UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS

M.Sc. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN ZOOLOGY

SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

431C2B

Course Objectives:		
The main objectives of this course are:		
1.	Understand the process of gametogenesis, cleavage and gastrulation, embryonic development, extra embryonic membrane and placenta in various animals and human.	
2.	Learn the principles, methods and applications of cryo-preservation of gametes and embryo.	
Course	**:**	**Core V**
Course title	**:**	**Developmental Biology**
Credits	**:**	**5**
Pre-requisite:		
Students have fundamental knowledge in developmental biology.		
Expected Course Outcome:		
On the successful completion of the course, student will be able to		

1.	Define the concepts of embryonic development	**K1**
2.	Observe various stages of cell divisions under microscope	**K2 & K3**
3.	Understand the formation of zygote	**K4**
4.	Differentiate the blastula and gastrula stages	**K4 & K5**
5.	Learn the distinguishing features of three different germ layers and formation of various tissues and organs	**K4**

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

Units	
I	Pattern of animal development: Chief events in animal development; History of thoughts and conceptual developments. Gametogenesis: Origin of germ cells, spermatogenesis - Sperm morphology in relation to the type of fertilization, Oogenesis - Oogenesis in insects and amphibians; Composition and synthesis of yolk in invertebrates (insects and crustaceans) and vertebrates; Genetic control of vitellogenin synthesis in amphibians
II	Fertilization: Sperm aggregation, Sperm activation, Chemotaxis, Sperm maturation and capacitaion in mammals, Acrosome reaction. Sperm – egg interaction. Sperm entry into the egg - Egg activation - Intracellular calcium release - Cortical reaction - Physiological polyspermy - Fusion of male and female pronuclei - Post fertilization metabolic activation - Parthenogenesis
III	Cleavage and gastrulation: Pattern of embryonic cleavage, mechanisms of cleavage, mid blastula transition - Determinate and regulatory embryos, Factors affecting gastrulation, mechanisms and types of gastrulation in respective animal embryos (Sea urchin, *Amphioxus*, Amphibians, Aves, Mammals); Fate maps - (Amphibian and Chick), Epigenesis and preformation – Formation of primary germ layers

IV	Embryonic Development; Embryonic development of fish and birds, formation of extra embryonic membranes in mammalian – Organogenesis - Development of endodermal, mesodermal and ectodermal derivatives. Embryonic Induction and neurulation; Formation and migration of neural crest cells - types of neural crest cells and their patterning - primary and secondary neurulation. Gene and development; Anterior- posterior axis in determination in drosophila, Maternal effect genes - *Bicoid* and *Nanos* proteins; Generation of dorsal - ventral polarity- Genetic control of segmentation – Gap genes; pair rule genes; Homeotic genes
V	Post embryonic development metamorphosis: Endocrine control of metamorphosis in insect and amphibian - Endocrine control of moulting and growth in crustaceans and insects - Neoteny and pedogenesis. Regeneration: Formation of ectodermal cap and regeneration blastema – Types of regeneration in planaria, Regenerative ability in different animal groups, Factors stimulating regeneration – Biochemical changes assosciated with regeneration. Aging and senescences: Biology of senescences- cause of aging-mechanism involved in apoptosis. Experimental Embryology: Mammalian reproduction: Mammalian reproductive cycle, Hormonal regulation, Endocrine changes associated with normal pregnancy, Induced ovulation in humans – Cryopreservation of gametes/embryos - Ethical issues in cryopreservation

Reading list

1. Balinsky, B. I. 1981. Introduction to Embryology (5th Edition), CBS College Publishers, New York, pp-782.
2. Gilbert. S. F. 2006. Developmental Biology, 8th Edition, INC Publishers, USA, pp-785.
3. Berrill, N.J. 1974. Developmental Biology, Tata Mc-Graw Hill Publications, New Delhi, pp-535.
4. Tyler, M.S. 2000. Developmental Biology - A Guide for Experimental Study, Sunderland, MA, pp-208.
5. Subramoniam, T. 2011. Molecular Developmental Biology (2nd Edition), Narosa Publishers, India, pp-364.
6. www.easybiologyclass.com › developmental-biology-e
7. www.studocu.com › document › lecture-notes › view
8. *ocw.mit.edu* › courses › 7-22-developmental-biology-f.

Recommended texts

1. Wilt, F.H. and N.K. Wessel. 1967. Methods in Developmental Biology, Thomas Y Crowell, New York.
2. Slack J.M.W. 2012. Essential Developmental Biology (3rd Edition), Wily-Blackwell Publications, USA, pp-496.
3. Mari-Beffa, M. and J. Knight. 2005. Key Experiments in Practical Developmental Biology, Cambridge University Press, UK, pp-404.

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Mapping with Programme Outcomes*										
Cos	**PO1**	**PO2**	**PO3**	**PO4**	**PO5**	**PO6**	**PO7**	**PO8**	**PO9**	**PO10**
CO1	S	S	M	S	S	L	S	M	L	M
CO2	S	S	S	S	S	L	S	S	S	S
CO3	S	M	S	S	S	S	S	L	L	M
CO4	S	S	S	S	S	M	S	S	S	L
CO5	S	S	S	M	S	S	S	L	L	M

*S - Strong; M - Medium; L – Low