

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS  
M.Sc. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN BOTANY  
SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

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| <b>Title of the Course</b>          | <b>LABORATORY COURSE- IV</b><br>Covering Core Papers XII & XIII   |                 |                 |                |                     |                    |              |
| <b>Paper Number</b>                 | <b>CORE XIV</b>   |                 |                 |                |                     |                    |              |
| <b>Category</b>                     | Core  | <b>Year</b>     | II              | <b>Credits</b> | 4                   | <b>Course Code</b> | 523C4C       |
|                                     |   | <b>Semester</b> | IV              |                |                     |                    |              |
| <b>Instructional Hours per week</b> | <b>Lecture</b>  |                 | <b>Tutorial</b> |                | <b>Lab Practice</b> |                    | <b>Total</b> |
|                                     | 4   |                 | -               |                | 4                   |                    | 8            |
| <b>Pre-requisite</b>                | Practicals pertaining to the above subjects is important to gain knowledge on various physiological functions of plants.  |                 |                 |                |                     |                    |              |
| <b>Learning Objectives:</b>         |   |                 |                 |                |                     |                    |              |
| <b>C1</b>                           | Extract biomolecule of diverse nature from different sources so that they will be able to assess the metabolic profile of their source material.  |                 |                 |                |                     |                    |              |
| <b>C2</b>                           | Recognize the role that water plays in several physiological processes in plants.   |                 |                 |                |                     |                    |              |
| <b>C3</b>                           | Recognize the importance of respiration and photosynthesis.   |                 |                 |                |                     |                    |              |
| <b>C4</b>                           | Learn about chromatographic techniques.   |                 |                 |                |                     |                    |              |
| <b>C5</b>                           | The students will graduate with practical knowledge of the physiological processes that occur in plants.  |                 |                 |                |                     |                    |              |
| <b>UNIT</b>                         | <b>EXPERIMENTS</b>  |                 |                 |                |                     |                    |              |
| <b>I</b>                            | <b>PLANT PHYSIOLOGY</b>   |                 |                 |                |                     |                    |              |
|                                     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Determination of water potential by plasmolytic method.</li> <li>2. Deficit (DPD) by weighing method.</li> <li>3. Determination of effect of chemicals on membrane permeability (Colorimetric).</li> <li>4. Effect of varying wavelengths of light (Or) Quality of light on the rate of photosynthesis of an aquatic plant by using Wilmot's Bubble Counter.</li> <li>5. Effect of varying concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub> on the rate of photosynthesis of an aquatic plant by using Wilmot's Bubble Counter.</li> <li>6. Extraction and separation of photosynthetic pigments of C3 and C4 plants by thin layer chromatographic (TLC) method.</li> <li>7. Estimation of carotenoids by using colorimeter.</li> <li>8. Determination of rate of respiration of different respiratory substrates by using titration method.</li> <li>9. Estimation of proline content of leaves from plants under drought stress.</li> <li>10. Estimation flavonoids in plant tissues under different environmental and physiological conditions.</li> </ol> |                 |                 |                |                     |                    |              |

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| <b>II</b>                      | <p><b>PLANT PHYSIOLOGY</b></p> <p><b>(DEMONSTRATION EXPERIMENTS PLANT PHYSIOLOGY)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Calculation of stomatal index of upper and lower epidermal peelings of <i>Moringa</i>.</li> <li>2. Dye reduction test (Hill's Reaction)</li> <li>3. Polyacrylamide Gel Electrophoresis (PAGE and SDS-PAGE)</li> <li>4. Estimation of Nitrate reductase (NR) activity</li> <li>5. Bioassay for 2, 4-D.</li> <li>6. Bioassay for cytokinin.</li> <li>7. Isolation of chloroplast protein from leaves.</li> </ol>   |                           |
| <b>III</b>                     | <p><b>BIOCHEMISTRY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Basic Biochemistry - Preparation of different types of solutions.</li> <li>2. Principles of photometry-Colorimeter and Spectrophotometer- principles and applications.</li> <li>3. Preparation of standard graph for potassium dichromate (<math>K_2Cr_2O_7</math>) using colorimeter (Or) Verification of Beer- Lambert Law using colorimeter.</li> <li>4. Principles of pH meter and application.</li> <li>5. Determination of neutralization point of acid-base mixture by titration method using pH meter.</li> </ol> |                           |
| <b>IV</b>                      | <p><b>BIOCHEMISTRY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Colorimetric Estimation of glucose by anthrone reagent method.</li> <li>2. Colorimetric Estimation of amino acids by ninhydrin method.</li> <li>3. Estimation of proteins (Lowry's method).</li> <li>4. Extraction and separation of known and unknown amino acids using paper chromatographic method.</li> <li>5. Estimation of fatty acid using the titration method (oil/fat).</li> <li>6. Assay for the enzyme catalase.</li> </ol>   |                           |
| <b>V</b>                       | <p><b>(DEMONSTRATION EXPERIMENTS PLANT BIOCHEMISTRY AND BIOPHYSICS)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Preparation of buffers.</li> <li>2. Estimation of starch from plant tissue.</li> <li>3. Estimation of glucose from plant tissue.</li> <li>4. Estimation of protein from plant tissue.</li> <li>5. Simple problems based on theory syllabus.</li> </ol>   |                           |
| <b>Course outcomes:<br/>CO</b> | <b>On completion of this course, the students will be able to:</b>   | <b>Programme outcomes</b> |
| CO1                            | Perform quantitative tests for all major macro molecules and file a report of chemical profile of a plant cell.  | K1                        |
| CO2                            | Analyze the structure and properties of various enzymes.   | K2                        |

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| CO3   | Understand the fundamentals of water and its relation to plants.  | K1 & K3 |
| CO4   | Understand the role of pigment in photosynthetic mechanism and related events of plants.  | K4      |
| CO5   | Evaluate the theory and practical skills gained during the course and create idea to seek for suitable job in relevant industries.  | K5      |
| Extended Professional Component (is a part of internal component only, Not to be included in the External Examination question paper)   | Questions related to the above topics, from various competitive examinations UPSC / TRB / NET / UGC – CSIR / GATE / TNPSC / others to be solved<br><br>(To be discussed during the Tutorial hour) |         |
| Skills acquired from this course  | Knowledge, Problem Solving, Analytical ability, Professional Competency, Professional Communication and Transferrable Skill   |         |
| <b>Recommended Text:</b>  |   |         |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Plummer, D. 1988. An introduction to Practical Biochemistry, Tata McGraw–Hill Publishing Company Ltd., New Delhi.</li> <li>2. Palanivelu, P. 2004. Laboratory Manual for analytical biochemistry and separation techniques, School of Biotechnology, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai.</li> <li>3. Jayaraman.J.1981. Laboratory Manual in Biochemistry. Wiley Eastern Limited, New Delhi.</li> <li>4. Bendre, A.M. and Ashok Kumar, 2009. A text book of practical Botany. Vol. I &amp; II. Rastogi Publication. Meerut. 9<sup>th</sup> Edition.</li> <li>5. Manju Bala, Sunita Gupta, Gupta NK. 2012. Practicals in Plant Physiology and Biochemistry. Scientific Publisher.</li> <li>6. Joy, P.P., Surya, S and Aswathy, C. 2015. Laboratory Manual of Biochemistry, Agricultural University, Pineapple Research Station, Ernakulam, Kerala.</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Poonam Sharma – Natu, Vijay Paul and P.S. Deshmukh. 2021. Laboratory manual Experimental Plant Physiology. Division of Plant Physiology, Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi.</li> </ol> |   |         |
| <b>Reference books:</b>   |   |         |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bala, M., Gupta, S., Gupta, N.K and Sangha, M.K. 2013. Practicals in plant physiology and biochemistry. Scientific Publishers (India).</li> <li>2. Wilson, K and J. Walker (Eds). 1994. Principles and Techniques of Practical Biochemistry (4<sup>th</sup> Edition) Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.</li> <li>3. Bendre, A.M and Ashok Kumar. 2009. A text book of practical Botany. Vol. I &amp; II. Rastogi Publication. Meerut. 9<sup>th</sup> Edition.</li> <li>4. Manju Bala, Sunita Gupta, Gupta, N.K. 2012. Practicals in Plant Physiology and Biochemistry. Scientific Publisher.</li> <li>5. Wilson, K and J. Walker. 2005. Principles and Techniques of Practical Biochemistry, 5th Edition. Cambridge University press, New York.</li> <li>6. Rodney Boyer. 2000. Modern Experimental Biochemistry, 3rd Edition. Published by Addison Wesley Longman. Singapore.</li> </ol>   |   |         |

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**Web resources:**

1. file:///C:/Users/User/Downloads/2021%20Botany%20Syllabus%20after%20BoS%20format1%20(1).pdf
2. <https://kau.in/document/laboratory-manual-biochemistry>
3. <https://www.amazon.in/Practical-Manual-on-Plant-Biochemistry/dp/6200539790>
4. <https://www.amazon.in/Laboratory-Manual-Physiology-Mukesh-Amaregouda/dp/6133993502>
5. <https://www.kopykitab.com/A-Laboratory-Manual-of-Plant-Physiology-Biochemistry-and-Ecology-by-Akhtar-Inam>

**Mapping with Programme Outcomes:**

| COs        | PO1 | PO2 | PO3 | PO4 | PO5 | PSO1 | PSO2 | PSO3 | PSO4 | PSO5 |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>CO1</b> | 3   | 3   | 1   | 3   | 2   | 1    | 2    | 2    | 3    | 3    |
| <b>CO2</b> | 3   | 3   | 2   | 2   | 3   | 3    | 2    | 3    | 2    | 3    |
| <b>CO3</b> | 3   | 2   | 3   | 3   | 1   | 2    | 1    | 3    | 1    | 3    |
| <b>CO4</b> | 3   | 3   | 3   | 3   | 3   | 2    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    |
| <b>CO5</b> | 3   | 3   | 2   | 3   | 2   | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    | 3    |

**S-Strong (3) M-Medium (2) L-Low(1)**