Department of Agricultural Microbiology

RESTRICTED COURSE OUTLINE
( ICAR Based BSMA Committee on Basic Sciences )
For
M.Sc. (Ag.) Microbiology

Faculty of Agricultural Sciences
Aligarh Muslim University
Aligarh – 202002
February 06, 2018
Semester Wise Break Up of Course Structure
M.Sc. (Ag.) Microbiology
Faculty of Agricultural Sciences
Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh-202 002

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## Course Distribution

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(Summary of Course Work)

A: Major: (ICAR 20 Credits)
- Principles of Microbiology : 4
- Soil Microbiology : 4
- Food and Dairy Microbiology : 4
- Microbial Physiology and Metabolism : 4
- Microbial Ecology : 3
- Industrial Microbiology : 4
- Microbial Genetics : 4
- Biofertilizer & Biopesticide Technology : 4
- Bacteriophages : 3

B: Minor: (ICAR 09 Credits)
- Biomolecules : 4
- Pathogenic Microbes and Immunology : 4
- Environmental Microbiology : 4
- Microbial Biotechnology : 3

C: Seminar: (ICAR 01 Credit)

D: Basic Supporting: (ICAR 05 Credits)
- Cyanobacteria and algal biotechnology : 2
- Methods in Applied and Molecular Current Trends : 3
- Biostatistics and Bioinformatics : 3
- Computer Applications in Agriculture : 3
- Field Work : 4

E: Non-credit compulsory Courses

F: Master’s Research

Sub-Total: A+B+C+D+E+F = 34+15+02+18+06+20 = 96

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I – SEMESTER

MBM1006 PRINCIPLES OF MICROBIOLOGY (3+1)

Objectives:
To teach the students about basics concepts and development of microbiology, differences in prokaryotes and eukaryotic cell and classification of prokaryotes. This is a very comprehensive syllabus which will help students building a strong foundation in Microbiology.

Mid Term: 30 Marks
Assignment: 05 Marks
Practical: 15 Marks
End Term: 50 Marks
M. Marks: 100

Unit-I
Development of Microbiology in the 18th and 19th century: Discovery of microscopes and microorganisms, Theory of abiogenesis and biogenesis, Koch’s postulates, River’s postulate, Morphology, structure and function of prokaryotic cells (Bacteria and Archea) and eukaryotic cells. cell components: (a) Structure external to cell wall: Capsules and slime layer, fimbriae and pili and cell wall (b) structure internal to cell wall: cytoplasmic membrane, transport across membranes, Cellular inclusions and gas vesicles, Flagella and Motility, Chemotaxis, Bacterial spore: Process of sporulation and germination, Prokaryotic genome, Microbial nutrition and growth: Major nutritional types of bacteria, microbial requirements of C, N, S, P and micronutrients, Synchronous and Continuous culture, Diauxic growth. Cell cycle and cell division,

Unit-II
Classification and Nomenclature of prokaryotes: Basic principles and techniques used in bacterial classification, Evolutionary relationship among prokaryotes: Phylogenetic and numerical taxonomy, Recent developments in microbial taxonomy: Use of DNA and r-RNA sequencing in microbial classifications, GC ratios, DNA hybridization, Ribotyping, Multilocus sequence typing, Fatty acid analysis (FAME), Concept of species in Microbiology.

Unit-III
Study of major groups of bacteria (belonging to Gracilicutes, Firmicutes, Tanericutes and Mendosicutes), Archea and Protista: Morphological, cultural and biochemical properties of Rickettsia, Mycoplasma and Actinomycetes, Chlamydia; Archea: Crenarcaeota and Euryarchaeota; Protista: morphological and physiological characteristics of fungi, algae and protozoa.

Unit-IV

Practical
Preparation and use of media, Staining and Differential techniques: Grams staining, Simple and Acid fast techniques, cell motility, Culture and microscopic examination of bacteria, fungi and actinomycetes, sporulation and spore germination in bacteria, antibiotic sensitivity.

Suggested Reading:
- Microbiology by Michael J. Pelczar et. TaTa McGraw Hill Publisher Company Ltd.(2002)
- Microbiology by Black J.G., John Wiley & Sons, INC.(2008)
Objective of this course is to teach students regarding basics of soils and microbiology related to soil including biogeochemical cycles, plant growth promoting rhizobacteria, microbial interactions in soil and other soil activities. The course also includes the methodology and technical aspects to provide comprehensive knowledge of the subject.

Mid Term: 30 Marks  
Assignment: 05 Marks  
Practical: 15 Marks  
End Term: 50 Marks  
M. Marks: 100

Unit-I  
Soil: Definition, composition, structure and characteristic features including as substrate for microbial growth, Biotic factors in soil development, Soil biota: occurrence, characteristic features and their role; Soil microbial ecology, types of organisms in different soils; Soil microbial biomass; Microbial interactions: unculturable soil biota; Methods of studying soil microorganisms: culture dependent and independent methods.

Unit-II  
Microbiology and biochemistry of root-soil interface; phyllosphere, Nitrogen fixation: associative and symbiotic nitrogen fixation (SNF), process and regulation of BNF, role of various genes in the nitrogen fixation processes, Nitrogenase protection mechanism in diazotrophs, prospects for increasing SNF, soil enzyme activities and their importance. Siderophores and antimicrobials; Biochemical composition and biodegradation of soil organic matter and crop residues.

Unit-III  
Microbial transformations of nitrogen: nitrogen cycle, microbiology and biochemistry of ammonification, nitrification and denitrification, utilization of various nitrogen sources; microbial transformation of phosphorus: phosphorus cycle, source of organic and inorganic phosphates in soil and elsewhere, mineralization of inorganic phosphates, factors affecting phosphate solubilization and mechanism; microbial transformation of sulphur: sulphur cycle, source of sulphur, sulphur oxidizing and reducing microorganisms (Thiobacillus and Desulfovibrio), biochemistry of transformation. sulphate and sulphur reduction, \( H_2S \) formation, role of Thiobacillus in agriculture and soil reclamation. microbial transformation of Iron, manganese, zinc, copper and potassium in soil.

Unit-IV  

Practical  
Enumeration of soil microbial population (Bacteria, Soil enzymes; measurement of important soil microbial processes such as ammonification, nitrification. \( N_2 \) fixation, \( S \) oxidation, \( P \) solubilization and mineralization of other micro nutrients; Study of rhizosphere effect, Transformation of sulphur compounds by Thiobacillus spp. and their characteristics, isolation and characterization of nitrogen fixing bacteria.

Suggested readings:
- An introduction to Soil Microbiology (Wiley Publication), Martin Alexander (1986)
- Soil Fertility and Fertilizers by Tisdale et.al. (2003)Prentice Hall of India Pvt. Ltd.
Objectives
To familiarize the students with recent advances in food microbiology including fermented foods, dairy, food preservation, detection of foodborne diseases, their control measures.

Mid Term: 30 Marks
Assignment: 05 Marks
Practical: 15 Marks
End Term: 50 Marks
M. Marks: 100

Unit –I
Foods: Source and composition, introduction and scope of food Microbiology; Interrelationship of food microbiology with other sciences; Perspectives on food safety and Food Biotechnology; Food quality and assurance: Quality control parameters of various foods; Types and role of microorganisms – Psychrophiles, osmophiles, halophiles, thermophiles, pH-tolerance and spore formers.

Unit-II
Factors of special significance in Food Microbiology – Principles influencing microbial growth in foods; Chemical changes caused by microorganisms, Spores and their significance; Indicator organisms and Microbiological criteria; Microbial spoilage of foods- causes of spoilage and classification of foods by ease of spoilage, spoilage of meat, eggs, milk, fish and their products, fruits, canned foods, bakery products, vegetables and their products; Food poisoning and food-borne pathogenic bacteria.

Unit-III
Food fermentation; Fermented dairy, vegetable, meat products; Preservatives and preservation methods – physical methods (high temperature, low temperature and irradiation and drying processes), chemical preservatives and natural antimicrobial compounds. Bacteriocins and their applications; Biologically based preservation systems and probiotic bacteria.

Unit-IV
Advanced techniques in detecting food-borne pathogens and toxins. Hurdle technology and Hazard analysis. Critical control point systems in controlling microbiological hazards in foods, Development of biosensors to detect food contamination, Aseptic packaging materials, Good manufacturing practices (GMP), HACCP Importance of microbiological quality during food processing and packaging, Microbiological standards and guidelines and food laws.

Practical
Statutory, recommended and supplementary tests for microbiological analysis of various foods: Baby foods, canned foods, milk and dairy products, eggs, meat, vegetables, fruits, cereals, surfaces, containers and water. Detection of food-borne pathogens.

Suggested Readings:
- Food Microbiology by Frazier and Westhoff TaTa McGraw Hill (2005)
- Modern Food Microbiology by Jay et.al. Springer India Ltd. (2006)
- Food Microbiology: Fundamentals and Frontiers by Doyel et.al. ASM Press (2001)
- George J Banwart. 1989. Basic Food Microbiology. AVI.
- James M Jay. 1987. Modern Food Microbiology. CBS.
I SEMESTER

MBM1009  BIOMOLECULES  (3+1)

Objectives:
To familiarize students with comprehensive information about the structural and functional diversity of biomolecules in the living system, and their significance in cell structure physiology and genetics.

Mid Term: 30 Marks
Assignment: 05 Marks
Practical: 15 Marks
End Term: 50 Marks
M. Marks: 100

Unit-I

Unit-II
Nature of naturally occurring amino acids, classification, structure and properties, Structure and functions of proteins (primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary structure). Forces responsible for maintenance of protein structure. Protein denaturation and Folding, Molecular chaperones molecular breathing in protein, Basics of protein-ligand interactions, General idea of role of protein as hormones and antibodies. Fat soluble and water soluble vitamins, elementary ideas about the physiological function and deficiency diseases. Role of water soluble vitamins as co-enzyme precursor.

Unit-III
Basics of Nucleotides and Nucleic acids: Structure and function of nucleosides, nucleotides, polynucleotides. Composition of nucleic acids (ribo and deoxyribonucleic acids). Structure and function of DNA and RNA. RNA types and their functions, DNA supercoiling, Bacterial DNA, Chromatin structure and Nucleosomes. An Introduction to enzyme, Enzyme active site, Basics of regulatory enzyme, Enzyme inhibitors (competitive and non-competitive)
Practical
Detection of carbohydrates, proteins, amino acids by colour reaction, Colorimetric estimation of glucose by glucose oxidase/peroxidase also in biological samples (Fruits).

Suggested Readings:
- Outlines of Biochemistry by Conn & Stumpf, John Wiley & Sons
- Biochemistry by Stryer WH  Freeman and company
- Outline of Biochemistry EE conn, Paul K Stumps et. al, John Wiley & Sons(1987)
I SEMESTER

MBM1010 PATHOGENIC MICROBES AND IMMUNOLOGY (3+1)

Objectives:

To provide students an overview of the pathogenic microbes and immunological aspects associated with human, animal and plants.

M. Marks: 100

Mid Term: 30 Marks
Assignment: 05 Marks
Practical: 15 Marks
End Term: 50 Marks

Unit-I

Microbial pathogens; common bacterial, fungal and protozoan pathogens associated with human and animals, microbes with zoonotic importance, animal pathogens, epidemiology, dissemination and control, prophylaxis, vaccine and chemotherapy. Development of drug resistant in microbes.

Unit-II

Phytopathogenic bacteria: Diversity, characteristic and mechanism of pathogenicity, diseases caused and their control measures; viruses of plants and animals: general characteristics, symptoms and control strategies.

Unit-III

General concept of immune responses- T and B cells, Antigens; definition, classes and immunologic properties, Haptens, Mitogens, and Epitopes. The role of macrophages, Humoral and cell mediated immune responses. Antibody – Definition, Basic and fine structure of immunoglobulin’s, Antigenic determinants of immunoglobulin- Isotypic, allotypic and Idiotype determinants, Immunoglobulin isotypes and their function. Theories of antibody formation- Selection and Clonal selection theory.

Unit-IV

Antigen-Antibody interactions- Precipitin reaction in fluids and gel, Agglutination reaction; Serological methods: Immunodiffusion (Mancini and Ouchterlony method), Immunelectrophoresis, RIA, ELISA, Immunofluorescence. Hybridomas and Monoclonal Antibodies-Formation and selection of hybrid cells, Principal of monoclonal antibodies production, Application and advantages of monoclonal antibodies; Plantibodies: production, applications, advantages and bottlenecks.

Practical

Detection of plant pathogens including bacteria and fungi from various diseased plants and animals; Immunological reactions: Agglutination: Slide and tube agglutination; Diffusion: Single radial immunoassay and Double immunodiffusion test.

Suggested Readings :

Objectives:
To equip the library users with skills to trace information from libraries efficiently, to apprise them of information and knowledge resources, to carry out literature survey, to formulate information search strategies, and to use modern tools (Internet, OPAC, search engines etc.) of information search.

Mid Term: 40 Marks  
Assignment: 10 Marks  
End Term: 50 Marks  
M. Marks: 100

Practical
Introduction to library and its services; Role of libraries in education, research and technology transfer; Classification systems and organization of library; Sources of information- Primary Sources, Secondary Sources and Tertiary Sources; Intricacies of abstracting and indexing services (Science Citation Index, Biological Abstracts, Chemical Abstracts, CABI Abstracts, etc.); Tracing information from reference sources; Literature survey; Citation techniques/Preparation of bibliography; Use of CD-ROM Databases, Online Public Access Catalogue and other computerized library services; Use of Internet including search engines and its resources; e-resources access methods.
Objectives:
To equip the students/scholars with skills to write dissertations, research papers, etc. To equip the students/scholars with skills to communicate and articulate in English (verbal as well as writing).

Mid Term: 40 Marks
Assignment: 10 Marks
End Term: 50 Marks
M. Marks: 100

Practical

Technical Writing - Various forms of scientific writings- theses, technical papers, reviews, manuals, etc; Various parts of thesis and research communications (title page, authorship contents page, preface, introduction, review of literature, material and methods, experimental results and discussion); Writing of abstracts, summaries, précis, citations etc.; commonly used abbreviations in the theses and research communications; illustrations, photographs and drawings with suitable captions; pagination, numbering of tables and illustrations; Writing of numbers and dates in scientific write-ups; Editing and proof-reading; Writing of a review article.

Communication Skills - Grammar (Tenses, parts of speech, clauses, punctuation marks); Error analysis (Common errors); Concord; Collocation; Phonetic symbols and transcription; Accentual pattern: Weak forms in connected speech; Participation in group discussion: Facing an interview; presentation of scientific papers.

Suggested Readings:

II-SEMESTER

MBM2001 MICROBIAL PHYSIOLOGY AND METABOLISM (3+1)

Objectives:
To teach students about concept and mechanistic aspects of bacterial growth, nutrition and metabolism. The course covers the important metabolic pathways related to synthesis, degradation and regulation of biomolecules in cell.

Mid Term: 30 Marks
Assignment: 05 Marks
Practical: 15 Marks
End Term: 50 Marks
M. Marks: 100

Unit-I
Introduction and scope of microbial physiology, Structure, function, biosynthesis and assembly of various cellular components of prokaryotes, archaea and fungi: catabolic and anabolic reactions, Collision theory, Cell wall and its biosynthesis- Types, Peptidoglycan biosynthesis (Gram +ve, Gram –ve and Archael cell wall), Polysachharide biosynthesis, Lipid biosynthesis, Biosynthesis of nitrogenous compounds- Amino acid and proteins, Purine and pyrimidines, degradation of Nucleic acids, Transport of solutes across the membrane.

Unit-II
Biochemistry of catabolic reactions in aerobic and anerobic chemoautotrophs, chemoheterotrophs, Aerobic and anaerobic respiration, role of ATP, reducing power and precursors metabolites in metabolism, Glycolysis, Substrate level phosphorylation Alternatives to glycolysis: hexose monophosphate shunt, Entner-Doudoroff pathways, TCA cycle, electron transport chain and oxidative phosphorylation, Chemiosmotic mechanism of ATP generation, Cell poisons/ETS inhibitors, Uncoupling agents, Methods of study of intermediary metabolism, Anaerobic respiration, Dissimilatory and assimilatory reductions.

Unit-III
Fermentative metabolism. Types of fermentation, Role of saccharoarlytic clostridia in fermentation, Role of glyoxylate cycle in acetic acid oxidation, special pathways for primary attack on organic compounds by microorganisms, Oxidation of fatty acid (B-oxidation) and certain amino acids, Deamination, Transamination, Gluconeogenesis, Regulation of microbial metabolism: Allosteric inhibition and enzyme covalent modification, Effect of chemicals and other environmental factors on growth, Morphogenesis and cellular differentiation.

Unit-IV
Metabolic diversity, Important metabolic patterns in Photoautotrophs, Photoheterotrophs, Chemoautotrophs, Chemoheterotrophs, Photolithoautotrophs, Chemolithoautotrophs, Photoorganoheterotrophs, Chemorganoheterotrophs, Auxotrophs. Microbial and Plant photosynthesis, Diversity, Chlorophylls and bacteriochlorophylls, Accessory pigments, Light-dependent reactions and light independent reactions, Carbon dioxide assimilation in prokaryotes, Bacteriorhodopsin and Halorhodopsin and their significance

Practical
Determination of viable and total number of cells, Measurement of cell size, Measurement of bacterial growth/growth curve, growth factors affecting microbial growth, Isolation of photosynthetic bacteria,biochemicar reaction by bacteria: Sugar fermentation.

Suggested Readings:
- Microbiology by Davis et. al., Harper & Row Publishers(1980)
- General Microbiology by Stainier et. al. MacMillan Press Ltd.(2005)
- Microbiology by Michael J. Pelczer et. al. TaTa McGraw Hill Publisher Company Ltd. (2002)
II SEMESTER

MBM2002 MICROBIAL ECOLOGY (2+1)

Objectives:

This course has been designed to impart knowledge about some fundamental aspects of ecology. This course focuses on understanding the needs of interaction occurring among microbes in nature and their consequential impacts on health’s.

Mid Term: 30 Marks
Assignment: 05 Marks
Practical: 15 Marks
End Term: 50 Marks
M. Marks: 100

Unit-I

Microbial ecology – Concept of habitat and ecological niches, Ecosystem, Energy flow, food chain, food web, biotic community concept, Microbial Succession, adaptation and natural selection of microbial population, Carbon cycle, aerobic decomposition of native and added organic matter, lignolytic and cellulolytic microorganisms, Role of humus and clay in ion exchange and nutrient availability.

Unit-II

Microbial interactions – Symbiosis, Synergism, Commensalism, Ammensalism, Predation and Parasitism, Mycorrhizal associations- structure, characteristics mechanism and their role in Agriculture and Forestry, Algal association with other microorganisms and plant. Endophytic associations of microbes with plants and its significance.

Unit-III

Microbial Colonization of plant surfaces- The rhizosphere and colonization, plant root exudates and their characteristics, Nutrients and plant community productivity, Influence of plant rhizosphere effect, Phyllosphere associated microflora and their role, Phytoalexin-Properties and induction.

Practical

Sampling and enumeration techniques for phyllosphere / rhizosphere microbial flora, effect of environmental variables on microbial communities, assessment of symbiotic and synergistic interactions amongst microbes, EPS production by phyllosphere / rhizosphere bacteria.

Suggested Readings:

- Environment and Pollution by R.S. Ambasht, CBS New Delhi (2005)
- Biotechnology of Plant – Microbe Interactions (Environmental Biotechnology ) James P. Nakas
II SEMESTER

MBM2005 INDUSTRIAL MICROBIOLOGY (3+1)

Objectives:
To expose the students to the commercial exploitation of microorganisms for production of useful products. Focus will be on understanding of the techniques involved and the application of microorganisms for agribusiness purpose.

Unit-I
Definition and scope of industrial microbiology, basis and development of formulation process, Definition of primary and secondary metabolites, screening of new metabolites and isolation approaches of unidentified microbial products, General concept of microbial fermentation, citric acid, antibiotics (Penicillin and semi-synthetic penicillin), enzymes (Amylases, Glucose isomers, Proteases, Penicillin acylases), amino acids, vitamins (Riboflavin & Vit B-12) and single cell proteins.

Unit-II
Microbial production of alcoholic drinks (wine, beer), lactic acid, acetic acid (vinegar),

Unit-III
Production of yeast and yeast derived products; Role of microbes and microbial enzymes in the fermentation of tea, coffee and cocoa and production of silage; Production and characteristics of microbial plastics (bioplastics) and biopolymers. Brief introduction to bacterial, fungal and insect diseases, Types of chemicals/pesticides used for disease control, Vaccines.

Unit-IV
Biofuels: Microbial production of ethanol, biogas and hydrogen, role of microbes in composting, Agricultural utilization of biogas sludge, Biomining: coal, mineral and gas formation, prospecting for deposits of crude, oil and gas, recovery of minerals from low-grade ores.

Practical
Isolation and selection of antibiotic and enzyme producing microorganisms, Assays of antibiotics, Production of microbial plastics, isolation and characterization of organic acids produced by bacteria, Demonstration of biogas production.

Suggested Readings:
II SEMESTER

MBM2006 MICROBIAL GENETICS (3+1)

Objectives
This paper is designed specially to introduce a comprehensive course with basic concept of molecular biology and its application in studying microbial genetics and to understand molecular mechanism of gene expression and regulation.

Mid Term: 30 Marks
Assignment: 05 Marks
Practical: 15 Marks
End Term: 50 Marks
M. Marks: 100

Unit-I
Prokaryotic, eukaryotic and viral genome; Bacterial Replication and replisome: replication fork, proteins and enzymes needed in replication, plasmids and plasmid replication: maintenance, stability and copy number, plasmid incompatibility. Fungal genomes and its replication, concepts of metagenome.

Unit-II
Gene Expression and regulation: genetic code, transcription and post transcriptional modification of RNA, RNA editing, translation and post translational modifications, Regulation of bacterial gene expression, lac operon, tryptophan operon, HUT Operon and their regulation.

Unit-III
Molecular basis of mutation: mutation types, site directed mutagenesis, DNA repair mechanisms that safeguard DNA, Recent advances in DNA repair and mutagenesis, Gene transfer in bacteria through transformation, conjugation, and transduction, gene mapping by these processes, transposon and chemical mutagenesis.

Unit-IV
Gene cloning and DNA sequencing, DNA cloning strategies in bacteria, Restriction and modification systems, vectors derived from bacterial plasmids, bacteriophages, plants and animal viruses, Selection and screening of recombinant clones; Yeast artificial chromosomes (YACs), Bacterial artificial chromosomes (BACs), DNA quenching, Concept of transgenic plants. Genetic basis of cancer and cell death.

Practical
Inactivation of microorganisms by different mutagens, Isolation and characterization of mutants. Determination of mutation rate. Isolation, characterization and curing of plasmids. Transfer of plasmid by conjugation, electroporation, Transformation, Tetrad and random spore analysis.

Suggested Readings:
- Genes IX by Benjamin Lewin, John and Barklet Publishers (2008)
- Molecular Biology of the Gene by Watson et. al., Benjamin Cummings (2013)
- Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry by Lehninger by Cox et. al., WH Freeman and Company (2010)
- Biochemistry by Stryer WH Freeman and Company
Objectives:

Basic knowledge of computer and its use is an essential aspect of academic learning. The course is designed to provide introductory knowledge to the students so that they can make effective use of computer and internet in their studies and project work.

Mid Term: 30 Marks
Assignment: 20 Marks
End Term: 50 Marks
M. Marks: 100

Unit-I

Introduction to Computers: Characteristics of computers, Generation of computers, classification of computer: Microprocessor, Mini computers, supper computers. Components of a computer system: Central Processing Unit, Input unit, Output unit, Storage Unit. Applications of computer.

Unit-II

Hardware/Software: computer memory and storage: Random Access Memory Read only memory, Secondary storage devices, Input/Output devices, Software, Categories of software, Operating system, DOS, Windows.

Unit-III


Unit-IV


Suggested Readings:

- Computer Fundamental by P.K. Shukla
- Introduction to Computers by Peter Norton
- Fundamental of Computers by Rajaraman
II SEMESTER

MBM2073  1+0
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND ITS MANAGEMENT IN AGRICULTURE (E-Course)

Objectives:

The main objective of this course is to equip students and stakeholders with knowledge of intellectual property rights (IPR) related protection systems, their significance and use of IPR as a tool for wealth and value creation in a knowledge-based economy.

Mid Term: 40 Marks
Assignment: 10 Marks
End Term: 50 Marks
M. Marks: 100

Theory

Historical perspectives and need for the introduction of Intellectual Property Right regime; TRIPs and various provisions in TRIPS Agreement; Intellectual Property and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), benefits of securing IPRs; Indian Legislations for the protection of various types of Intellectual Properties; Fundamentals of patents, copyrights, geographical indications, designs and layout, trade secrets and traditional knowledge, trademarks, protection of plant varieties and farmers’ rights and biodiversity protection; Protectable subject matters, protection in biotechnology, protection of other biological materials, ownership and period of protection; National Biodiversity protection initiatives; Convention on Biological Diversity; International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture; Licensing of technologies, Material transfer agreements, Research collaboration Agreement, License Agreement.

Suggested Readings:

II SEMESTER

MBM2074 BASIC CONCEPTS IN LABORATORY TECHNIQUES 0+1

Objectives:

To acquaint the students about the basics of commonly used techniques in laboratory.

Mid Term: 40 Marks
Assignment: 10 Marks
End Term: 50 Marks
M. Marks: 100

Practical

Safety measures while in Lab; Handling of chemical substances; Use of burettes, pipettes, measuring cylinders, flasks, separatory funnel, condensers, micropipettes and vaccupets; washing, drying and sterilization of glassware; Drying of solvents/chemicals. Weighing and preparation of solutions of different strengths and their dilution; Handling techniques of solutions; Preparation of different agro-chemical doses in field and pot applications; Preparation of solutions of acids; Neutralisation of acid and bases; Preparation of buffers of different strengths and pH values. Use and handling of microscope, laminar flow, vacuum pumps, viscometer, thermometer, magnetic stirrer, micro-ovens, incubators, sandbath, waterbath, oilbath; Electric wiring and earthing. Preparation of media and methods of sterilization; Seed viability testing, testing of pollen viability; Tissue culture of crop plants; Description of flowering plants in botanical terms in relation to taxonomy.

Suggested Readings:

III SEMESTER

MBM3004 CYANOBACTERIAL AND ALGAL BIOTECHNOLOGY (2+0)

Objectives:
To teach students about the fascinating fields of Cyanobacteria and algae and how they survive under variable environments and their benefits to mankind.

Mid Term: 30 Marks
Assignment: 20 Marks
End Term: 50 Marks
M. Marks: 100

Unit-I
Introduction to Cyanobacteria and algae. Definition, occurrence and distribution, thallus structure, reproduction, life cycles, origin and evolution of Cyanobacteria, molecular evolution; role of algae in evolution of land plants and horizontal transfer of genes.

Unit-II
Algal pigments, storage products, carbon metabolism, Algal culturing and cultivation. Culture types, culture conditions, culture vessels, culture media, sterilization, culture methods, photobioreactors, algal density and growth, seaweed cultivation.

Unit-III
Cyanobacterial and algal fuels, Fine chemicals (restriction enzymes etc.) and nutraceuticals from algae; UV absorbing pigments Industrial products from macro algae - seaweed biotechnology, sustainable aquaculture. Ecology of algae- distribution in soil and water; primary colonizers, carbon sequestration and cycling in soil and water. Cellular differentiation and nitrogen fixation.

Unit-IV
Algae as pollution indicators, eutrophication agents and role in bioremediation. Cyanobacterial and algal toxins, allelopathic interactions, Algae in global warming and environmental sustainability. Cyanobacteria and selected microalgae used in agriculture as soil conditioners and other reclamation problem of soils.

Suggested Readings:
Objectives:
To familiarize the students and farmers with mass scale production of different agriculturally important microorganisms which are being used as biofertilizers for maintaining the soil and plant health for sustaining crop productivity and their importance in organic farming.

Mid Term: 30 Marks
Assignment: 05 Marks
Practical: 15 Marks
End Term: 50 Marks
M. Marks: 100

Unit-I
Definition and status of biofertilizers, types of biofertilizers: different agriculturally important beneficial microorganisms—free living (Azotobacter), symbiotic (rhizobial, actinorhizal), associative and endophytic nitrogen fixers, taxonomic classification, nodule formation, competitiveness and quantification of N₂ fixed.

Unit-II
Different agriculturally important beneficial microorganisms—phosphate solubilizing bacteria (e.g., Pseudomonas striata, Bacillus Polymyx, Bacillus megaterium etc.) actinomycetes, fungi (Aspergillus awamori and Penicillium spp. etc.): characterization, mechanism of action of P-solubilization and plant growth promotion.

Unit-III
Bluegreen algae (Cyanobacteria) and their phages, characteristic of BGA and their role in nitrogen fixation. Algae as biofertilizers in rice cultivation, Azolla as biofertilizer, algal single cell protein. Role of algae in municipal sewage waste treatment. Vermiculture and vermicomposting.

Unit-IV
Different agriculturally important beneficial microorganisms—plant growth promoting rhizobacteria; classification, active biomolecules (Phytohormones, HCN, siderophores, ACC deaminase etc) and mode of growth promotion Mycorrhizas- VAM, synthesis of growth promoting substances. Isolation, characterization and mass propagation of VAM fungi, Problems and prospects.

Unit-V
Different agriculturally important beneficial microorganisms – Bioagents and Biopesticides biocontrol agents and their scope in control of plant diseases, Integrated plant pest management, concept and component of IPPM, Microbial pesticides – Bacillus thuringinesis, structure of BT toxin and their mode of action. Fungal and viral based biopesticides. Production technology for BT and Baculovirus based pesticide, Genetic improvement of Baculovirus for pesticide preparation, Advantages and limitations of biopesticides.

UNIT-VI
Different agriculturally important beneficial microorganisms-Technologies used for biofertilizers production: screening, selection, establishment, competitiveness, crop productivity, soil and plant health, mass scale production and quality control of bio inoculants, BIS standards recommendation for biofertilizers (nitrogenous/phosphatic biofertilizers) production and its economics; methods of biofertilizer inoculation and microbial communities in the soil/on seeds. Field programme of biofertilizers.

Practical
Isolations experiments: symbiotic, asymbiotic, associative nitrogen fixating bacteria; enumeration of PSB/PSF; cultural tests to distinguish rhizobia from contaminants, noduleation tests; Bioinoculant production and quality control: development and production of efficient microorganisms, testing of specific biofertilizer (nitrogenous/phosphatic) for its quality, Determination of beneficial properties in important bacteria to be used as biofertilizer: nitrogen fixing activity, indole acetic acid (IAA), siderophore production, Methods of inoculation/seed bacterization; Survival study of biofertilizers on seed and/or in soil, Production of biocontrol agents.

Suggested Readings:
Objectives:
This course has been developed with the objective to provide the comprehensive information on various aspects of environment contaminants and pollution indicators, environmental mutagenesis and environmental cleanup indicating organic waste recycling, sludge and water treatment approaches.

**Mid Term:** 30 Marks  
**Assignment:** 05 Marks  
**Practical:** 15 Marks  
**End Term:** 50 Marks  
**M. Marks:** 100

**Unit-I**
Scope of environmental microbiology. An overview of microbial niches in global environment and microbial activities. Microbiology of aquatic environment including sea water- Bacteriological indicators of pollution, Bacteriological examination of water, nuisance bacteria in water systems. Chemical and microbiological characteristics, biological Oxygen Demand (BOD), Microbiology of air, outdoor and indoor environment in relation to human, animal and plant health and economic activities.

**Unit-II**
Microbiology of natural waters; Environmental pollution: Deleterious and beneficial role of microorganisms; Environmental microbiology in public health; Microorganism in extreme environments, Environmental determinants that govern extreme environment-Air water interface, extreme of pH, Temperature, Salinity, Hydrostatic pressure.

**Unit-III**
Global environmental problems and remediation strategies; microbial technology used in pollution abatement, waste management (major source of recyclable materials including agricultural waste, Key technology used in recycling of crop residues, human and animal wastes and newer approaches adopted for treatment and management of sewage municipal solid waste) and resource recovery in metal, petroleum and bioenergy fields. Biosensors, DNA probes and their environmental application, toxicogenomics.

**Unit-IV**
Xenobiotic genotoxicity, mutation detection by Ames microsomal assay. Microbial biotransformation/ degradation of organic pollutants in soil including pesticides & hydrocarbons; Microbial bioaccumulation and bioremediation strategies adopted to clean up contaminated sites; Microbial upgradation of fossil fuels and coal gas.

**Practical**
Analysis of natural waters, waste waters and organic waste in relation to water pollution assessment, pollution strength and resource quantification, Toxicity assessment using bacterial system, Bioremediation: biotransformation, bioreduction, Production of biogas from biogas from agricultural wastes (animal waste/crop residues), preparation of compost from organic waste, Estimation of C, N, P etc. of the prepared compost,

**Suggested Readings:**
- Wastewater Microbiology by Gabriel Bitton A John Wiley & Sons, Inc, Publisher
III SEMESTER

MBM3007 BACTERIOPHAGES (2+1)

Objectives:
To familiarize students about phages and phage- bacterial interactions.

Mid Term: 30 Marks
Assignment: 05 Marks
Practical: 15 Marks
End Term: 50 Marks
M. Marks: 100

Unit-I
Historical developments and classification of bacteriophages

Unit-II
Physiology, biochemistry, enzymology and molecular biology of phage bacterial interactions.

Unit-III
Structure, functions and life cycles of different DNA, RNA, lytic and lysogenic phages: mechanism of infection,
One-step growth curves of bacteriophages and genetic regulation of lytic and lysogenic pathways.

Unit-IV
Role of phages in the development of molecular biology and genetic engineering.

Practical
Cultivation and enumeration of bacteriophages, Phage titres and estimation of waste water phages and bacteria. Absorption of phages. Preparation of phage stocks. Isolation of new phages and phage resistant bacteria. One step growth curve, Complementation of T4 rII mutants etc. lysogenic conversion, UV-induced mutagenesis in bacteria/ bacteriophages,

Suggested Readings:
Winkler U & Ruhr W. 1984. Bacteria, Phage and Molecular Genetics. ALA.
III SEMESTER

MBM3008 MICROBIAL BIOTECHNOLOGY (2+1)

Objectives:

To teach students about industrially useful microorganisms and use of fermentor for the production of various primary and secondary metabolites.

Mid Term: 30 Marks
Assignment: 05 Marks
Practical: 15 Marks
End Term: 50 Marks
M. Marks: 100

Unit-I
Methods of strain development for industrial purposes: mutation, recombination, protoplast fusion, regulation and gene technology. Substrates used as carbon and nitrogen source for industrial fermentation, Unit operation in product recovery.

Unit-II
Types of fermentation systems; Methods of fermentation, Growth kinetics of microorganisms during fermentation General design of fermenter, concept and importance of gas exchange and mass transfer and scale-up in microbial fermentation. Processes of fermentation. Basic concept of cell and enzyme immobilization and reactors used for immobilized enzymes.

UNIT-III
Process scale up steps: laboratory, pilot plant and industrial scales. Down stream processing; Over-production of metabolites; Bioreactor operations, process control.

UNIT-IV
Use of genetically-engineered microorganisms in biotechnology; Bioinsecticides, biofertilizers: nitrogen fixing (Rhizobium/Azotobacter) and phosphate solubilizing microorganisms etc. Microbiologically-produced food colours and flavours. Retting of flax.

Practical
Isolation of industrially important microorganisms, their maintenance and improvement; Production of industrial compounds such as alcohol, beer, citric acid, lactic acid and their recovery; Study of bio-reactors and their operation.

Suggested Readings:

III SEMESTER

MBM3072 AGRI CULTURAL RESEARCH, RESEARCH ETHICS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

Objectives:
To enlighten the students about the organization and functioning of agricultural research systems at national and international levels, research ethics, and rural development programmes and policies of Government.

Mid Term: 40 Marks
Assignment: 10 Marks
End Term: 50 Marks
M. Marks: 100

Unit-I
History of agriculture in brief; Global agricultural research system: need, scope, opportunities; Role in promoting food security, reducing poverty and protecting the environment; National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) and Regional Agricultural Research Institutions; Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR): International agricultural Research Centres (IARC), partnership with NARS, role as a partner in the global agricultural research system, strengthening capacities at national and regional levels; International fellowships for scientific mobility.

Unit-II
Research ethics: research integrity, research safety in laboratories, welfare of animals used in research, computer ethics, standards and problems in research ethics.

Unit-III
Concept and connotations of rural development, rural development policies and strategies. Rural development programmes: Community Development Programme, Intensive Agricultural District Programme, Special group–Area Specific Programme, Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) Panchayati Raj Institutions, Cooperatives, Voluntary Agencies/Non-Governmental Organisations. Critical evaluation of rural development policies and programmes. Constraints in implementation of rural policies and programmes.

Suggested Readings:
Punia MS. Manual on International Research and Research Ethics. CCS, Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar.
III SEMESTER

MBM3073  DISASTER MANAGEMENT  1+0

Objectives:

To introduce learners to the key concepts and practices of natural disaster management; to equip them to conduct thorough assessment of hazards, and risks vulnerability; and capacity building.

Mid Term: 40 Marks
Assignment: 10 Marks
End Term: 50 Marks
M. Marks: 100

Unit-I

Natural Disasters- Meaning and nature of natural disasters, their types and effects. Floods, Drought, Cyclone, Earthquakes, Landslides, Avalanches, Volcanic eruptions, Heat and cold Waves, Climatic Change: Global warming, Sea Level rise, Ozone Depletion

Unit-II

Man Made Disasters- Nuclear disasters, chemical disasters, biological disasters, building fire, coal fire, forest fire. Oil fire, air pollution, water pollution, deforestation, Industrial wastewater pollution, road accidents, rail accidents, air accidents, sea accidents.

Unit-III

Disaster Management- Efforts to mitigate natural disasters at national and global levels. International Strategy for Disaster reduction. Concept of isaster management, national disaster management framework; financial arrangements; role of NGOs, Community-based organizations, and media. Central, State, District and local Administration; Armed forces in Disaster response; Disaster response: Police and other organizations.

Suggested Readings
Objectives:

The course of field work/self study has been developed for students with the objective to provide field based experience of various agricultural practices/cultivated crops/pesticide used by the farmers and problems associated with farmers and preparation of self study report by the students.

Objectives:

The seminar lecture is delivered by the student on relevant topic of their choice and assessed by the teachers on the developed criteria. The aim is to develop oral skill of the students for presentation of lecture and to defend queries in an open presentation.
Objectives:

To familiarize students with recent advances in the various methods and technology used in the field of applied and molecular biology.

Mid Term: 30 Marks
Assignment: 05 Marks
Practical: 15 Marks
End Term: 50 Marks
M. Marks: 100

Unit-I
An introduction to laboratory instruments, safety rules in laboratory, biosafety rules and biological containment procedure, microbial viability assays, Microscopy: light, compound, darkfield, phase contrast, Spectroscopic techniques: SEM, TEM, AFM, super resolution in microscopy, single molecule microscopy.

Unit-II
Methods of studying Metagenome and microbiome. Immunodiagnosics for food borne pathogens, green synthesis of nanoparticles by microbes and plants and their characterization.

Unit-III
Principle and applications of colorimetry and spectrophotometry, ultracentrifugation, electron microscopy, ion exchange chromatography, molecular sieve chromatography, Principle and applications of HPLC, atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer, Gas Chromatograph. Agarose Gel electrophoresis, PAGE, Flow cytometry, Fluorescent activated cell sorting (FACS), DNA microarray.

Unit-IV
Isolation of cellular fractions- separation, purification of proteins and amino acids, assay techniques for enzymes, Western, Northern and southern blotting, DNA sequencing, Principle and applications of PCR, RFLP, RAPD, ARDRA, RISA, FISH, and recombinant DNA technology.

Practical
Estimation of DNA by diphenylamine method, Bacterial conjugation. Isolation of plasmid DNA from bacteria, Agarose Gel Electrophoresis of DNA, Protein Purification (partial) by Ammonium Sulphate precipitation, Gel electrophoresis of protein, Induction and repression of enzymes.

Suggested Readings:

- Bergey's manual of Determinative Bacteriology
OBJECTIVES:

This course has been developed with the aim to acquaint and enrich the Masters students with the knowledge on recent developments in Agricultural Microbiology and allied areas, specifically the topics which are not covered through the text books. The course is designed to provide information on the current topics and state of the art techniques used in research.

Mid Term: 30 Marks
Assignment: 20 Marks
End Term: 50 Marks
M. Marks: 100

UNIT-I

Introduction to nanotechnology, Application of nanomaterials in agri-food system, Nanotoxicology, terminator seed technology, Edible vaccines, Atomic force microscopy and their applications in microbiology. Microbial biofilm: Agricultural, environmental and medical significance, Plasmid biology: gene dissemination in microbial population, role of GFP in conjugative plasmid transfer; uptake of resistant genes.

UNIT-II

Recent advances in bioremediation, Phyto remediation and Microbes Assisted bioremediation, Bacterial cell to cell communication (quorum sensing), Gene therapy, Biopharming, Bioterrorism, Biofuels, Microbial resource and its application.

UNIT-III

Effective microbes for extreme environment; stress in microbes and plants; moisture and thermal stress. PGPR formulation and applications, Biofilm based biofertilizer, Concept and application of stem cells; development and maintenance of animal tissue cultures and cell lines. Animal biotechnology and transgenic development. Plastome engineering and its application, metabolic engineering.

UNIT-IV


SUGGESTED READINGS:

- Nanomaterials: toxicity, Health and Environmental issues by Kumar C.S.S.R.
- Bacterial signaling 2010, Reinhard Kramer Kristenjung, Wiley Blackwel Publisher
- Invited lectures notes
IV SEMESTER

MBM4003 BIOSTATISTICS AND BIOINFORMATICS (2+1)

Objectives:

Basic knowledge of statistics and bioinformatics and its use are essential aspect of academic learning in the field of Microbiology. The course is designed is provide to introductory knowledge to the students so that they can make effective use of statistical and bioinformatics tools in their studies and project work.

Mid Term: 30 Marks
Assignment: 05 Marks
Practical: 15 Marks
End Semester: 50 Marks
M. Marks: 100

Unit-I

Measures of central tendency and dispersion, standard distribution: binomial distribution and normal curve, Poisson multiple, regression. Test of significance, t, f and Chi square test, Design of experiment, basic principles, completely randomized, block, latin square and split plot design, Principal component analysis (PCA)

Unit-II

Introduction to sequence analysis, Basic of biocontrol data basis, Tools for sequence alignment, Phylogenetic analysis, Gene prediction methods, Visualization and prediction of protein synthesis. Searching literature on pubmed.

Unit-III

Similarity searching by BLAST, Different data bases including gene bank. Sequence formatting, Multiple sequence alignment (e.g. CLUSTALW), Detecting functional sites in DNA; Promoters, exons, PolyA sites. Introducing gene finders, Identification of open reading frames (ORF) and repeats in DNA. Restriction enzyme mapping,

Unit-IV

Internet tools for DNA sequence translation, Prediction of signal peptide, Secondary structure, tertiary structure, transmembrane domains and post-translational modifications including phosphorylation, glycosylation, acetylation, signal peptide cleavage site.

Suggested Readings:

- Bioinformatics ( sequence and genome analysis ) by David W. Mount, CBS Publisher and Distributors (2005)
- Genes" (VIII) Benjamin Lewin, Oxford University Press, London.
IV SEMESTER

MBM4074 MASTER RESEARCH (0+20)

Objectives:
This course aims to provide extensive training to the students to develop research synopsis, hypothesis of a problem and to execute experimental plan of work to generate data during in the given period of time. The Students have to compile their project work in the form of dissertation for internal and external evaluation.

Satisfactory / Non-satisfactory

IV SEMESTER

MBM4075 MASTER SEMINAR (2+0)

End Term: 100 Marks
M. Marks: 100

Objectives:
The seminar lecture is delivered by the student on relevant topic of their choice and assessed by the teachers on the developed criteria. The aim is to develop oral skill of the students for presentation of lecture and to defend queries in an open presentation.
### COMPULSORY NON-CREDIT COURSES

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• Advances in Microbial Physiology
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• Annual Review of Microbiology
• Applied and Environmental Microbiology
• Biology and Fertility Soils
• Indian Journal of Microbiology
• Journal of Bacteriology
• Journal of Basic Microbiology
• Microbiology and Molecular Biology Reviews
• Nature/Science/EMBO Journal
• Reviews in Microbiology and Biotechnology
• Soil Biology and Biochemistry
• Trends in Biotechnology
• Trends in Microbiology
• Trends in Plant Sciences

E-RESOURCES

Books:
• http://www.aw-bc.com/microplace/
• http://www.personal.psu.edu/jel5/micro/index.htm
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• http://www.suite101.com/links.cfm/microbiology
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