

**UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS**  
**B.Sc. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN ADVANCED ZOOLOGY**  
**AND BIOTECHNOLOGY**  
**SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024**

**SEMESTER - II**

Course Code	Course Name	Category	L	T	P	S	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
									CIA	External	Total
121C2A	CHORDATA	Core	Y	-	-	-	5	6	25	75	100
<b>Learning Objectives</b>											
CO1	To understand the structures and distinct features of Phylum Chordata.										
CO2	To understand and able to distinguish the characteristic features of each subphylum and class.										
CO3	To appreciate functional adaptations in different vertebrates										
CO4	To know about the diversity of vertebrates										
CO5	To understand the evolutionary position of different groups of vertebrates										
UNIT	Details							No. of Hours	Course Objectives		
I	<b>General Characters and Classification of Phylum ProtoChordata and Chordata.</b> Origin of Chordata, General Characters, Type study – Amphioxus., Affinities and Systematic position of Hemichordata ( <i>Balanoglossus</i> ), Urochordata ( <i>Ascidia</i> ), Cephalochordata ( <i>Amphioxus</i> ).							18	CO1, CO2		
II	<b>Vertebrates and Agnatha:</b> Characteristics Classification upto Classes, affinities, Agnatha –Type study- <i>Petromyzon</i> , - Pisces- Type study- <i>Scoliodon sorrakowah</i> . Accessory respiratory organs - Parental care – Migration.							18	CO1, CO2, CO4, CO5		
III	<b>Amphibia</b> : General characters and classification .Type study - <i>Rana hexadactyla</i> - Adaptive features of Anura, Urodela and Apoda - Neoteny in Urodela - Parental care in Amphibia.							18	CO1, CO2, CO3, CO4, CO5		
IV	<b>Reptilia</b> : General characters and classification - Type study – <i>Calotes versicolor</i> ( <i>endoskeleton of Varanus</i> ) - Extinct reptiles. Snakes of India. Poison apparatus and biting mechanism of poisonous snakes . Identification of poisonous and non poisonous snakes.							18	CO1, CO2, CO4, CO5		

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V	<p><b>Aves</b> : General characters and classification – Type study - <i>Columba livia</i>, Flight adaptations, Migration. Birds are glorified reptiles- connecting link- archeopteryx</p> <p><b>Mammalia</b>: General characters and classification - Type study - Rabbit - Adaptive radiation in mammals - Egg laying mammals, Aquatic mammals, Dentition in mammals.</p>	18	CO1, CO2, CO4, CO5
<b>Total</b>		<b>90</b>	
<b>Course Outcomes</b>			
<b>Course Outcomes</b>	On completion of this course, students will;		
<b>CO1</b>	Classify, Identify and recall the name and distinct features of different subphylum belonging to phylum Chordata.	PO1	
<b>CO2</b>	Explain, and relate the origin, structural organization and evolutionary aspects of vertebrates.	PO1, PO3	
<b>CO3</b>	Analyze, compare and distinguish the developmental stages and describe the important biological process.	PO3, PO4, PO5	
<b>CO4</b>	Correlate the different modes of life and parental care among different vertebrates.	PO3, PO5, PO6	
<b>CO5</b>	Summarise the morphology and ecological adaptations in vertebrates and list out the economic importance.	PO3, PO5, PO8	
<b>Text Books</b> <b>(Latest Editions)</b>			
1.	Ayyar, E.K. and T.N. Ananthakrishnan, 1992. Manual of Zoology Vol. II (Chordata), S. Viswanathan (Printers and Publishers) Pvt Ltd., Madras, 891p.		
2.	Jordan, E.K. and P.S. Verma, 1995. Chordate Zoology and Elements of Animal Physiology, 10th edition, S. Chand & Co Ltd., Ram Nagar, New Delhi, 1151 pp.		
3.	Nigam, H.C., 1983. Zoology of Chordates, Vishal Publications, Jalandhar - 144008, 942.		
4.	Ganguly, Sinha, Bharati Goswami and Adhikari, 2004. Biology of animals Vol.II - New central book Agency (p) Ltd.		
5.	Kotpal. R.L. A, Modern text book of Zoology Vertebrates- Rastogi publications. 2009		

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<b>References Books</b>		
<b>(Latest editions, and the style as given below must be strictly adhered to)</b>		
1.	Darlington P.J. The Geographical Distribution of Animals, R.E. Krieger Pub. Co.	
2.	Hall B.K. and Hallgrimsson B. (2008). Strickberger's Evolution. IV Edition. Jones and Bartlett Publishers Inc.	
3.	Hickman, C.P. Jr., F.M.Hickman and L.S. Roberts, 1984. Integrated Principles of Zoology, 7th Edition, Times Merror/Mosby College Publication. St. Louis. 1065 pp.	
4.	Newman, H.H., 1981. The Phylum Chordata, Satish Book Enterprise, Agra – 282 003, 477 pp.	
5.	Parker and Haswell, 1964. Text Book of Zoology, Vol II (Chordata), A.Z.T,B.S. Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi - 110 051, 952 pp.	
6.	Pough H. Vertebrate life, VIII Edition, Pearson International.	
7.	Waterman, Allyn J. et al., 1971. Chordate Structure and Function, Mac Millan & Co., New York, 587 pp.	
8.	Young, J. Z. (2004). The Life of Vertebrates. III Edition. Oxford university press.	
<b>Web Resources</b>		
1.	<a href="http://tolweb.org/Chordata/2499">http://tolweb.org/Chordata/2499</a>	
2.	<a href="https://www.nhm.ac.uk/">https://www.nhm.ac.uk/</a>	
3.	<a href="https://bit.ly/3Av1Ejg">https://bit.ly/3Av1Ejg</a>	
4.	<a href="https://bit.ly/3kqTfYz">https://bit.ly/3kqTfYz</a>	
5.	<a href="https://biologyeducare.com/aves/">https://biologyeducare.com/aves/</a>	
6.	<a href="https://www.vedantu.com/biology/mammalia">https://www.vedantu.com/biology/mammalia</a>	
<b>Methods of Evaluation</b>		
<b>Internal Evaluation</b>	Continuous Internal Assessment Test	
	Assignments	
	Seminars	
	Attendance and Class Participation	
		25 Marks
<b>External Evaluation</b>	End Semester Examination	
		75 Marks
		Total
		100 Marks

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<b>Methods of Assessment</b>	
<b>Recall (K1)</b>	Simple definitions, MCQ, Recall steps, Concept definitions
<b>Understand/ Comprehend (K2)</b>	MCQ, True/False, Short essays, Concept explanations, Short summary or overview
<b>Application (K3)</b>	Suggest idea/concept with examples, Suggest formulae, Solve problems, Observe, Explain
<b>Analyze (K4)</b>	Problem-solving questions, Finish a procedure in many steps, Differentiate between various ideas, Map knowledge
<b>Evaluate (K5)</b>	Longer essay/ Evaluation essay, Critique or justify with pros and cons
<b>Create (K6)</b>	Check knowledge in specific or offbeat situations, Discussion, Debating or Presentations

**Mapping with Programme Outcomes:**

	<b>PO 1</b>	<b>PO 2</b>	<b>PO 3</b>	<b>PO 4</b>	<b>PO 5</b>	<b>PO 6</b>	<b>PO 7</b>	<b>PO 8</b>
<b>CO 1</b>	S							
<b>CO 2</b>	M		S					
<b>CO 3</b>		M	S	S	S	S		S
<b>CO 4</b>			S	S	S	M		
<b>CO 5</b>			S		S			S

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