogenic and other Viruse

No. ofHours:9

1. Defective Viruses- viroids, virusoids, satellite viruses and Prions.
2. Emergence of Viral Pathogens, Introduction to Oncogenic viruses, Concept of Oncogenes and Protooncogenes
3. Role of viruses in Ecosystems; Applications in Biotechnology

III. Skill Outcomes:

On successful completion of the course, the students will be able to

1. Develop practical skills in the isolation, identification, and cultivation of bacteria.
2. Acquire knowledge about the preparation of growth media and study host-pathogen interactions.
3. Gain the ability to examine the bacteria through microscopy.
4. Demonstrate proficiency in isolating bacteria from natural environment



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II SEMESTER

COURSE 4: - BACTERIOLOGY AND VIROLOGY

credits -1

1. Study of bacteria by colony observation and staining-simple, gram
2. Observation of motility and capsule
3. Isolation of bacteria using Winogradsky column and observation
4. Study of viruses (Bacteriophage, TMV and HIV) using micrographs
5. Isolation and enumeration of bacteriophages (PFU) from water/sewage sample using double agar layer technique.
6. Studying isolation and propagation of animal viruses by chick embryo technique.
7. Study of cytopathic effects of viruses using photographs.
8. Perform local lesion technique for assaying plant viruses.

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Co-Curricular Activities:

1. Invite guest speakers, to provide insights into the latest advancements and emerging trends in bacteriology and virology.
2. Conduct laboratory workshops that allow students to gain hands-on experience in bacterial culture techniques
3. Case Study Competitions: Organize case study competitions where students can work in teams to analyze and solve hypothetical cases related to bacteriology and virology
4. Arrange field trips to microbiology research facilities, such as government labs, industrial settings, or healthcare institutions

BLUE PRINT OF MODEL QUESTION PAPER (Sem-End. Examinations)

COURSE NAME

MODEL QUESTION PAPER - THEORY

Semester: ...

Paper:, Title of the paper

Time: 3 Hours.

Max Marks: 70

SECTION – A

Answer any 5 questions. Each question carries 4 marks (5 X 4 = 20M)
(Total 8 questions, questions 1-5 from Units 1-5 & questions 6-8 from any of the units)

1. Unit -I
2. Unit-II
3. Unit-III
4. Unit-IV
5. Unit-V
6. From any Unit
7. From any Unit
8. From any Unit

SECTION – B

Answer all the questions. Each question carries 10 marks. (5 X 10 = 50M)
(Each question (both 'A' or 'B') from each Unit.

9. from Unit I
(OR)
from Unit I

10. from Unit II
(OR)
from Unit II

11. from Unit III
(OR)
from Unit III

12. from Unit IV
(OR)
from Unit IV

13. from Unit V
(OR)
from Unit V