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PRACTICALS

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Semester II

THEORY

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VESPSMB201 Molecular Genetics - II	I	Regulation of Gene Expression in Eukaryotes	04	15
	II	Genetic regulation of the development of Drosophila, organelle DNA & population genetics		15
	III	Molecular tools for Genetics		15
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VESPSMB202 Research Methodology, Bioinformatics & Biostatistics	I	Research terminology and fundamentals	04	15
	II	Processing & analysis of data		15
	III	Statistics in research		15
	IV	Bioinformatics		15
VESPSMB203 Applied Biochemistry	I	Enzymology	04	15
	II	Signaling and stress		15
	III	Unusual biomolecules and bioactive compounds		15
	IV	Proteomics		15
VESPSMB204 Applied Immunology	I	Adversarial strategies during infection	04	15
	II	Immunodeficiency		15
	III	Advances in Allergy and other hypersensitivity		15
	IV	Tumor Immunology & Autoimmune diseases		15

PRACTICALS

VESPSMBP201	Molecular Genetics -2	02	04
VESPSMBP202	Research Methodology, Bioinformatics & Biostatistics	02	04
VESPSMBP203	Applied Biochemistry	02	04
VESPSMBP204	Applied Immunology	02	04

SEMESTER I DETAILED SYLLABUS

VESPSMB101

(MOLECULAR GENETICS - I)

Learning Objectives

- To achieve the understanding of fundamental genetic processes for all organisms, especially with in vivo and in vitro genetic tools.
- To provide insights to transfer of genes, genetic exchange and DNA repair.
- To understand the regulation of gene expression in prokaryotes.

Learning Outcome:

- At the end of the course students will
- Be able to understand the molecular mechanism of DNA transfer, and Homologous recombination in *E.coli* and in eukaryotes that will enable the students to have a complete view of genetic transfer and exchange mechanisms.
- Be able to reason out the correlation between Oncogenes, Cellular Proto-Oncogenes, and Tumor Suppressor Genes and thus realizes their role in the development of Cancer
- Be able to understand at molecular levels the different types of operons in *E.coli* as well as in *Bacillus subtilis* besides knowing about Riboswitch regulation.
- Be able to enhance their knowledge about Regulation of Nitrogen assimilation, Heat Shock response, Stress response and sulphur regulation and genetic analysis of sporulation.

Course Code	Unit	Sub unit	Title	No of lectures	Credits
VESPSMB 101			Molecular Genetics - I	60 L	04
	1		Genetic Exchange among bacteria and Molecular basis of Homologous Recombination	15 L	01
		1.1	Conjugation : 1.1.1 Overview, Classification of self-transmissible plasmids 1.1.2 Mechanism of DNA transfer during Conjugation in Gram negative bacteria- 1.1.3 Chromosome transfer by plasmids-Formation of Hfr strains, transfer & mobilization of chromosomal DNA by integrated plasmids, prime factors 1.1.4 Transfer system of gram positive bacteria-Plasmid pheromones	05	

	1.2	<p>Transformation</p> <p>1.2.1 Development of Competence in Gram-positive bacteria and Gram-negative bacteria, competence based on type IV secretion systems.</p> <p>1.2.2 Regulation of competence in <i>Bacillus subtilis</i>- Competence pheromones.</p> <p>1.2.3 Role of natural transformation- Nutrition, repair, recombination, Importance of natural transformation for forward and reverse genetics.</p> <p>1.2.4 Artificially induced competence- Calcium ion induction, transformation by plasmids, transfection by phage DNA, transformation of cells with chromosomal genes, Electroporation.</p>	05	
	1.3	<p>Homologous recombination at molecular level</p> <p>1.3.1 Models for Homologous recombination</p> <p>1.3.2 Homologous recombination protein machines</p> <p>1.3.3 Homologous recombination in <i>E.coli</i> (RecBCD pathway)</p> <p>1.3.4 Homologous recombination in eukaryotes- Mating type switching</p> <p>1.3.5 Site Specific recombination</p>	05	
	2	<p>Transposable elements, DNA repair and Genetics of Cancer</p>	15 L	01
	2.1	<p>2.1.1 Transposable genetic elements in eukaryotes : Transposable Ac and Ds Elements in Maize, P Elements and Hybrid Dysgenesis in <i>Drosophila</i>.</p> <p>2.1.2 Retrovirus and Retrotransposons: Retrovirus, Retrovirus like elements, Retroposons</p> <p>2.1.3 Transposable elements in Humans</p> <p>2.1.4 The Genetic and Evolutionary Significance of Transposable Elements: Transposons as mutagens, Genetic transformation with transposons , Transposons and Genome organization, Evolutionary Issues Concerning Transposable Elements</p>	07 L	

		2.2	DNA repair 2.2.1 Eukaryotic Nucleotide Excision repair, 2.2.2 Mismatch repair mechanism in humans, 2.2.3 Non-homologous end joining (NHEJ) pathway for repairing double stranded breaks	02L	
		2.3	Genetic Basis Of Cancer 2.3.1 Cancer: A Genetic Disease, Forms of Cancer, Cancer and the Cell Cycle 2.3.2 Oncogenes: Tumor-Inducing Retroviruses and Viral Oncogenes, Cellular Proto- Oncogenes, protein products of proto- oncogenes, Changing cellular proto- oncogenes into oncogenes, Chromosome Rearrangement and Cancer. 2.3.3 Tumor Suppressor Genes: the Retinoblastoma tumor suppressor gene- RB, P53, Breast cancer tumor suppressor genes, MicroRNAs genes, Mutator genes, Telomere shortening genes 2.3.4. The multistep nature of cancer	06L	
	3		Regulation of gene expression in prokaryotes	15L	01
		3.1	Operon Systems (Detailed Molecular structure of repressor and operator sites) 3.1.1 The <i>E. coli Lac</i> operon 3.1.2 The <i>E.coli Gal</i> operon, 3.1.3 The <i>E. coli ara</i> operon, 3.1.4 The <i>E. coli</i> Maltose operon, 3.1.5 Trp operon of <i>Bacillus subtilis</i> , 3.1.6 Riboswitch regulation	15	
	4		Global regulation in bacteria	15 L	01
		4.1	Global regulation systems 4.1.1 Regulation of Nitrogen assimilation: 4.1.2 Pathways for nitrogen assimilation, regulation of nitrogen assimilation by the Ntr system. 4.1.3 Stress response In Bacteria: Heat shock regulation in <i>E coli</i> 4.1.5 Iron regulation in <i>E coli</i> . 4.1.6 Regulation of Sporulation in <i>Bacillus</i> <i>subtilis</i>	01 03 03 02 06	

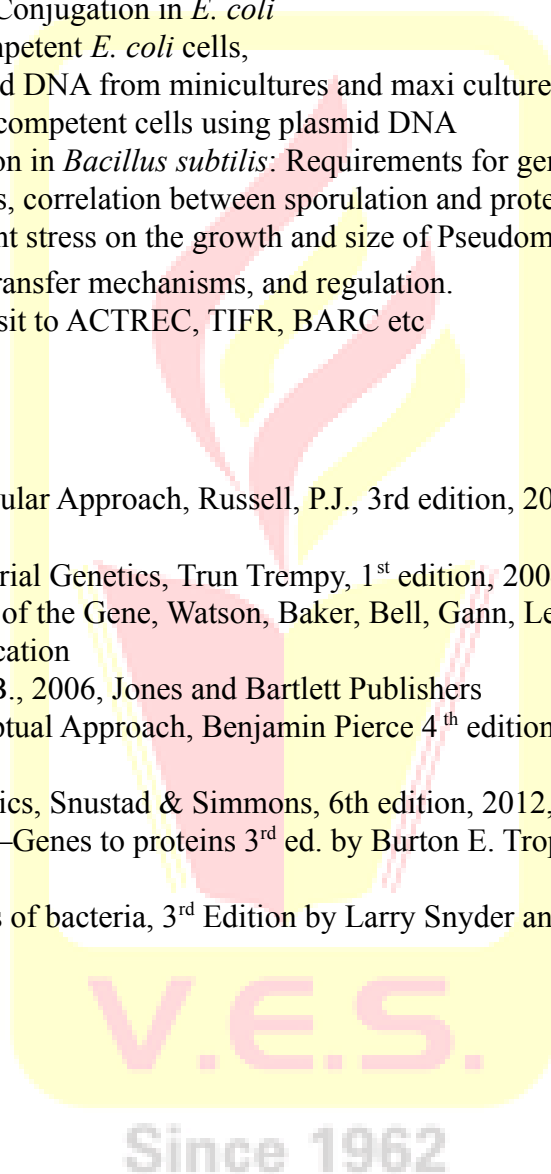
			Self-study : Solve at least five problems on gene transfer and regulation given at the end of the chapter in Lehninger/Schaum Series/Russell etc.		
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PRACTICALS BASED ON VESPSMB101

1. Demonstration of Conjugation in *E. coli*
2. Preparation of competent *E. coli* cells,
3. Isolation of plasmid DNA from minicultures and maxi cultures.
4. Transformation of competent cells using plasmid DNA
5. Endospore formation in *Bacillus subtilis*: Requirements for germination and outgrowth of spores, correlation between sporulation and protease activity.
6. Response of nutrient stress on the growth and size of *Pseudomonas* spp
7. Problems on gene transfer mechanisms, and regulation.
8. Cancer genetics- visit to ACTREC, TIFR, BARC etc

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VESPSMB102
(ENVIRONMENTAL MICROBIOLOGY AND SUSTAINABILITY)

Learning Objectives

- To introduce to the various theories of evolution
- To enhance Knowledge about microbial world in space
- To understand microbial biodiversity in different habitats
- To know the adaptations of microorganisms to extreme environmental conditions and their applications
- To understand waste management, biohazard and biosafety standards.
- To inculcate sense of scientific responsibilities and social and environment awareness

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course students will:

- Be able to understand how life has evolved on earth and in space
- Be able to elaborate the characteristics of different groups of microorganisms found in different habitats
- Be able to discuss microorganisms in extreme environments and their adaptations
- Be able to reflect their role as global citizens, consumers and environment protectors.

Course Code	Unit	Sub unit	Title	No of lectures	Credits
VESPSM B 102			Environmental Microbiology and Sustainability	60L	04
	1		Theories of evolution and astrobiology	15 L	01
		1.1	History of evolution	01	
		1.2	Theories of organic evolution -Lamarckism - Darwinism -Modern synthetic theory -Germplasm theory -Mutation theory	04	
		1.3	Introduction to molecular evolution	01	
		1.4	Neutral theory of evolution - Polymorphism - Divergence - Near neutral theory of evolution	03	
		1.5	Mechanisms of Molecular Evolution and the Modern Molecular Clock	02	

		1.6	Astrobiology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction - The space environment - Microbiological studies in the space environment - Microbial transfer through space 	04	
	2		Microbial Diversity	15L	01
		2.1	The expanse of microbial diversity	01	
		2.2	Estimates of total number of species, measures and indices of diversity, the species concept for prokaryotes and eukaryotes	03	
		2.3	Culture-dependent microbiology	03	
		2.4	Newer approaches for exploring uncultivable bacteria: Culture independent molecular methods	04	
		2.5	Methods of extracting total bacterial DNA from a habitat; the metagenomics approach	02	
		2.6	Bioprospecting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pharmacologically active agents of microbial origin ● Industrial enzymes ● Novel antifoulants and antibiofilm agents from microbes 	04	
	3		Extremophiles	15L	01
		3.1	Physiology, Biochemistry and Applications of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thermophiles - Psychrophiles - Piezophiles - Radiation resistant organisms 	07	
		3.2	Physiology, Biochemistry and Applications of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acidophiles - Alkaliphiles - Halophiles 	05	
		3.3	Geo Microbiology – Bio corrosion and Bioleaching	03	
	4		Environment & Natural Resource Management & Safety Standards	15L	01
		4.1	Natural resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Renewable/ non-renewable resources of Land, water, forest, minerals, energy, food. - Associated problems and management practices. 	02	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental Impact Assessment and Sustainable Development 		
		4.2	<p>Solid waste management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Classification of solid waste - Effects of solid waste pollution, - Key components of solid waste management. - On site disposal options - Offsite disposal options - Biodegradable waste from kitchen, abattoirs and agricultural fields and their recycling by aerobic composting or bio-methanation. - Non-biodegradable waste like plastics, glass, metal scrap, e waste and building materials, and its recycling 	04	
		4.3	<p>Hazardous waste management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Hazardous wastes: definition, levels of biohazards, Risk assessment and handling procedures. - Xenobiotic compounds and its biodegradation - Management of hazardous waste using biotechnological applications - Examples: cyanide detoxification, petrochemical industry effluents, phenols, Hazardous waste from paint, pesticides and chemical industries <p>Probable means to reduce these waste through Common Effluent</p>	05	
		4.4	<p>Biosafety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need for biosafety levels, - Biosafety guidelines for GMOs and LMOs. - Role of Institutional biosafety committee. RCGM, GEAC, etc. for GMO applications in food and agriculture. - Environmental release of GMOs. - Overview of national regulations and relevant international agreements. - Ecolabelling, ISO 14001, - Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) 	04	
			<p>Self study topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Methods of extracting total bacterial DNA from a habitat 2. Case study: EIA report of a polluted ecosystem 		

PRACTICALS BASED ON VESPSMB102

1. Enrichment and isolation of cellulose degraders from natural resources
2. Isolation and characterization of thermophiles and thermotolerant organisms from hot spring water samples.
3. Screening of Halophilic bacteria from salt pans and identification of an isolate by conventional biochemical as well as by VITEK systems
4. Extraction of membrane lipids of halophilic archaea and its detection by TLC
5. Determination of Bacteria, algae and fungi present in natural ecosystems samples and calculate their relative abundance and frequency of occurrence
6. Determine the microbial activities in the soil samples by estimating hydrolysis of FDA

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Since 1962

VESPSMB103
(BIOCHEMISTRY)

Learning Objectives

To strengthen the fundamental concepts of Biochemistry and understand the broad domains of biochemistry.

To endeavour training of Post –graduate students to design and carry out various projects.

To improve their practical biochemistry knowledge especially while preparing media for their experiments, to calculate various parameters of acid -base chemistry and reason out chemical reactions observed during experiments.

To improve their logical skills so as to efficiently find solutions to problems encountered during research activity.

Learning Outcomes:

Think independently and work in the laboratory

Perform better in competitive exams

Gaining employability in industry and take on research- oriented careers.

Course Code	Unit	Sub unit	Title	No of lectures	Credits
VESPSMB103			Biochemistry	60L	04
	1		Concepts in chemical reactivity and aqueous solution	15 L	01
		1.1	Aqueous solutions: concentrations based on weight, volume and degree of saturation. [Only problem solving]	5L	
		1.2	Acids and bases Bronsted concept of conjugate acid-conjugate base, pH, pOH, buffers, titration curves, Hendersen-Hasselbach equation, polyprotic acids, amphoteric salts [problem solving]	6L	
		1.3	Chemical reactivity and forces between molecules	4L	
	2		Bioorganic molecules	15 L	01
		2.1	Protein Chemistry: peptides and the peptide bond, protein structures, protein types, factors determining structure , dynamics of globular proteins, Chaperonins, prion motifs and domains	7L	
		2.2	Carbohydrates: derivatives of monosaccharides, glycoconjugates, carbohydrates as informational molecules.	4L	

	2.3	Lipids: structural lipids, lipids as signal, cofactors and pigments	2L	
	2.4	Coenzymes, antioxidants and metals	2L	
	2.5	Self-study : Solve at least five problems given at the end of the chapter in Lehninger or any other textbook		
3		Degradation and transformation of organic molecules	15 L	01
	3.1	Biotic reactions, mechanistic aspects Environmental factors affecting biodegradation	3L	
	3.2	Degradation and transformation of aromatic compounds: monocyclic, polycyclic, carboxylates and related compounds, halogenated hydrocarbons.	10L	
	3.3	Persistence and biomagnification of xenobiotics	2L	
	3.4	Self-study : identify a product containing aromatic compound and design a flow sheet to degrade or transform it.		
4		Physiology and metabolism of anaerobic bacteria	15L	01
	4.1	Anaerobes and oxygen, physiology of anaerobes, anaerobes in natural environments, types of anaerobic and microaerophilic bacteria	8L	
	4.2	Techniques in Anaerobic Microbiology	3L	
	4.3	Applications of anaerobes	4L	

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PRACTICALS BASED ON VESPSMB103

1. Preparation of buffers.
2. Extraction, isolation, partial purification (if necessary), calculation of percentage yield and performing a confirmatory test for the following:
 - a. lactose from milk
 - b. Albumins and globulins from egg white
3. Determination of pK values by titration curves
4. Interpretation of Ramchandran plot.
5. Degradation of aromatic compounds like naphthalene
6. Cultivation of anaerobic bacteria using Gaspak method
7. Cultivation of anaerobes- *Clostridium* species using litmus milk, observation of stormy fermentation of milk, use of Robertson's cooked meat medium and anaerobic chamber

VESPSMB104
(MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY AND MICROBIAL PATHOGENESIS)

Learning Objectives:

Modern techniques have helped to elucidate mechanisms of pathogenicity expression and evasion of host defence which in turn have helped in a better understanding of disease mechanisms. Such studies have also thereby opened doors to newer methods of combating infections or preventing them. At the same time, microbes too are devising new mechanisms to overpower the antibiotics used as therapeutics, compelling us to understand and combat the threat of antibiotic resistance. The curriculum also wishes to touch upon the recent growing interest on the concept of Microbiome.

To introduce the students to molecular mechanisms of pathogenesis, their regulation and mechanisms of delivery.

To make the student community aware of the threat of antibiotic resistance and to understand molecular mechanisms of antibiotic resistance.

To introduce to the student the concept of Microbiome- its significance in health and disease

To acquaint the student to emerging/ re-emerging diseases in India

To reinforce the basic concepts in epidemiology and to elaborate on terms and methodologies in infectious diseases

To emphasize on clinical laboratory practices followed in Bacteriology labs.

Learning Outcomes

Student will be able to correlate molecular mechanisms of virulence expression, regulation and secretion to disease by different pathogens that cause chronic infections, toxin associated, & biofilm mediated infections

Students will be able to correlate post interventional procedures to biofilm associated infections on implants and prosthetic devices.

Students will be able to reason out

- o the threat of antibiotic resistance and can create awareness
- o the importance of microbiome and can be equipped to research on it

Student will be well informed about Emerging and re-emerging diseases in India

Student will be equipped with skills and an understanding about

- o Epidemiological practices
- o Clinical lab practices in bacteriology like QC and AST

Course Code	Unit	Sub unit	Title	No of lectures	Credits
VESPSM B 104			Medical Microbiology and Microbial Pathogenesis	60L	04
	1		Mechanisms of Pathogenesis-1	15 L	01
		1.1	i. Overview of bacterial mechanisms of evading/surviving host defense	1	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Bacterial persistence within the host- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Surviving phagocytosis e.g: <i>Legionella</i>, <i>Salmonella</i>, and <i>Mycobacterium</i> b. Chronic infections e.g: Brucellosis and typhoid fever 	4	
		1.2	Toxins and secretion systems		
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Bacterial toxins and intoxications- eg Diphtheria and Botulism-its regulation , mode of action 	2	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Secretion Systems specific to Gram- Negative Bacteria and Gram-Positive Bacteria 	3	
		1.3	Mechanisms of Virulence Regulation:		
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Types of Regulation 	2	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Bacterial communication and virulence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Quorum Sensing signaling molecules b. Mechanisms of quorum sensing in Gram Negative and Gram positive bacteria 	3	
	2		Pathogenesis and Human Microbiome	15 L	01
		2.1	Microbial biofilms	5	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Structure, properties and formation ii. Biofilm-related Infections on Tissue Surfaces iii. Biofilms Associated with Medical Devices and Implants 		
		2.2	Antibiotic Resistance	4	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Genetic Basis of antimicrobial resistance ii. Mechanistic basis of antimicrobial resistance- modification of antibiotic molecules, decreased penetration and efflux, changes in target sites, Resistance Due to Global Cell Adaptations 		
		2.3	The Human Microbiome:	6	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Introduction to the concept of Microbiome, The Human Microbiome Project ii. Gut microbiome- types of organisms, functions, role in health and disease 		

			Self Study: Current developments in the Human Microbiome project Microbiome of any other system or organ other than gut		
	3		Emerging infectious diseases in India and Epidemiology	15L	01
		3.1	Emerging infectious diseases in India(with emphasis on etiology, virulence mechanism, diagnosis and prevention) i. Pandemic Influenza ii. Nipah Virus iii. <i>Acinetobacter</i> iv. <i>Candida auris</i> v. Hepatitis C vi. Rickettsial infections	10L	
		3.2	Epidemiology i. Methods and procedures for epidemiological study of infections. ii. Epidemiology of infectious diseases, case studies- food borne diseases, XDR-TB	5L	
	4		Clinical Bacteriology	15 L	01
		4.1	Laboratory Methods for Antimicrobial susceptibility Testing i. Conventional testing methods ii. Commercial Testing methods iii. Other methods- Time kill curves, Serum killing curves Testing antibiotic combinations	04 L	
		4.2	Detection of specific types of Antibiotic Resistance a. Methicillin(Oxacillin) resistant and decreased Vancomycin susceptibility in Staphylococci spp b. Beta lactam resistance and Decreased susceptibility to Vancomycin in Enterococci	04	
		4.3	Quality Control in Medical Microbiology i. Laboratory design and safe microbiological practice GLP in culture and media preparation ii. Sample management and Process control (an overview) iii. Quality control of culture media, reagents, equipments, process, personnel, report	07	

Practicals based on VESPSMB104

Study of few virulence mechanisms in pathogens

Study of Quorum Sensing and Quorum sensing inhibitors in *C.violaceium*

Microbial Biofilm formation on various surfaces

Determination of Minimum Biofilm Inhibition Concentration of an antibiotic

Detection of specific types of Antibiotic Resistance.

- o MRSA

- o VRE

Antibiotic susceptibility testing- Conventional micro broth dilution method according to CLSI guideline.

Checker Board Assay for detecting synergistic activity of two antibiotics

Determination of Quality Assurance of laboratory media, reagents.

Problems on Epidemiology

TEXTBOOKS:

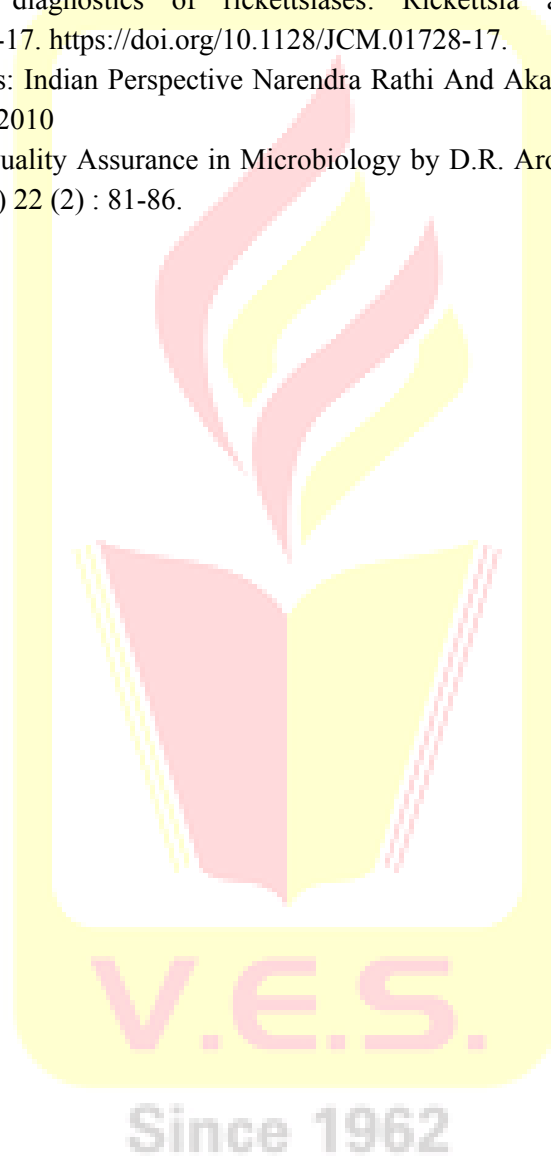
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SEMESTER II DETAIL SYLLABUS

VES PSMB201 (MOLECULAR GENETICS - II)

Learning objectives

The learner will know the role of Chromatin in Regulating Gene Transcription, repression of Gene Activity by Histones

The student will know about Drosophila developmental stages which is the traditional geneticist's and embryologist's tool.

The learner will also be conversant about Population genetics Hardy-Weinberg Law and related topics.

The student will have theoretical knowledge of important tools and techniques like PCR, DNase Footprinting, DMS footprinting and other footprinting methods,

The student will gain information about Functional genomics - DNA Microarray technology, as well as Proteomics

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course the student will be

Well versed in knowing the various techniques required to perform molecular genetics experiments

Have the basic and advanced knowledge about Drosophila Development which are an genetics tool to study gene organization will be known

Have Information about functional genomics

Course Code	Unit	Sub unit	Title	No of lectures	Credits
VESPSMB 201			Molecular Genetics - II	60 L	04
	1		Regulation of Gene Expression in Eukaryotes	15 L	01
		1.1	1.1 Control of Gene Expression in Eukaryotes: 1.1.1 role of regulatory proteins, activators and repressors molecules 1.1.2 The Role of Chromatin in Regulating Gene transcription: 1.1.3 Silencing and Genomic Imprinting 1.1.4 RNA Processing Control 1.1.5 RNA Interference 1.1.6 Post transcriptional regulation of gene expression	05 02L 02L 02L 02L	
	2		Genetic Regulation Of The Development Of Drosophila , Organelle DNA & Population Genetics	15L	01

		2.1	Drosophila developmental - Stages ,	04	
			- Embryonic development, - Maternal effect genes, - segmentation genes, - Homeotic genes		
			Self study : Drosophila a traditional geneticist's and embryologist 's tool.		
		2.2	2.2.1 Organelle DNA: - The genetics of organelle encoded traits, - The endosymbiotic theory, 2.2.2 Mitochondrial DNA - The gene structure and organization of mitochondrial DNA, - Non universal codons in Mitochondrial DNA, replication, transcription and translation of Mitochondrial DNA, - Evolution of Mitochondrial DNA, 2.2.3 Chloroplast DNA - Properties similar to Eubacterial DNA - Gene structure and organization of chloroplast DNA, - Replication, transcription and translation of chloroplast DNA	01 03 02	
		2.3	Population genetics - Genetic structure of population - Hardy-Weinberg Law - Genetic variation in space and time - Genetic variation in Natural population - Forces that change gene frequencies in populations: i. Mutation, ii. Random genetic drift iii. Migration iv. Natural selection v. Balance between mutation and selection vi. Asserative mating vii. Inbreeding - Summary of the effects of evolutionary forces on the genetic structure of population - The role of genetics in conservation Biology	05	
	3		Molecular Tools For Genetics	15L	01

		3.1	Polymerase Chain Reaction- Fundamentals of the PCR, Variations/ Modifications of PCR: Reverse transcriptase PCR, Differential display PCR, Real time Fluorescent PCR, Hot- Start PCR, Multiplex PCR, Nested PCR, Applications	5L	
		3.2	Molecular tools for studying genes and gene activity	10L	

			<p>3.2.1 Molecular separations: Gel electrophoresis, Two-dimensional gel electrophoresis</p> <p>3.2.2 Labelled tracers: Autoradiography, Liquid scintillation counting Nonradioactive tracers</p> <p>3.2.3 Using nucleic acid hybridization: Southern blots, DNA fingerprinting and DNA typing, In situ hybridization: Locating genes in chromosomes, Immunoblots</p> <p>3.2.4. DNA sequencing and physical mapping: The Sanger Chain-Termination Sequencing method, High-throughput Sequencing, Restriction Mapping, Site-directed mutagenesis</p> <p>3.2.4 Mapping and quantifying transcripts, Northern blots, S1 mapping, Primer extension, Run-off transcription and G-less cassette transcription</p> <p>3.2.5 Measuring transcription rates in vivo: Reporter gene transcription, Measuring protein accumulation in vivo: Assaying DNA – protein interactions, foot printing methods, Chromatin immune-precipitation (ChIP)</p> <p>3.2.6 Knockouts: Gene knock out in yeast, Gene knockouts in mouse, Knocking down expressed gene by RNA interference (RNAi)</p>		
	4		Metagenomics, Comparative & Functional Genomics, Proteomics	15L	01
		4.1	<p>Metagenomics</p> <p>4.1.1 Comparative Genomics: finding Genes that make us human, recent changes in the human genome,</p> <p>4.1.2 Characterization of Gene amplification and deletions in Cancer using DNA microarrays (Representational Oligonucleotide Microarray Analysis (ROMA))</p> <p>4.1.3 Functional genomics-DNA Microarray technology, Serial analysis of gene expression (SAGE)</p>	08	

		4.2	Proteomics- 4.2.1 Separation and identification of proteins (2D PAGE, MALDI –TOF), Protein profiling (LC-MS), 4.2.2 Protein interaction by Co-immunoprecipitation, protein tagging system, Protein Microarrays, Protein- protein interaction Mapping (Two hybrid assay, TAP tag procedure) Self study : Use of MALDI-TOF for identification of microbial cultures	07L	
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PRACTICALS BASED ON VESPSMB201

1. Southern hybridization technique [Demonstration]
2. Northern Blotting technique [Demonstration]
3. Western blotting [Demonstration]
4. Restriction digestion of DNA & Restriction mapping 5 Design of primer & PCR
5. DNA electrophoresis
6. Protein electrophoresis (PAGE)
7. Problems on population genetics
8. LC-MS protein expression profile , MALDI-TOF, Microarray- Visit to research institute

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VESPSMB202

(Research Methodology , Bioinformatics & Biostatistics)

Learning objective

Research in advancement of the subject is essential for the progression of the students at postgraduate level. This course is designed for postgraduate students in microbiology to introduce the importance of research, process of research and analysis of data to draw correct conclusions. The Course includes concept of research, types of research, sampling, data collection, processing of data. Course also enables the candidates the use of statistics in research and explains the concept of scientific writing. This course includes one unit of bioinformatics. This is advancement of the basics science learnt at undergraduate level. Students will not only learn this unit theoretically but also with hands on during practical classes.

Learning outcome

At the end of the course students:

Will be able to understand Fundamentals of research, process of research
Search the literature

Understand the concepts of reliability and validity of ideas

Write a research proposal

Understand concept and use statistics in research

Able to understand process of scientific writing

Use bioinformatic tools in various aspects of research.

Course Code	Unit	Sub unit	Title	No of lectures	Credits
VESPSMB 201			Research Methodology , Bioinformatics & Biostatistics	60L	04
Unit 1	1		Research terminology and fundamentals	15 L	
		1.1	1.1.1 Definition of research, Scientific thinking, significance of research, general characteristics of research, objectives of research, classification and types of research, types of research methods, 1.1.2. Research methods verses methodology, research and scientific method, Criteria of good research 1.1.3. Identification and formulation of research problem, 1.1.4. Study designs	05	01

		1.2	Communication & Scientific Writing 1.2.1 Communication skills 1.2.1.1. The importance of communication through English 1.2.1.2. The process of communication and factors that influence communication sender, receiver, channel, code, topic, message, context, feedback, noise, filters & barriers 1.2.1.3. Verbal and non-verbal communication: body language comparison of general communication and business communication, science communication 1.2.1.5. Presentation skills- structure of presentation- Types of presentation, oral, power point -Handling power point, slides organisation, content, body language, gestures, voice modulation 1.2.2 Scientific Writing 1.2.2.1 General structure of scientific reports :- Different types of scientific documents - journal articles, books, thesis, conference and project reports 1.2.2.2 Components of a research paper - Publication process, copyright transfer. Open access 1.2.2.3. Literature search 1.2.2.4. Formulation of research proposal 1.2.2.5. Style of referencing(citation styles)- Harvard, Vancouver, APA, MLA 1.2.1.4. reference writing, Vancouver, APA, MLA reference writing	05	
Unit 2	2		Processing & analysis of data	15	01
		2.1	Hypotheses- 2.1.1 Meaning, nature of hypothesis, 2.1.2 Functions of hypothesis, 2.1.3 Importance of hypothesis, 2.1.4 Kinds of hypothesis, 2.1.5 Characteristics of good hypothesis, 2.1.6 Formulation of hypothesis	07	
		2.2	Data collection and processing 2.2.1 Definition, scope and limitations of	08	

			<p>data collection and processing</p> <p>2.2.2 Sampling-sampling frame, importance of probability sampling, simple random sampling, systemic sampling, stratified random sampling, cluster sampling</p> <p>2.2.3 Types of data, Collection of data, classification & tabulation-diagrammatic & graphical representation ,Primary data, secondary data</p> <p>2.2.4 Measurement scales, variables & their measurements</p> <p>2.2.5 Validity, effect measure and choice of statistical test</p> <p>2.2.6 Experimental protocols</p>		
Unit 3	3		Statistics in research	15	01
		3.1	<p>3.1.1 Measures of central tendency -mean, median, mode, geometric mean</p> <p>3.1.2 Measures of dispersion- Range, Q.D., M.D., variance, standard deviation</p> <p>3.1.3 Correlation and Regression analysis: Correlations and regressions-: Relation between two variables, scatter diagram, definition of correlations & their equations, interpretation of regression coefficients, principles of least squares, Two regression lines, curve fitting Karl Pearson's coefficient of correlation, Spearman's coefficient of correlation</p>	05	
		3.2	<p>Hypothesis testing</p> <p>3.2.1 Null and alternate hypothesis</p> <p>3.2.2 Type-I & Type-II errors</p> <p>3.2.3 Level of significance,</p> <p>3.2.4 Power of test</p> <p>3.2.5 p value</p>	03	
		3.3	<p>Parametric tests</p> <p>3.3.1 Large sample Tests</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Testing significance of single population mean ii. Testing significance of two population mean <p>3.3.2 Small sample Tests</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Testing significance of single population mean ii. Testing difference between two independent normal population mean iii. Testing difference between two correlated normal population mean 	07	

			iv. Testing significance of correlation coefficient 3.3.3 χ^2 test i. Testing single population variance ii. Testing Goodness of fit iii. Testing association between two attributes 3.3.4 F-test- Testing equality of variance i. ANOVA- one-way classification, two way classification		
Unit 4	4		Bioinformatics	15	01
		4.1	4.1 Introduction and Revision of T.Y.B.Sc topics to give an overview of bioinformatics 4.1.1 Biological databases-nucleic acid sequence databases- gene bank/ EMBL/ DDBJ 4.1.2 Protein sequence data bases- (UniProtKB), Derived databases(Prosite, BLOCKS, Pfam/Prodom) Structural databases (PDB , NDB) and Enzyme databases	01L 01L 03L	
		4.2	4.2.1 Concept in sequence analysis- Needleman & Wunsch , Smith & Waterman alignment algorithms 4.2.2. Scoring Matrix for nucleic acids and protein- MDM.BLOSUM.CSW 4.2.3 Alignment: Pair wise BLAST, FASTA 4.2.4 Multiple sequence alignment, PRAS, CLUSTAL W	01L 01L 01L 01L	
		4.3	Phylogenetic analysis and Tree construction Basic concepts of phylogenetic analysis, rooted/uprooted trees, approaches for phylogenetic tree construction	02L	
		4.4	Structure predictions for proteins- Basic approaches for protein structure predictions, comparative modelling, fold recognition	02L	
		4.5	Chemo-informatics- Introduction, applications in pharmaceutical industries	01L	
		4.6	Immuno-informatics- Overview, Reverse vaccinology , Rational Vaccine design	01L	

			Self Study : Study of 3D structures of enzymes /protein		
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Practicals based on VESPSMB201

- 1) Literature review on any current research of 30-40 types pages (It can be on the research project topic that the student wishes to do in MSC part2)
- 2) Problem solving in biostatistics
- 3) Practical Based On Bioinformatics-
 - Visiting NCBI and EMBL websites & list services available, software tools available and databases maintained
 - Visiting & exploring various databases mentioned in syllabus
 - Using BLAST and FASTA for sequence analysis
 - Fish out homologs for given specific sequences (by teacher) - decide sequence of some relevance to their syllabus and related to some biological problem e.g. evolution of a specific protein in bacteria, predicting function of unknown protein from a new organism based on its homology)
 - Six frame translation of given nucleotide sequence
 - Restriction analysis of given nucleotide sequence
 - Pair-wise alignment and multiple alignment of a given protein sequences
 - Formation of phylogenetic tree

Books

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- 2) Principles of Biostatistics. Pagano M., Gauvreau K., 2ndEdn. Cergege Learning, 2010
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- 5) Statistical Analysis In Microbiology: Statnotes, By Richard A. Armstrong And Anthony C. Hilton, A John Wiley & Sons, Inc. Publication, ISBN: 978-0-470-55930-7 December 2010 Wiley-Blackwell 192 Pages

VESPSMB203

(Applied Biochemistry)

Learning Objectives

- To open the domains of applied biochemistry.
- To gain an insight in the multifaceted field of enzymology.
- The practically train students to understand the challenges and problems encountered while dealing with bio-molecules like proteins.
- Commercial outcomes are understood through pharmaceutical products and proteomics-an already established field with extensive applications in diverse fields of biological sciences.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the course students will be able to

- Understand and relate to metabolic and physiological complexities shown by living organisms.
- Appreciate and understand the intricate manner of communications at the cellular and sub cellular level employing bio-molecules.
- Apply the biological processes at molecular level for production and synthesis of bioactive molecules of commercial significance. Learning the unusual bio-molecules and bioactive compounds will open new avenues for research to the young scientists.
- Obtain Knowledge of Proteomics which will give them a new perspective about diagnosis of diseases and make them competent to handle new challenges if they are employed in modern diagnostic laboratories.
- Undertake advanced studies on enzyme kinetics will help them alter conditions favourably to increase industrial productions.

Course Code	Unit	Sub unit	Title	No of lectures	Credits
VESPSMB 203			Applied Biochemistry	60L	04
	1		Enzymes: the catalysts of Cells	15 L	01
		1.1	Information from kinetics, specificity of enzymatic action, mechanisms of catalysis	7L	
		1.2	Inhibition and activation of enzymes	2L	
		1.3	Enzyme isolation and purification	6L	
			Self-study: Draw Eadie-Hofstee, Hanes-Woolf plot, Dixon plot and Cornish-Bowden plot and interpret.		

	2		Signalling and stress	15L	01
		2.1	Introduction to two-component signalling systems	7L	
		2.2	Synthesis of virulence factors in response to temperature, pH, nutrient, osmolarity and quorum sensors, chemotaxis, photoresponses, aerotaxis,	4L	
		2.3	Bacterial development and quorum sensing: Myxobacteria, Caulobacter, bioluminescence systems similar to LuxR/LuxI in nonluminescent bacteria	4L	
	3		Natural and Unusual bio-molecules and bioactive compounds	15 L	01
		3.1	Bioactive proteins & peptides: peptides as bioactive agents, peptides with anti-oxidative activity, antimicrobial peptides, enzyme based antimicrobial proteins, non-enzyme based antimicrobial proteins, commercialization of antimicrobial proteins and peptides. Lectins, surfactants, albumin, cryoprotectants, lyoprotectants	09 L	
		3.2	Classes of Natural Products: polyketides, terpenes & steroids, alkaloids, phenylpropanoids, Flavonoids. Non coding RNAs	04 L	
		3.3	Functional carbohydrates and hydrocolloids Cereal β Glucans, modified starch, microbial Polysaccharides, Chitosan	02L	
			Self-study : A report on source, structure and application on unusual hydrocolloid/ lipid(etc) molecules other than that listed above		
	4		Proteomics	15 L	01
		4.1	Proteomics and the proteome, branches	05	
		4.2	Overview of techniques and challenges	05	
		4.3	Applications : Disease diagnosis[cancer biology, autoimmune, allergic response], Glycomics, use of protein biomarkers	05	
			Self-study : one application in agriculture / environmental/toxicogenomics/nutraceuticals etc.		

Practicals based on VESPSMB203

1. Isolation, partial purification and study of enzyme kinetics of amylase.
2. Adaptation of *E. coli* to anaerobiosis

3. Effect of temperature and water activity on swarming of *Proteus spp*
4. Isolation of amylopectin and amylose from potato starch.
5. Isolation of Lycopene from tomatoes
6. Preparation of lectin from plant source and its application

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Unit III:

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2. Enzymes 3rd edition. Malcolm Dixon and Edwin C. Webb. Longman Group 1979.
3. An introduction to practical biochemistry 3rd. edition, David T Plummer, Tata

McGraw Hill edition 1998

4. Experimental biochemistry –A student companion, Rao Beedu, S. Deshpande, IK international Pvt. Ltd.
5. Laboratory manual in biochemistry, Immunology and Biotechnology, Nigam A and Ayyagiri A. Tata McGraw Hill edition
6. Source of Experiments for teaching Microbiology, Primrose and Wardlaw
7. Microbial Physiology and Biochemistry Laboratory manual: A quantitative approach , David White

VESPSMB204
(Applied Immunology)

Learning Objectives:

One of the most important areas of immunology is Applied Immunology which encompasses the study of Adversarial strategies during various infections, Vaccines, Immunodeficiency disorders, Immune Tolerance, Advances in Allergy and other hypersensitivities, Transplantation and Transfusion Immunology, Tumor Immunology, Autoimmune diseases that are enlisted and properly covered in the syllabus.

This course will help students to build on the advance information regarding the applications of the basic immunology they have studied during their undergraduate course.

Learning Outcomes:

Students should be able to-

Give details of the adversarial strategies during various infections, recent advances in vaccines production and difficulties encountered in it.

Correlate the causes, principles involved, examples, control and treatment of immunodeficiency disorders, hypersensitivity reactions, autoimmune diseases and cancer. Comment on the organs, tissue transplantation and blood transfusion-principle involved, types of transfusion reactions and their control, tests to be performed for safe transplantation.

Course Code	Unit	Sub unit	Title	No of lectures	Credits
VESPSMB 201			Applied Immunology	60L	04
	1		Adversarial strategies during infection	15 L	01
		1.1	1.1.1 Bacterial survival strategies - Evading complement, - Evading killing by macrophages 1.1.2 The host counter attack against bacteria - Toxin neutralization - Opsonization of bacteria 1.1.3 The habitat of intracellular bacteria:	10	

			<p>Bacterial survival strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Defence against intracellular bacteria - Role of activated Macrophages <p>1.1.4 Viral survival strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - antigenic variations - non functional T- cell epitopes - interference with antigen processing and/ or presentation - interference with immune effector mechanism <p>1.1.5 Immunity to fungi</p>		
		1.2	<p>Vaccines</p> <p>1.2 .1. Subunit vaccines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - purified components as bacterial vaccines - Viral subunit as vaccine - carbohydrate vaccine - DNA and RNA vaccines <p>1.2.2 Newer approaches to vaccine development</p> <p>1.2.3 Current vaccines</p> <p>1.2.4 Difficulties in the development of Parasitic vaccines :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Malaria <p>1.2.5 Vaccines for protection against bioterrorism</p> <p>1.2.6 Immunization against cancer</p>	05	
			Self study : Vaccines under development		
	2		Immunodeficiency	15L	01
		2.1	<p>2.1.1 Deficiencies of pattern recognition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Receptor signaling <p>2.1.2 Phagocytic cell defects</p> <p>2.1.3 Complement system deficiencies</p> <p>2.1.4 Cytokine and cytokine receptor deficiencies</p> <p>2.1.5 Primary B-cell deficiency</p> <p>2.1.6 Primary T- cell deficiency</p> <p>2.1.7 Severe combined immunodeficiency</p> <p>2.1.8 Diagnosis and treatment of primary immunodeficiency</p>	08	
		2.2	<p>Immune Tolerance</p> <p>2.2 .1 Major mechanisms for achieving tolerance</p> <p>2.2.2 Central Tolerance</p> <p>2.2.3 Peripheral Tolerance</p> <p>2.2.4 Tolerance induction</p>	07	

			2.2.5 Immunoprivileged sites-The brain, the eyes		
	3		Advances in Allergy and other hypersensitivities	15L	01
		3.1	3.1.1 Type –I hypersensitivity 3.1.2 Type –II hypersensitivity 3.1.3 Type –III hypersensitivity 3.1.4 Type –IV hypersensitivity 3.1.5Type -V hypersensitivity (Mechanism/principle, examples, diagnosis and treatment of these hypersensitive)	07	
		3.2	Transplantation and Transfusion Immunology 3.2.1 Types of Graft 3.2.2 Types of graft rejection 3.2.3Mechanisms of graft rejection 3.2.4 Matching the donor and recipient 3.2.5 Immuno suppression 3.2.6The foetus as an allograft 3.2.7 Blood transfusion - Blood grouping and cross matching - Transfusion reactions -Criteria for selection and rejection of Blood Donor	08	
	4		Immunological disorders	15L	01
		4.1	Tumor Immunology 4.1.1 Cell- intrinsic and extrinsic mechanisms of tumor suppression 4.1.2 Role of inflammation in the enhancement of tumor initiation, promotion and progression 4.1.3 Tumor antigens and their classes 4.1.4Approaches to cancer immunotherapy - Passive immunotherapy with monoclonal antibodies - Unmasking of the latent T-cell responses - Antigen independent cytokine therapy	07	
		4.2	Autoimmune diseases 4.2.1 Causes 4.2.2 Mechanisms 4.2.3 Pathogenic effects of autoantibody 4.2.4 Pathogenic effects of complexes with auto antigens 4.2.5T cell mediated hypersensitivity as a Pathogenic factor in autoimmune disease	08	

			<p>Self Study Topics</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Case studies – Autoimmune diseases 2. Case studies - Use of Immune therapies in cancer, transplantation and other immunological disorders 		
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Practicals based on VESPSMBP204

1. Hemoglobin estimation by Cyanmethaemoglobin method using Drabkins Fluid as one of the criteria used for selection of blood donor during collection of blood for safe transfusion.
2. Blood grouping and Compatibility testing /cross matching of blood for safe blood transfusion.
3. Determination Of Enzymes Of Oxidative Stress (SOD And Catalase)
4. NBT Analysis Of Blood Sample
5. Serum Lysozyme Activity
6. Serum Myeloperoxidase Activity (MPO)
7. Rheumatoid factor test for laboratory diagnosis of Rheumatoid arthritis
8. Lupus erythematosus (LE) cell preparation-Principle, Procedure and Significance to be explained during the practicals using permanent slides/ color atlas of diagnostic immunology/Microbiology
9. RIST and RAST- Principle, Procedure and Significance to be explained during the practicals using power point presentation/ youtube.

Text books:

1. Roitt's Essential Immunology 13th Ed. –Wiley Blackwell
2. Kuby Immunology 6th Ed – W. H. Freeman and Company, New York

Reference Books:

1. Immunology –Essential and Fundamental – Sulbha Pathak, Urmi Palan, 3rd Ed. Capital Publishing Company (New Delhi-Kolkata)
2. Kuby Immunology 7th Ed – W. H. Freeman and Company, New York
3. Kuby Immunology 8th Ed – Macmillan education
4. Immunology – An Introduction 4th Ed – Tizard
5. Elements of Immunology- Fahim Halim Khan –Pearson Education
6. Medical Laboratory Technology - Kanai Mukherjee vol. 1

Modality of assessment

A. Theory -Internal assessment 40%

40 marks

Sr No	Evaluation type	Marks
1.	Assignment that can include article writing , report writing , preparation of a review, on any topic selected from each course paper. The topic selected will besides the content should be assessed by any plagiarism software by the staff (Software to be kept ready by college)	20
2	Submission of Self study topics / One class Test (multiple choice questions / objective)	10
3	a. Active participation in routine class instructional deliveries b Overall conduct as a responsible student, wrt manners, skill in articulation, leadership qualities demonstrated through organizing co-curricular activities, etc.	05 05

B. Theory -External examination -60%

. Semester End Theory Assessment

60 marks

- The duration of these exam will be of 2.5 hrs
- The theory question paper will have 5 questions each of 12 marks .
- For each unit there will be one question and the fifth will be based on all the four units
- All questions shall be compulsory with internal choice within the questions such that each question will be set of 20-23 marks with options.
- Questions shall be subdivided into sub questions a, b, c, d, and e only and the allocation of marks will depend on the weight age of the topic

II. Practical Examination pattern

Semester 1

Practical Course	Major Technique	Minor Technique	Journal	Viva	Spots	Total
VESPSMBP 101	25 Marks	10 marks	05	05	05	50 marks
VESPSMBP 102	25 Marks	10 marks	05	05	05	50 marks
VESPSMBP 103	25 Marks	10 marks	05	05	05	50 marks
VESPSMBP 104	25 Marks	10 marks	05	05	05	50 marks

Semester 2

Practical Course	Major Technique	Minor Technique	Journal	Viva	Spots	Total
VESPSMBP 201	25 Marks	10 marks	05	05	05	50 marks
VESPSMBP 202	25 Marks	10 marks	05	05	05	50 marks
VESPSMBP 203	25 Marks	10 marks	05	05	05	50 marks
VESPSMBP 204	25 Marks	10 marks	05	05	05	50 marks

**Overall Examination Pattern
Semester I**

Course	PSMB101			PSMB102			PSMB103			PSMB104			Grand Total
	Internal	External	Total	Internal	External	Total	Internal	External	Total	Internal	External	Total	
Theory	40	60	100	40	60	100	40	60	100	40	60	100	400
Practicals	-	50	50	-	50	50	-	50	50	-	50	50	200

Semester II

Course	PSMB201			PSMB202			PSMB203			PSMB204			Grand Total
	Internal	External	Total	Internal	External	Total	Internal	External	Total	Internal	External	Total	
Theory	40	60	100	40	60	100	40	60	100	40	60	100	400
Practicals	-	50	50	-	50	50	-	50	50	-	50	50	200

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