

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

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Course Objectives:		
The main objectives of this course is		
	Practical course aims at demonstrating significant cellular and molecular biological principles, quantitative and analytical approaches that enable the students to translate the theoretical foundation in cell biology, genetics and developmental biology into practical understanding.	
Course	:	Core VI
Course title	:	Lab Course in Cell Biology and Developmental Biology
Credits	:	4
Pre-requisite:		
Students should have acquired basic knowledge relevant to this particular lab course.		
Expected Course Outcome:		
Upon completion of this lab course, students		
1.	Acquire knowledge to differentiate the cells of various living organisms and become aware of physiological processes of cells e.g. cell divisions, various stages of fertilization and embryo development.	K2
2.	Understand and observe as well as correctly identify different cell types, cellular structures using different microscopic techniques.	K3
3.	Develop handling - skills through the wet-lab course.	K6
4.	Learn the method of culturing of <i>Drosophila</i> and identification of their wild and mutant strains	K1 & K2
5.	Acquire skills to perform human karyotyping and chromosome mapping to identify abnormalities	K1 & K2

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

CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

1. Determination of cell size using micrometer
2. Mitosis in onion root meristematic cells of plants
3. Identification of various stages of meiosis in the testes of grasshopper
4. Detection of polytene chromosome in salivary gland cells of the larvae of the Chironomus
5. Detection of sex chromatin

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6. Isolation of genomic DNA from eukaryotic tissue
7. Isolation of total RNA from bacterial cells/tissues
8. Agarose gel electrophoresis
9. SDS-Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis

DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY

i. Gametogenesis - Observation of gametes from gonadal tissue sections

1. Oogenesis:

Section through ovary of fish, frog and mammals

2. Spermatogenesis:

Section through testis of fish, frog and mammals

ii. Embryogenesis

Frog Embryogenesis - Cleavage stages, blastula, gastrula, neurula.

- a. Observation and whole mount preparation of the chick blastoderm
- b. Chick embryonic stage - 18 hours of development
- c. Chick embryonic stage - 24 hours of development
- d. Chick embryonic stage - 48 hours of development
- e. Chick embryonic stage - 72 hours of development
- f. Chick embryonic stage - 96 hours of development

iii. Histological observation: T.S of Heart, Eye and Brain of Chick Embryo

iv. Cryopreservation - Demonstration of cryopreservation of gametes of fin fish/shell fish

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

*S - Strong; M - Medium; L – Low