

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

931DCE1

DISCIPLINE CENTRIC ELECTIVE COURSES
(SELECT ONE FOR SEMESTER I, II, III)

Course Objectives:		
The main objectives of this course is		
Students should know the fundamentals of biochemistry		
Course	:	Discipline Centric Elective- 1
Course title	:	Molecules and their interaction relevant to Biology (COMPULSORY)
Credits	:	3
Pre-requisite:		
Understanding fundamental properties of elements, atoms, molecules, chemical bonds, linkages and structure, composition, metabolism and functions of biomolecules.		
Expected Course Outcome:		
On the successful completion of the course, student will be able to:		
I	Learn the structure, properties, metabolism and bioenergetics of biomolecules	K1 & K3
II	Acquire knowledge on various classes and major types of enzymes, classification, their mechanism of action and regulation	K1 & K2
III	Understand the fundamentals of biophysical chemistry and biochemistry, importance and applications of methods in conforming the structure of biopolymers	K2 & K3
IV	Comprehend the structural organization of and proteins, carbohydrates, nucleic acids and lipids	K2 & K4
V	Familiarize the use of methods for the identification, characterization and conformation of biopolymer structures	K5 & K6

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

Units	
I	Basics of biophysical chemistry and biochemistry: Structure of atoms, molecules and chemical bonds - Principles of biophysical chemistry (pH, buffer, reaction kinetics, thermodynamics, colligative properties).
II	Biomolecular interactions and their properties: Stabilizing interactions (Vander Waals, electrostatic, hydrogen bonding, hydrophobic interaction etc. - Composition, structure, metabolism and function of biomolecules (carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, nucleic acids and vitamins).
III	Bioenergetics and enzymology: Bioenergetics, glycolysis, oxidative phosphorylation, coupled reaction, group transfer, biological energy transducers -

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	Principles of catalysis, enzymes and enzyme kinetics, enzyme regulation, mechanism of enzyme catalysis, isoenzymes
IV	Structural conformation of proteins and nucleic acids: Conformation of proteins (Ramachandran plot, secondary, tertiary and quaternary structure; domains; motifs and folds) - Conformation of nucleic acids (A-, B-, Z-DNA), t-RNA, micro-RNA).
V	Stabilizing interactions in biomolecules: Stability of protein and nucleic acid structures - hydrogen bonding, covalent bonding, hydrophobic interactions and disulfide linkage.

Reading list

1. Berg, J. M., J. L. Tymoczko and L. Stryer 2002. Biochemistry. 5th Ed., W.H. Freeman & Co., New York, pp-1050.
2. Kuchel P.W. and G. B. Ralston. 2008. Biochemistry. McGraw Hill (India) Private Limited, UP, pp-580.
3. McKee T. and J. R. McKee. 2012. Biochemistry: The Molecular Basis of Life. (7th Edition). Oxford University Press, US, pp-793.
4. Nelson D.L. and M.M. Cox. 2012. Lehninger's Principles of Biochemistry. (6th Edition). W. H. Freeman Publishers, New York, pp-1158.
5. Satyanarayana U. and U. Chakrapani, 2006. Biochemistry. (3rd Edition). Books and Allied (P) Ltd. Calcutta, pp-695.

Recommended texts

1. Buchanan, B.B., W. Gruissem and R.L. Jones. 2015. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of Plants. John Wiley and Sons Ltd., UK, pp-1280.
2. Murray, R.K., D.K. Granner, P.A. Mayes and V.W. Rodwell. 2003. Harper's Illustrated Biochemistry (26th Edition), The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., USA, pp-704.
3. Palmer, T. 2004. Enzymes. Affiliated East-West Press Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, pp-416.
4. Voet D. and J.G. Voet. 2011. Biochemistry. (4th Edition). John Wiley & Sons (Asia) Pvt. Ltd., pp-1428.

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

*S - Strong; M - Medium; L-Low