Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)

UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME
(Courses effective from Academic Year 2015-16)

SYLLABUS OF COURSES TO BE OFFERED
Core Courses, Elective Courses & Ability Enhancement Courses

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Undergraduate Programme Secretariat
Preamble

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has initiated several measures to bring equity, efficiency and excellence in the Higher Education System of country. The important measures taken to enhance academic standards and quality in higher education include innovation and improvements in curriculum, teaching-learning process, examination and evaluation systems, besides governance and other matters.

The UGC has formulated various regulations and guidelines from time to time to improve the higher education system and maintain minimum standards and quality across the Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) in India. The academic reforms recommended by the UGC in the recent past have led to overall improvement in the higher education system. However, due to lot of diversity in the system of higher education, there are multiple approaches followed by universities towards examination, evaluation and grading system. While the HEIs must have the flexibility and freedom in designing the examination and evaluation methods that best fits the curriculum, syllabi and teaching-learning methods, there is a need to devise a sensible system for awarding the grades based on the performance of students. Presently the performance of the students is reported using the conventional system of marks secured in the examinations or grades or both. The conversion from marks to letter grades and the letter grades used vary widely across the HEIs in the country. This creates difficulty for the academia and the employers to understand and infer the performance of the students graduating from different universities and colleges based on grades.

The grading system is considered to be better than the conventional marks system and hence it has been followed in the top institutions in India and abroad. So it is desirable to introduce uniform grading system. This will facilitate student mobility across institutions within and across countries and also enable potential employers to assess the performance of students. To bring in the desired uniformity, in grading system and method for computing the cumulative grade point average (CGPA) based on the performance of students in the examinations, the UGC has formulated these guidelines.
**CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM (CBCS):**

The CBCS provides an opportunity for the students to choose courses from the prescribed courses comprising core, elective/minor or skill based courses. The courses can be evaluated following the grading system, which is considered to be better than the conventional marks system. Therefore, it is necessary to introduce uniform grading system in the entire higher education in India. This will benefit the students to move across institutions within India to begin with and across countries. The uniform grading system will also enable potential employers in assessing the performance of the candidates. In order to bring uniformity in evaluation system and computation of the Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) based on student’s performance in examinations, the UGC has formulated the guidelines to be followed.

**Outline of Choice Based Credit System:**

1. **Core Course:** A course, which should compulsorily be studied by a candidate as a core requirement is termed as a Core course.

2. **Elective Course:** Generally a course which can be chosen from a pool of courses and which may be very specific or specialized or advanced or supportive to the discipline/subject of study or which provides an extended scope or which enables an exposure to some other discipline/subject/domain or nurtures the candidate’s proficiency/skill is called an Elective Course.
   
   2.1 **Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) Course:** Elective courses may be offered by the main discipline/subject of study is referred to as Discipline Specific Elective. The University/Institute may also offer discipline related Elective courses of interdisciplinary nature (to be offered by main discipline/subject of study).
   
   2.2 **Dissertation/Project:** An elective course designed to acquire special/advanced knowledge, such as supplement study/support study to a project work, and a candidate studies such a course on his own with an advisory support by a teacher/faculty member is called dissertation/project.

2.3 **Generic Elective (GE) Course:** An elective course chosen generally from an unrelated discipline/subject, with an intention to seek exposure is called a Generic Elective.

   P.S.: A core course offered in a discipline/subject may be treated as an elective by other discipline/subject and vice versa and such electives may also be referred to as Generic Elective.

3. **Ability Enhancement Courses (AEC)/Competency Improvement Courses/Skill Development Courses/Foundation Course:** The Ability Enhancement (AE) Courses may be of two kinds: AE Compulsory Course (AECC) and AE Elective Course (AEEC). “AECC” courses are the courses based upon the content that leads to Knowledge enhancement. They ((i) Environmental Science, (ii) English/MIL Communication) are mandatory for all disciplines. AEEC courses are value-based and/or skill-based and are aimed at providing hands-on-training, competencies, skills, etc.

   3.1 **AE Compulsory Course (AECC):** Environmental Science, English Communication/MIL Communication.

   3.2 **AE Elective Course (AEEC):** These courses may be chosen from a pool of courses designed to provide value-based and/or skill-based instruction.

**Project work/Dissertation** is considered as a special course involving application of knowledge in solving/analyzing/exploring a real life situation/difficult problem. A Project/Dissertation work would be of 6 credits. A Project/Dissertation work may be given in lieu of a discipline specific elective paper.
## Details of courses under B.A (Honors), B.Com (Honors) & B.Sc. (Honors)

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Institute should evolve a system/policy about ECA/ General Interest/Hobby/Sports/NCC/NSS/related courses on its own.

* wherever there is a practical there will be no tutorial and vice-versa
Structure of B.Sc. Honours Botany under CBCS

Core Courses

1. Microbiology and Phycology
2. Biomolecules and Cell Biology
3. Mycology and Phytopathology
4. Archegoniatae
5. Anatomy of Angiosperms
6. Economic Botany
7. Genetics
8. Molecular Biology
9. Ecology
10. Plant Systematics
11. Reproductive Biology of Angiosperms
12. Plant Physiology
13. Plant Metabolism
14. Plant Biotechnology

Discipline Specific Electives (Four)

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Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course

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Discipline Specific Electives (Four)

1. Analytical Techniques in Plant Sciences
2. Biostatistics
3. Industrial and Environmental Microbiology
4. Bioinformatics

Generic Electives

1. Biodiversity (Microbes, Algae, Fungi and Archegoniate)/
2. Plant Diversity and Human Welfare
3. Plant Anatomy and Embryology
4. Plant Ecology and Taxonomy/
5. Environmental Biotechnology
6. Economic Botany and Biotechnology

Ability Enhancement Course: Compulsory

1. Environmental Science
2. English/MIL Communication

Skill Enhancement Courses: Elective

1. Ethnobotany
2. Intellectual Property Rights
3. Biofertilizers
4. Medicinal Botany
Semester-I

Core Course I: Microbiology and Phycology
(Credits: Theory-4, Practical-2)
THEORY
Lectures: 60

Unit 1: Introduction to microbial world, microbial nutrition, growth and metabolism.

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-archaebacteria, eubacteria, wall-less forms (mycoplasma and spheroplasts), cell structure, nutritional types, reproduction-vegetative, asexual and recombination (conjugation, transformation and transduction).

Unit 4: Applied Microbiology
- 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 5: 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; and methods of reproduction, classification; criteria, system of Fritsch, and evolutionary classification of Lee (only upto groups); significant contributions of important phycologists (F.E. Fritsch, G.M. Smith, R.N. Singh, T.V. Desikachary, H.D. Kumar, M.O.P. Iyengar).

Unit 6: Cyanophyta
- Ecology and occurrence, range of thallus organization, cell structure, heterocyst, reproduction; economic importance; role in biotechnology. Morphology and life-cycle of Nostoc.

Unit 7: Chlorophyta
- General characteristics, occurrence, range of thallus organization, cell structure and reproduction. Morphology and life-cycles of Chlamydomonas, Volvox, Oedogonium, Coleochaete. Evolutionary significance of Prochloron.

Unit 8: Charophyta
- General characteristics; occurrence, morphology, cell structure and life-cycle of Chara; evolutionary significance.

Unit 9: Xanthophyta
- General characteristics; range of thallus organization; Occurrence, morphology and life-cycle of Vaucheria.

Unit 9: Phaeophyta
- Characteristics, occurrence, range of thallus organization, cell structure and reproduction. Morphology and life-cycles of Ectocarpus and Fucus.

Unit 10: Rhodophyta
- General characteristics, occurrence, range of thallus organization, cell structure and reproduction. Morphology and life-cycle of Polysiphonia.

Unit 11: Applied Phycology
- Role of algae in the environment, agriculture, biotechnology and industry.
Practical

Microbiology
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).

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

Suggested Readings
Core Course II: Biomolecules and Cell Biology
(Credits: Theory-4, Practical-2)

THEORY
Lectures: 60

Unit 1: Biomolecules (20 lectures)
Types and significance of chemical bonds; Structure and properties of water; pH and buffers.

Carbohydrates: Nomenclature and classification; Role of monosaccharides (glucose, fructose, sugar alcohols – mannitol and sorbitol); Disaccharides (Sucrose, maltose, lactose), Oligosaccharides and polysaccharides (structural-cellulose, hemicelluloses, pectin, chitin, mucilage; storage – starch, inulin); Isomers and derivatives of glucose, glucosamine and gluconic acid.


Proteins: Structure of amino acids; Peptide bonds; Levels of protein structure-primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary; Isoelectric point; 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 (4 lectures)
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 (6 lectures)
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 theroy), Michaelis – Menten equation, enzyme inhibition and factors affecting enzyme activity.

Unit 4: The cell (4 lectures)
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 (4 lectures)
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 (16 lectures)
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 and quality control in ER, 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 (6 lectures)
Eukaryotic cell cycle, mitosis and meiosis. Regulation of cell cycle.
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 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

Semester-II
Core Course III: Mycology and Phytopathology
(Credits: Theory-4, Practical-2)

THEORY
Lectures: 60

Unit 1: Introduction to true fungi (6 lectures)
Definition, General characteristics; Affinities with plants and animals; Thallus organization;
Cellwall composition; Nutrition; Classification.

Unit 2: Chytridiomycetes (1 lecture)
General account

Unit 3: Zygomycota (4 lectures)
General characteristics; Ecology; Thallus organization; Life cycle with reference to Rhizopus.

Unit 4: Ascomycota (10 lectures)
General characteristics (asexual and sexual fruiting bodies); Ecology; Life cycle, Heterokaryosis
and paraseuality; life cycle and classification with reference to Saccharomyces,
Aspergillus, Penicillium, Alternaria and Neurospora, Peziza.

Unit 5: Basidiomycota (8 lectures)
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.

Unit 6: Allied Fungi (3 lectures)
General characterises; Status of Slime molds, Classification; Occurrence; Types of plasmodia;
Types of fruiting bodies.

Unit 7: Oomycota (4 lectures)
General characteristic; Ecology; Life cycle and classification with reference to Phytophthora
Albugo.

Unit 8: Symbiotic associations (4 lectures)
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 (10 Lectures)
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 (10 lectures)
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 disease of Cotton. Viral diseases –
Tobacco Mosaic viruses, vein clearing. Fungal diseases-Early blight of potato, Black stem rust
of wheat, white rust of crucifers.

Practical
1. Introduction to the world of fungi (Unicellular, coenocytic/septate mycelium, asocarps &
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.


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)


**Suggested Readings**


Core Course IV: Archegoniatae
(Credits: Theory-4, Practical-2)

THEORY
Lectures: 60

Unit 1: Introduction
(2 lectures)
Unifying features of archegoniates; Transition to land habit; Alternation of generations.

Unit 2: Bryophytes
(18 lectures)
General characteristics; Adaptations to land habit; Classification; Range of thallus organization.Classification (up to family).Riccia, Marchantia, Pellia, Porella, Anthoceros, Sphagnum and Funaria; Reproduction and evolutionary trends in Riccia, Marchantia, Anthoceros and Funaria (developmental stages not included).Ecological and economic importance of bryophytes with special reference to Sphagnum.

Unit 3: Pteridophytes
(20 lectures)
General characteristics, classification, early land plants (Cooksonia and Rhynia). 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 4: Gymnosperms
(20 lectures)
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.

Practical

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, pseudoe-laters, columella) (temporary slide), vertical section of thallus (permanent slide).
4. Pellia, Porella- Permanent slides.
5. Sphagnum - Morphology of plant, whole mount of leaf (permanent slide only).
6. Funaria- 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**
5. Vander-Poorteri 2009 Introduction to Bryophytes. COP.
Semester-III
Core Course V: Anatomy of Angiosperms
(Credits: Theory-4, Practical-2)
THEORY
Lectures: 60

Unit 1: Introduction and scope of Plant Anatomy (2 Lectures)
Applications in systematics, forensics and pharmacognosy.

Unit 2: Tissues (12 Lectures)
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.

Unit 3: Stem (8 Lectures)
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.

Unit 4: Leaf (4 Lectures)
Structure of dicot and monocot leaf, Kranz anatomy.

Unit 5: Root (6 Lectures)
Organization of root apex (Apical cell theory, Histogen theory, Korper-Kappe theory); Quiescent centre; Root cap; Structure of dicot and monocot root; Endodermis, exodermis and origin of lateral root.

Unit 6: Vascular Cambium (6 Lectures)
Structure, function and seasonal activity of cambium; Secondary growth in root and stem.

Unit 7: Wood (8 Lectures)
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.

Unit 8: Periderm (3 Lectures)
Development and composition of periderm, rhytidome and lenticels.

Unit 9: Adaptive and Protective Systems (8 Lectures)
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.

Unit 10: Secretory System (3 Lectures)
Hydathodes, cavities, lithocysts and laticifers.

Practical

1. Study of anatomical details through permanent slides/temporary stain mounts/macerations/museum specimens with the help of suitable examples.
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.
9. Stem: monocot, dicot - primary and secondary growth; periderm; lenticels.
10. Leaf: isobilateral, dorsiventral, C4 leaves (Kranz anatomy).
Suggested Readings
Core Course VI: Economic Botany  
(Credits: Theory-4, Practical-2)  
THEORY  
Lectures: 60  

Unit 1: Origin of Cultivated Plants (6 lectures)  
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 (6 lectures)  
Wheat and Rice (origin, morphology, processing & uses), brief account of millets.  

Unit 3: Legumes (4 lectures)  
General account, importance to man and ecosystem.  

Unit 4: Sugars & Starches (4 lectures)  
Morphology and processing of sugarcane, products and by-products of sugarcane industry. Potato – morphology, propagation & uses.  

Unit 5: Spices (6 lectures)  
Listing of important spices, their family and part used, economic importance with special reference to fennel, saffron, clove and black pepper.  

Unit 6: Beverages (4 lectures)  
Tea, Coffee (morphology, processing & uses).  

Unit 7: Oils & Fats (8 lectures)  
General description, classification, extraction, their uses and health implications groundnut, coconut, linseed and Brassica and Coconut (Botanical name, family & uses).  

Unit 8: Essential Oils (4 lectures)  
General account, extraction methods, comparison with fatty oils & their uses.  

Unit 9: Natural Rubber (3 lectures)  
Para-rubber: tapping, processing and uses.  

Unit 10: Drug-yielding plants (4 lectures)  
Therapeutic and habit-forming drugs with special reference to Cinchona, Digitalis, Papaver and Cannabis.  

Unit 11: Tobacco (4 lectures)  
Tobacco (Morphology, processing, uses and health hazards).  

Unit 12: Timber plants (3 Lectures)  
General account with special reference to teak and pine.  

Unit 13: Fibres (4 lectures)  
Classification based on the origin of fibres, Cotton and Jute (morphology, extraction and uses).  

Practical  

2. Legumes: Soya bean, Groundnut, (habit, fruit, seed structure, micro-chemical tests).  
3. Sugars & 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).  
7. Essential oil-yielding plants: Habit sketch of Rosa, Vetiveria, Santalum and Eucalyptus (specimens/photographs).  
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. **Fibre-yielding plants**: Cotton (specimen, whole mount of seed to show lint and fuzz; whole mount of fibre and test for cellulose), Jute (specimen, transverse section of stem, test for lignin on transverse section of stem and fibre).

**Suggested Readings**


Core Course VII: Genetics  
(Credits: Theory-4, Practical-2)

**THEORY**
Lectures: 60

**Unit 1: Mendelian genetics and its extension**  (16 lectures)
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: Extrachromosomal Inheritance**  (6 lectures)
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**  (12 lectures)
Linkage and crossing over-Cytological 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**  (8 lectures)
Deletion, Duplication, Inversion, Translocation, Position effect, Euploidy and Aneuploidy

**Unit 5: Gene mutations**  (6 lectures)
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**  (6 lectures)
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**  (6 lectures)
Allele frequencies, Genotype frequencies, Hardy-Weinberg Law, role of natural selection mutation, genetic drift. Genetic variation and Speciation.

**Practical**
1. Meiosis through temporary squash preparation.
2. Mendel’s laws through seed ratios. Laboratory exercises in probability and chi-square analysis.
3. Chromosome mapping using test cross data.
4. Pedigree analysis for dominant and recessive autosomal and sex linked traits.
7. Study of aneuploidy: Down’s, Klinefelter’s and Turner’s syndromes.
8. Photographs/Permanent Slides showing Translocation Ring, Laggards and Inversion Bridge.

**Suggested Readings**
Semester-IV
Core Course VIII: Molecular Biology
THEORY (Credit: 4)
Lectures: 60

Unit 1: Nucleic acids: Carriers of genetic information (4 lectures)
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 (10 lectures)
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_Chamatin structure- Euchromatin, Heterochromatin- Constitutive and Facultative heterochromatin.

Unit 2: The replication of DNA (10 lectures)
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 (2 lectures)
Key experiments establishing-The Central Dogma (Adaptor hypothesis and discovery of mRNA template), Genetic code (deciphering & salient features)

Unit 4: Mechanism of Transcription (10 lectures)
Transcription in prokaryotes; Transcription in eukaryotes

Unit 5: Processing and modification of RNA (8 lectures)
Split genes-concept of introns and exons, removal of introns, spliceosome machinery, splicing pathways, group I & group II intron splicing, alternative splicing eukaryotic mRNA processing(5’ cap, 3’ poly A tail); Ribozymes, exon shuffling; RNA editing and mRNA transport.

Unit 6: Translation (Prokaryotes and eukaryotes) (8 lectures)
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.

Unit 7: Regulation of transcription in prokaryotes and eukaryotes (8 lectures)
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.

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
Core Course IX: Ecology  
(Credits: Theory-4, Practical-2) 
THEORY  
Lectures: 60 

Unit 1: Introduction  
(4 lectures) 
Basic concepts; Levels of organization. Inter-relationships between the living world and the environment, the components and dynamism, homeostasis. 

Unit 2: Soil  
(8 lectures) 
Importance; Origin; Formation; Composition; Physical; Chemical and Biological components; Soil profile; Role of climate in soil development. 

Unit 3: Water  
(4 lectures) 
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  
(6 lectures) 
Variations; adaptations of plants to their variation. 

Unit 5: Biotic interactions  
(2 lectures) 

Unit 6: Population ecology  
(4 lectures) 
Characteristics and Dynamics . Ecological Speciation 

Unit 7: Plant communities  
(8 lectures) 
Concept of ecological amplitude; Habitat and niche; Characters: analytical and synthetic; Ecotone and edge effect; Dynamics: succession – processes, types; climax concepts. 

Unit 8: Ecosystems  
(4 lectures) 
Structure; Processes; Trophic organisation; Food chains and Food webs; Ecological pyramids. 

Unit 9: Functional aspects of ecosystem  
(8 lectures) 
Principles and models of energy flow; Production and productivity; Ecological efficiencies; Biogeochemical cycles; Cycling of Carbon, Nitrogen and Phosphorus. 

Unit 10: Phytogeography  
(12 lectures) 
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. 

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/Lovi bond comparator and pH paper) 
3. Analysis for carbonates, chlorides, nitrates, sulphates, organic matter and base deficiency from two soil samples by rapid field tests. 
4. Determination of organic matter of different soil samples by Walkley & Black rapid titration method. 
5. Comparison of bulk density, porosity and rate of infiltration of water in soils of three habitats. 
6. Determination of dissolved oxygen of water samples from polluted and unpolluted sources. 
7. (a). Study of morphological adaptations of hydrophytes and xerophytes (four each). 
   (b). Study of biotic interactions of the following: Stem parasite (Cuscuta), Root parasite (Orobanche) Epiphytes, Predation (Insectivorous plants). 
8. Determination of minimal quadrat size for the study of herbaceous vegetation in the college campus, by species area curve method (species to be listed). 
9. Quantitative analysis of herbaceous vegetation in the college campus for frequency and comparison with Raunkiaer’s frequency distribution law. 
10. Quantitative analysis of herbaceous vegetation for density and abundance in the college campus. 
11. Field visit to familiarise students with ecology of different sites.
**Suggested Readings**

Core Course X: Plant Systematics  
(Credits: Theory-4, Practical-2)

THEORY
Lectures: 60

Unit 1: Plant identification, Classification, Nomenclature; Biosystematics. (2 lectures)
Unit 2: Identification (6 lectures)
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 3: Systematics - an interdisciplinary science (6 lectures)
Evidence from palynology, cytology, phytochemistry and molecular data.
Unit 4: Taxonomic hierarchy (6 lectures)
Concept of taxa (family, genus, species); Categories and taxonomic hierarchy; Species concept (taxonomic, biological, evolutionary).
Unit 5: Botanical nomenclature (10 lectures)
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 6: Systems of classification (10 lectures)
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 7: Biometrics, numerical taxonomy and cladistics (8 lectures)
Characters; Variations; OTUs, character weighting and coding; cluster analysis; Phenograms, cladograms (definitions and differences).
Unit 8: Phylogeny of Angiosperms (12 lectures)
Terms and concepts (primitive and advanced, homology and analogy, parallelism and convergence, monophyly, Paraphyly, polyphyly and clades). Origin & evolution of angiosperms; co-evolution of angiosperms and animals; methods of illustrating evolutionary relationship (phylogenetic tree, cladogram).

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):
   Ranunculaceae - Ranunculus, Delphinium
   Brassicaceae - Brassica, Alyssum / Iberis
   Myrtaceae - Eucalyptus, Callistemon
   Umbelliferae - Coriandrum / Anethum / Foeniculum
   Asteraceae - Sonchus/Launaea, Vernonia/Ageratum, Eclipta/Tridax
   Solanaceae - Solanum nigrum/Withania
   Lamiaceae - Salvia/Ocimum
   Euphorbiaceae - Euphorbia hirta/E.mili, Jatropha
   Liliaceae - Asphodelus/Lilium/Allium
   Poaceae - Triticum/Hordeum/Avena
2. Field visit (local) – Subject to granting 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
Semester-V
Core Course XI: Reproductive Biology of Angiosperms
(Credits: Theory-4, Practical-2)

**THEORY**

Lectures: 60

**Unit 1: Introduction**
(2 lectures)

**Unit 2: Anther**
(4 lectures)
Anther wall: Structure and functions, microsporogenesis, callose deposition and its significance.

**Unit 3: Pollen biology**
(8 lectures)
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**
(8 lectures)
Structure; Types; Special structures—endothelium, obturator, aril, caruncle and hypostase; Female gametophyte— megar sporogenesis (monosporic, bisporic and tetrasporic) and megagametogenesis (details of Polygonum type); Organization and ultrastructure of mature embryo sac.

**Unit 5: Pollination and fertilization**
(6 lectures)
Pollination types and significance; adaptations; structure of stigma and style; path of pollen tube in pistil; double fertilization.

**Unit 6: Self incompatibility**
(8 lectures)
Basic concepts (interspecific, intraspecific, homomorphic, heteromorphic, GSI and SSI); Methods to overcome self- incompatibility: mixed pollination, bud pollination, stub pollination; Intraovarian and in vitro pollination; Modification of stigma surface, parasexual hybridization; Cybrids, in vitro fertilization.

**Unit 7: Endosperm**
(4 lectures)
Types, development, structure and functions.

**Unit 8: Embryo**
(6 lectures)
Six types of Embryogeny; General pattern of development of dicot and monocot embryo; Suspensor: structure and functions; Embryo-endosperm relationship; Nutrition of embryo; Unusual features; Embryo development in Paeonia.

**Unit 9: Seed**
(4 lectures)
Structure, importance and dispersal mechanisms

**Units 10: Polyembryony and apomixes**
(6 lectures)
Introduction; Classification; Causes and applications.

**Unit 11: Germline transformation**
(4 lectures)
Pollen grain and ovules through pollen tube pathway method/ Agrobacterium/ electrofusion/ floral dip/biolistic.

**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 acetylated 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, cirratinotropous, unitegmic, bitegmic; Tenuinucellate and crassinucellate; Special structures: Endothelium, obturator, hypostase, caruncle and aril (permanent slides/specimens/photographs).
5. Female gametophyte through permanent slides/photographs: Types, ultrastructure of mature egg apparatus.
6. Intra-ovarian pollination; Test tube pollination through photographs.
7. Endosperm: Dissections of developing seeds for endosperm with free-nuclear haustoria.
8. 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

Core Course XII: Plant Physiology  
(Credits: Theory-4, Practical-2)

THEORY
Lectures: 60

Unit 1: Plant water relationship  
(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, Cytokinins, Abscisic acid, Ethylene. Brassinosteroids and Jasmonic acid.)

Unit 6: Physiology of flowering  
(Photoperiodism, flowering stimulus, florigen concept, vernalization, seed dormancy.)

Unit 7: Phytochrome  
(Discovery, chemical nature, role of phytochrome 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.
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
Semester-VI  
Core Course XIII: Plant Metabolism  
(Credits: Theory-4, Practical-2)  
THEORY  
Lectures: 60

Unit 1: Concept of metabolism  (6 lectures)  
Introduction, anabolic and catabolic pathways, regulation of metabolism, role of regulatory enzymes (allosteric, covalent modulation and Isozymes).

Unit 2: Carbon assimilation  (14 lectures)  
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, C4pathways; Crassulacean acid metabolism; Factors affecting CO2 reduction.

Unit 3: Carbohydrate metabolism  (2 lectures)  
Synthesis and catabolism of sucrose and starch.

Unit 4: Carbon Oxidation  (10 lectures)  
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  (8 lectures)  
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  (8 lectures)  
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  (8 lectures)  
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  (4 lectures)  
Calcium, phospholipids, cGMP, NO.

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 during germination.  
8. Demonstration of fluorescence by isolated chlorophyll pigments.  

Suggested Readings
Core Course XIV: Plant Biotechnology  
(Credits: Theory-4, Practical-2)

**THEORY**

**Lectures: 60**

**Unit 1: Plant Tissue Culture** (16 lectures)
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** (30 lectures)
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 and briefly PAC, MAC, HAC). 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; Probes-oligonucleotide, heterologous, PCR; 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 3: Applications of Biotechnology** (14 lectures)
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); Gently Engineered Products– Human Growth Hormone; Humulin; Biosafety concerns.

**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**

Discipline Specific Electives
Discipline Specific Elective
Analytical Techniques in Plant Sciences
(Credits: Theory-4, Practical-2)

THEORY

Lectures: 60

Unit 1: Imaging and related techniques (15 lectures)
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 (8 lectures)
Centrifugation: Differential and density gradient centrifugation, sucrose density gradient,
CsCl2gradient, analytical centrifugation, ultracentrifugation, marker enzymes.

Unit 3: Radioisotopes (4 lectures)
Use in biological research, auto-radiography, pulse chase experiment.

Unit 4: Spectrophotometry (4 lectures)
Principle and its application in biological research.

Unit 5: Chromatography (8 lectures)
Principle; Paper chromatography; Column chromatography, TLC, GLC, HPLC, Ion-exchange
chromatography; Molecular sieve chromatography; Affinity chromatography.

Unit 6: Characterization of proteins and nucleic acids (6 lectures)
Mass spectrometry; X-ray diffraction; X-ray crystallography; Characterization of proteins and
nucleic acids; Electrophoresis: AGE, PAGE, SDS-PAGE

Unit 7: Biostatistics (15 lectures)
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.

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
2. Ruzin, S.E. (1999). Plant Microtechnique and Microscopy, Oxford University
Press, New York. U.S.A.

Discipline Specific Elective
Biostatistics
(Credits: Theory-4, Practical-2)
THEORY
Lectures: 60

Unit 1: Biostatistics - definition - statistical methods - basic principles. Variables - measurements, functions, limitations and uses of statistics. (12 lectures)

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. (12 lectures)

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. (14 lectures)

Unit 4: Correlation - types and methods of correlation, regression, simple regression equation, fitting prediction, similarities and dissimilarities of correlation and regression. (12 lectures)

Unit 5: Statistical inference - hypothesis - simple hypothesis - student ‘t’ test - chi square test. (10 lectures)

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
5. The Principles of scientific research, Freedman, P. New York, Pergamon Press.
Discipline Specific Elective
Industrial and Environmental Microbiology
(Credits: Theory-4, Practical-2)

THEORY
Lectures: 60

Unit 1: Scope of microbes in industry and environment (6 lectures)

Unit 2: Bioreactors/Fermenters and fermentation processes (12 lectures)
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 (12 lectures)
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 (8 lectures)
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. (6 lectures)
Distribution of microbes in air; Isolation of microorganisms from soil, air and water.

Unit 6: Microbial flora of water. (8 lectures)
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. (8 lectures)
Biological fixation; Mycorrhizae; Bioremediation of contaminated soils. Isolation of root nodulating bacteria, arbuscular mycorrhizal colonization in plant roots.

Practical

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

Suggested Readings
Discipline Specific Elective
Bioinformatics
(Credits: Theory-4, Practical-2)
THEORY
Lectures: 60

Unit 1. Introduction to Bioinformatics (5 Lectures)
Introduction, Branches of Bioinformatics, Aim, Scope and Research areas of Bioinformatics.

Unit 2. Databases in Bioinformatics (5 Lectures)
Introduction, Biological Databases, Classification format of Biological Databases, Biological Database Retrieval System.

Unit 3. Biological Sequence Databases (25 Lectures)
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 (10 Lectures)
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 (8 Lectures)
Methods of Phylogeny, Software for Phylogenetic Analyses, Consistency of Molecular Phylogenetic Prediction.

Unit 6. Applications of Bioinformatics (7 Lectures)
Structural Bioinformatics in Drug Discovery, Quantitative structure-activity relationship (QSAR) techniques in Drug Design, Microbial genome applications, Crop improvement

Practical

1. Nucleic acid and protein databases.
2. Sequence retrieval from databases.
3. Sequence alignment.
4. Sequence homology and Gene annotation.

Suggested Readings
Generic Electives
Generic Elective
Biodiversity (Microbes, Algae, Fungi and Archegoniate)
(Credits: Theory-4, Practical-2)

THEORY
Lectures: 60

Unit 1: Microbes
(10 lectures)
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
(12 lectures)
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
(12 lectures)
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
(2 lectures)
Unifying features of archegoniates, Transition to land habit, Alternation of generations.

Unit 5: Bryophytes
(10 lectures)
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
(8 lectures)
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, stelar
evolution. Ecological and economical importance of Pteridophytes.

Unit 4: Gymnosperms
(6 lectures)
General characteristics, classification. Classification (up to family), morphology, anatomy and
reproduction of Cycas and Pinus. (Developmental details not to be included). Ecological and
 economical importance.

Practical
5. EMs/Models of viruses – T-Phage and TMV, Line drawing/Photograph of Lytic and
Lysogenic Cycle.
6. Types of Bacteria from temporary/permanent slides/photographs; EM bacterium; Binary
Fission; Conjugation; Structure of root nodule.
7. Gram staining
8. 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)
9. Rhizopus and Penicillium: Asexual stage from temporary mounts and sexual
structure through permanent slides.
11. *Puccinia*: Herbarium specimens of Black Stem Rust of Wheat and infected barberry leaves; section/tease mounts of spores on Wheat and permanent slides of both the hosts.
12. *Agaricus*: Specimens of button stage and full grown mushroom; Sectioning of gills of *Agaricus*.
13. Lichens: Study of growth forms of lichens (crustose, foliose and fruticose)
14. Mycorrhiza: ecto mycorrhiza and endo mycorrhiza (Photographs)
15. *Marchantia*: morphology of thallus, w.m. rhizoids and scales, v.s. thallus through gemma cup, w.m. gemmae (all temporary slides), v.s. antheridiophore, archegoniophore, l.s. sporophyte (all permanent slides).
16. *Funaria*: morphology, w.m. leaf, rhizoids, operculum, peristome, annulus, spores (temporary slides); permanent slides showing antheridal and archegonial heads, l.s. capsule and protonema.
17. *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).
18. *Equisetum*: morphology, t.s. internode, l.s. strobilus, t.s. strobilus, w.m. sporangiosphere, w.m. spores (wet and dry) (temporary slides); t.s. rhizome (permanent slide).
19. *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).
20. *Cycas*: morphology (coralloid roots, bulbil, leaf), t.s. coralloid root, t.s. rachis, v.s. leaflet, v.s. microsporophyll, w.m. spores (temporary slides), l.s. ovule, t.s. root (permanent slide).
21. *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**

Generic Elective
Plant Anatomy and Embryology
(Credits: Theory-4, Practical-2)

THEORY
Lectures: 60

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)
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 lides).
8. Types of ovules: anatropous, orthotropous, circinotropous, amphitropous/campylotropous.
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
Generic Elective
Plant Ecology and Taxonomy
(Credits: Theory-4, Practical-2)

THEORY

Lectures: 60

Unit 1: Introduction

Unit 2: Ecological factors

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; Biogeochemical cycling; Cycling of carbon, nitrogen and Phosphorous

Unit 5: Phytogeography
Principle biogeographical zones; 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).

Practical
1. Study of instruments used to measure microclimatic variables: Soil thermometer, maximum and minimum thermometer, anemometer, psychrometer/hygroometer, 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 (Orobanche), 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**

Generic Elective

Plant Physiology and Metabolism
(Credits: Theory-4, Practical-2)

THEORY
Lectures: 60

Unit 1: Plant-water relations (8 lectures)
Importance of water, water potential and its components; Transpiration and its significance;
Factors affecting transpiration; Root pressure and guttation.

Unit 2: Mineral nutrition (8 lectures)
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. (6 lectures)
Composition of phloem sap, girdling experiment; Pressure flow model; Phloem loading and
unloading

Unit 4: Photosynthesis (12 lectures)
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 (6 lectures)
Glycolysis, anaerobic respiration, TCA cycle; Oxidative phosphorylation, Glyoxylate,
Oxidative Pentose Phosphate Pathway.

Unit 6: Enzymes (4 lectures)
Structure and properties; Mechanism of enzyme catalysis and enzyme inhibition.

Unit 7: Nitrogen metabolism (4 lectures)
Biological nitrogen fixation; Nitrate and ammonia assimilation.

Unit 8: Plant growth regulators (6 lectures)
Discovery and physiological roles of auxins, gibberellins, cytokinins, ABA, ethylene.

Unit 9: Plant response to light and temperature (6 lectures)
Photoperiodism (SDP, LDP, Day neutral plants); Phytochrome (discovery and structure), red
and far red light responses on photomorphogenesis; Vernalization.

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**
Generic Elective
Environmental Biotechnology
(Credits: Theory-4, Practical-2)

THEORY
Lectures: 60

Unit 1: Environment - basic concepts and issues, global environmental problems - ozone depletion, UV-B, greenhouse effect and acid rain due to anthropogenic activities, their impact and biotechnological approaches for management. (4 lectures)

Unit 2: An overview of atmosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere and anthrosphere - environmental problems. Environmental pollution - types of pollution, sources of pollution, measurement of pollution, methods of measurement of pollution, fate of pollutants in the environment, Bioconcentration, bio/geomagnification. (6 lectures)

Unit 3: Microbiology of waste water treatment, aerobic process - activated sludge, oxidation ponds, trickling filter, towers, rotating discs, rotating drums, oxidation ditch. Anaerobic process - anaerobic digestion, anaerobic filters, up-flow anaerobic sludge blanket reactors. Treatment schemes for waste waters of dairy, distillery, tannery, sugar and antibiotic industries. (8 lectures)

Unit 4: Xenobiotic compounds - organic (chlorinated hydrocarbons, substituted simple aromatic compounds, polyaromatic hydrocarbons, pesticides, surfactants) and inorganic (metals, radionuclides, phosphates, nitrates). Bioremediation of xenobiotics in environment - ecological consideration, decay behavior and degradative plasmids, molecular techniques in bioremediation. (10 lectures)

Unit 5: Role of immobilized cells/enzymes in treatment of toxic compounds. Biopesticides, bioreactors, bioleaching, biomining, biosensors, biotechniques for air pollution abatement and odour control. (6 lectures)

Unit 6: Sustainable Development: Economics and Environment: Economic growth, Gross National Productivity and the quality of life, Tragedy of Commons, Economics of Pollution control, Cost-benefit and cost effectiveness analysis, WTO and Environment, Corporate Social Responsibility, Environmental awareness and Education; Environmental Ethics. (8 lectures)


Unit 9: Public Participation for Environmental Protection: Environmental movement and people’s participation with special references to Gandhamardan, Chilika and Narmada Bachao Andolan, Chipko and Silent valley Movement; Women and Environmental Protection, Role of NGO in bringing environmental awareness and education in the society. (6 lectures)

Practical
1. Water/Soil analysis - DO, salinity, pH, chloride, total hardness, alkalinity, acidity, nitrate, calcium, Magnesium and phosphorus.
2. Gravimetric analysis-Total solid, dissolved solid, suspended solid in an effluent
3. Microbial assessment of air (open plate and air sample) and water
Suggested Readings
3. Introduction to Biodeterioration, D.Allsopp and K.J. Seal, ELBS / Edward Arnold.
7. Environmental Protection and Laws by Jadhav and Bhosale, V.M.Himalaya publ.
8. Biodiversity Assessment and Conservation by PC Trivedi, Agrobios publ.
Generic Elective
Economic Botany and Plant Biotechnology
(Credits: Theory-4, Practical-2)

THEORY
Lectures: 60

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 Immunodetection.Molecular diagnosis of human disease, Human gene Therapy.

Practical
1. Study of economically important plants : Wheat, Gram, Soybean, Black pepper, Clove Tea, Cotton, Groundnut through specimens, sections and microchemical 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
Skill Enhancement Courses
Skill Enhancement Course
Ethnobotany
(Credits 2)
Lectures: 30

Unit 1: Ethnobotany
Introduction, concept, scope and objectives; Ethnobotany as an interdisciplinary science. The relevance of ethnobotany in the present context; Major and minor ethnic groups or Tribals of India, and their life styles. Plants used by the tribals: a) Food plants b) Intoxicants and beverages c) Resins and oils and miscellaneous uses.

Unit 2: Methodology of Ethnobotanical studies
a) Field work b) Herbarium c) Ancient Literature d) Archaeological findings e) temples and sacred places.

Unit 3: Role of ethnobotany in modern Medicine
Medico-ethnobotanical sources in India; Significance of the following plants in ethno botanical practices (along with their habitat and morphology) a) Azadiractha indica b) Ocimum sanctum c) Vitex negundo. d) Gloriosa superba e) Tribulus terrestris f) Pongamia pinnata g) Cassia auriculata h) Indigofera tinctoria. Role of ethnobotany in modern medicine with special example Rauvolfia sepentina, Trichopus zeylanicus, Artemisia, Withania. Role of ethnic groups in conservation of plant genetic resources. Endangered taxa and forest management (participatory forest management).

Unit 4: Ethnobotany and legal aspects
Ethnobotany as a tool to protect interests of ethnic groups. Sharing of wealth concept with few examples from India. Biopiracy, Intellectual Property Rights and Traditional Knowledge.

Suggested Readings
3) Lone et al., Palaeoethnobotany
Skill Enhancement Course
Intellectual Property Rights
(Credits 2)
Lectures: 30

Unit 1: Introduction to intellectual property right (IPR) (2 lectures)
Concept and kinds. Economic importance. IPR in India and world: Genesis and scope, some important examples.IPR and WTO (TRIPS, WIPO).

Unit 2: Patents (3 Lectures)

Unit 3: Copyrights (3 Lectures)
Introduction, Works protected under copyright law, Rights, Transfer of Copyright, Infringement.

Unit 4: Trademarks (3 Lectures)
Objectives, Types, Rights, Protection of goodwill, Infringement, Passing off, Defences, Domain name.

Unit 5: Geographical Indications (3 Lectures)
Objectives, Justification, International Position, Multilateral Treaties, National Level, Indian Position.

Unit 6: Protection of Traditional Knowledge (4 Lectures)
Objectives, Concept of Traditional Knowledge, Holders, Issues concerning, Bio-Prospecting and Bio-Piracy, Alternative ways, Protectability, need for a Sui-Generis regime, Traditional Knowledge on the International Arena, at WTO, at National level, Traditional Knowledge Digital Library.

Unit 7: Industrial Designs (2 Lectures)
Objectives, Rights, Assignments, Infringements, Defences of Design Infringement.

Unit 8: Protection of Plant Varieties (2 Lectures)

Unit 9: Information Technology Related Intellectual Property Rights (4 Lectures)

Unit 10: Biotechnology and Intellectual Property Rights (4 Lectures)
Patenting Biotech Inventions: Objective, Applications, Concept of Novelty, Concept of inventive step, Microorganisms, Moral Issues.
Skill Enhancement Course
Biofertilizers
(Credits 2)
Lectures: 30

Unit 1: General account about the microbes used as biofertilizer – Rhizobium – isolation, identification, mass multiplication, carrier based inoculants, Actinorhizal symbiosis. (4 lectures)

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. (8 lectures)

Unit 3: Cyanobacteria (blue green algae), Azolla and Anabaena azollae association, nitrogen fixation, factors affecting growth, blue green algae and Azolla in rice cultivation. (4 lectures)

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. (8 lectures)

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. (6 lectures)

Suggested Readings
Skill Enhancement Course
Medicinal Botany
(Credits 2)
Lectures: 30


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. (10 Lectures)

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. (10 Lectures)

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