UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS

M.Sc. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN ZOOLOGY

SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

431C2A

SEMESTER II

Course Objectives:		
The main objectives of this course are:		
1.	To understand the ultrastructures and functions of basic components of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells, especially macromolecules, membranes and organelles.	
2.	To realize involvement of various cellular components in accomplishing cell division.	
3.	To enable a successful performance in cell biology component of CSIR-UGC NET.	
4.	To understand the ultrastructures and functions of basic components of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells, especially macromolecules, membranes and organelles.	
Course	**:**	**Core IV**
Course title	**:**	**Cellular and Molecular Biology**
Credits	**:**	**5**
Pre-requisite:		
Students should have knowledge of the basic cellular structures and their salient functions in prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells.		
Expected Course Outcome:		
Upon completion of this course, students could		

1.	Understand the general concepts of cell and molecular biology.	**K2**
2.	Visualize the basic molecular processes in prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells, especially relevance of molecular and cellular structures influencing functional features.	**K1 & K2**
3.	Perceive the importance of physical and chemical signals at the molecular level resulting in modulation of response of cellular responses.	**K3 & K4**
4.	Updated the knowledge on the rapid advances in cell and molecular biology for a better understanding of onset of various diseases including cancer.	**K5**
5.	Understand the general concepts of cell and molecular biology.	**K2**

K1- Remember; **K2**- Understand; **K3**- Apply; **K4**-Analyze; **K5**-Evaluate; **K6**- Create

Units	
I	General features of the cell: Basic structure of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells - Protoplasm and deutroplasm - cell organelles; cell theory; Diversity of cell

	size and shapes.
II	Cellular organization: Membrane structure and functions - Structure of model membrane, lipid bilayer and membrane proteins diffusion, osmosis, ion channels, active transport, ion pumps, mechanism and regulation of intracellular transport, electrical properties of membranes. Structure and functions of Intracellular organelles: Nucleus, mitochondria, Golgi bodies, lysosomes, endoplasmic reticulum, peroxisomes, plastids, vacuoles and chloroplasts.
III	Cell division and Cell cycle: Mitosis and meiosis, their regulation, steps in cell cycle and control of cell cycle. Molecular biology of cell: Structure of DNA and RNA; Process of DNA replication, transcription and translation in pro- and eukaryotic cells; Genetic maps.
IV	Cell communication and cell signaling: Membrane- associated receptors for peptide and steroid hormones - signaling through G-protein coupled receptors, signal transduction pathways. General principles of cell communication: extracellular space and matrix, interaction of cells with other cells and non-cellular structures.
V	Cancer cells: Characteristic features of normal and cancer cells; Carcinogens: types and cancer induction; Metastasis; Oncogenes and tumor suppressor genes, apoptosis; therapeutic interventions of uncontrolled cell growth.

Reading list

1. Plopper, G., D. Sharp, and E. Sikorski. 2015. Lewin's Cells (Third Edition), Jones & Bartlett, New Delhi, pp-1056
2. Plopper, G. 2013. Principles of Cell Biology, Jones & Bartlett, Maryland, pp-510

Recommended texts

1. Karp, G. 2010. Cell Biology (Sixth Edition), John Wiley & Sons, Singapore, pp-765.
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5. Loewy, A.G., P. Siekevitz and J. R. Menninger, *et al*., 1991, Cell Structure and Function
(Third Edition), Saunders, Philadelphia, pp-947
6. Watson, J. D., N.H. Hopkins, J.W. Roberts, *et al*., 1987, Molecular Biology of the Gene (Fourth Edition), Benjamin/Cummings, California, pp-1163
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8. Alberts, B., A. Johnson, J. Lewis, *et al*., 2015, Molecular Biology of the Cell (Sixth Edition), Garland Science, New York, pp-1342
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Mapping with Programme Outcomes*										
Cos	**PO1**	**PO2**	**PO3**	**PO4**	**PO5**	**PO6**	**PO7**	**PO8**	**PO9**	**PO10**
CO1	L	L	L	L	S	S	S	M	M	M
CO2	M	M	M	S	S	S	S	M	S	M
CO3	S	S	S	M	M	S	M	M	L	S
CO4	M	M	S	L	S	S	L	M	S	S
CO5	S	M	M	S	S	S	S	M	S	S

*S - Strong; M - Medium; L – Low