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**SYLLABUS
FOR
Ph.D. COURSE WORK IN
BIOTECHNOLOGY**

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DEPARTMENT OF STUDIES AND RESEARCH IN BIOTECHNOLOGY

SYLLABUS FOR Ph.D. COURSEWORK

Sl. No	Name of the Course	Contact Hours per week	Maximum marks			Credits	Examination Hours
			Continuous assessment	Course-end examination	Total		
1	BT CW-I: Research Methodology	04	30	70	100	04	03
2	BT CW-II: Research and Publication Ethics (RPE)	02	15	35	50	02	02
3	BT CW-III: Cognate/Core Subject	04	30	70	100	04	03
4	BT CW-IV: Field of Specialization (Recent Advances in Biotechnology)	04	30	70	100	04	03
Course Sub-total		14	105	245	350	14	-
5	Viva-voce	-	-	-	50	-	-
Course Grand total					400	-	-

COURSE-I: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**[52 hrs]****Unit 1: Research Methods****[12 hrs]**

- Introduction to research; Definitions and characteristics of research; Types of research; Main components of any research work.
- Topic Selection: Learning Objectives; Problem identification; Criteria for prioritizing problems for research.
- Analysis and Statement of the problem: Learning Objectives; analysing the problem; formulating the problem statement.
- Literature review: Uses of literature review; Source of information; Organization of information on index cards.
- Objectives: Learning Objectives; Definitions; Formulation of the research objectives.
- Research methodologies: Study population; Variables; Sampling; Sample size determination; Plan for data collection; Methods of data collection; Plan for data processing and analysis; Ethical considerations.
- Work Plan; Major components and outline of the different phases in a research process; Summary of the major components of a research proposal; Fieldwork; Writing a research report.

Unit 2: Quantitative Methods:**[10 hrs]**

- Statistics: Probability & Sampling distribution; Estimation, Hypothesis testing & application; Correlation & regression analysis.
- Types of study designs/ Experiment design – Orthogonal array, ANOVA, interaction, Signal-to-Noise ratio, replication.

Unit 3: Computer Applications**[10 hrs]**

- Spreadsheet tool: Introduction to spread-sheet applications, features & functions, using formulae & functions, data storing, features for statistical data analysis, generating charts/graphs & other features. [*Tools: Microsoft Excel, Open office and similar or other advanced tools*]
- Presentation tool: Introduction to presentation tool, features & functions, creating presentations, customising presentation. [*Tools used: Microsoft Powerpoint, Open Office or any other tool*]
- Web Search: introduction to internet, Use of Internet & www, using search engines using advanced search tools.
- Thesis writing & Scientific editing tools.

Unit 4: Bioinformatics**[10 hrs]**

- **Databases and search tools:** Database browsing and Data retrieval; Searching of databases similar sequence; The NCBI; Publicly available tools; Resources at EBI; Resources on the web; Database mining tools. Sequence database and genome database; Data Structures and Databases; Databases such as GeneBank; EMBL; DDBJ; Swissprot; PIR; MIPS; TIGR; Hovergen; TAIR; PlasmoDB; ECDC; Searching for sequence database like FASTA and Blast algorithm. Biological back ground for sequence analysis; Identification of protein sequence from DNA sequence.
- **DNA sequence analysis:** The gene bank sequence database; Submitting DNA sequence to the databases and database searching; Sequence alignment; Pair wise alignment techniques; Multiple sequence analysis; Multiple sequence alignment; Flexible sequence similarity

searching with the FAST3 program package; Use of CLUSTAL W and CLUSTAL X for the multiple sequence alignment; Submitting DNA, protein sequence to databases: Where and how to submit, SEQUIN, genome centre; Submitting aligned set of sequences, updates and internet resources, Phylogenetic analysis, Primer designing and DNA microarray or Biochips.

Unit 5: Bioethical Issues IPR and Patents

[10 hrs]

- **Ethical Issues:** Ethical, legal, social and scientific issues in Biological Research. A brief idea about the funding agencies such as DST, DBT, ICMR, CSIR and UGC. Role of IPR in Research and Development.
- **Introduction to Intellectual Property: Types of IP:** Patents, Trademarks, Copyright & Related Rights, Industrial Design, Traditional Knowledge, Geographical Indications, Protection of GMOs IP as a factor in R&D; IPs of relevance to Biotechnology and few Case Studies
- **Patent filing procedures: National & PCT filing procedure;** Time frame and cost; Status of the patent applications filed; Precautions while patenting –disclosure/non-disclosure; Financial assistance for patenting -introduction to existing schemes Patent licensing and agreement Patent infringement- meaning, scope, litigation, case studies

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COURSE-II: RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION ETHICS (RPE) [30 hrs]

THEORY

• RPE 01: PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS [3hrs]

1. Introduction to philosophy: definition, nature and scope, concept, branches
2. Ethics: definition, moral philosophy, nature of moral judgments and reactions

• RPE 02: SCIENTIFIC CONDUCT [5hrs]

1. Ethics with respect to science and research
2. Intellectual honest and research integrity
3. Scientific misconducts: falsification, fabrication, and plagiarism (FFP)
4. Redundant publications: duplicate and overlapping publications, salami slicing
5. Selective reporting and misrepresentation of data.

• RPE 03: PUBLICATION ETHICS [7hrs]

1. Publication ethics: definition, introduction and importance
2. Best practices/standards setting initiatives and guidelines: COPE, WAME, etc.
3. Conflicts of interest
4. Publication misconduct: definition, concept, problems that lead to unethical behavior and vice versa, types
5. Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributor ship
6. Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals
7. Predatory publishers and journals

PRACTICE

• RPE 04: OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING [4hrs]

1. Open access publications and initiatives
2. SHERPA/RoMEO online resource to check publisher copyright and self-archiving policies.
3. Software tool to identify predatory publications developed by SPPU
4. Journal finder/ journal suggestion tools viz. JANE, Elsevier Journal Finder, Springer Journal Suggester, etc.

• RPE 05: PUBLICATION MISCONDUCT [4hrs]

A. Group Discussions [2hrs]

1. Subject specific ethical issues, FFP, authorship
2. Conflicts of interest
3. Complaints and appeals: examples and fraud from India and abroad

B. Software tools [2hrs]

Use of plagiarism software like Turnitin, Urkund and other open-source software tools.

• RPE 06: DATABASES AND RESEARCH METRICS [7hrs]

A Databases [4 hrs]

1. Indexing databases
2. Citation databases: Web of Science, Scopus, etc.

B. Research Metrics**[3hrs]**

1. Impact Factor of journal as per journal citation report, SNIP, SJR, IPP, Cite Score.
2. Metrics: h-index, g index, i10 index, altmetrics

COURSE-III: CORE SUBJECT: COGNATE /CORE SUBJECT: BIOTECHNOLOGY [52 hrs]**Unit 1 Biophysical Techniques:****[12 hrs]**

Over view of spectroscopy, Electromagnetic and quantum theory of radiation, Wave – particle duality, Photons, Interaction of light with matter, Transition dipole moment, Jablonsky diagram, Beer – Lamberts law; UV – visible absorption spectroscopy: applications of UV – visible for estimation of protein. DNA and RNA, enzyme kinetics: protein – ligand interaction.

Fluorescence spectroscopy of Biomolecules: quantum yield, static and dynamic quenching of fluorescence, energy transfer, polarization, anisotropy, time resolved fluorescence, application to biomolecule structure and dynamics, Protein- ligand interaction. Circular dichroism spectroscopy and its application for studying the secondary and tertiary structure of proteins;

Diffraction of x-rays and Braggs law, Surface Plasmon spectroscopy, Electron Microscopy of Biomolecules.

Unit 2 Gene Technology:**[10 hrs]**

Enzymes: DNA polymerase, restriction endonucleases, topoisomerase I and DNA ligase, reverse transcriptase, kinase, alkaline phosphatase, nuclease, RNAse H. Vectors: plasmids;(Ti/Ri), Cosmids, bacteriophage, M13 vectors, BAC, YAC and synthetic plasmids. DNA sequencing dideoxy chain termination and Sanger's +/- method. cDNA library – screening by oligonucleotide probe, nick translation, site directed mutagenesis, linkage analysis. Gene cloning- General strategy for gene cloning, transformation. Application of gene technology, Gene Silencing, Geneknock out and gene therapy.

Unit 3 Immunology:**[08 hrs]**

Complement fixation, structure and classes of antibodies, genetic basis of antibody diversity. MHC I and II: structure and antigen presentation. T and B lymphocytes activation and role in humoral and cell mediated immunity. Vaccines live and attenuated, killed, multi-subunit and DNA vaccines. Hypersensitivity and auto immune diseases. ELISA, RIA, Hybridoma Technology.

Unit 4 Tissue culture Techniques:**[12 hrs]**

a) Animal Culture: Media requirements and sterilization techniques, primary and established cell lines. Culture methods: hanging drop, monolayer and suspension. Advantages and disadvantages. Scale up methods. Roux tubes roller bottles. Stem cells: adult and embryonic, applications to tissue engineering. Applications of animal cells.

b) Plant tissue culture: Cell and callus culture, anther culture. Micropropagation, somatic cell hybridization, protoplast fusion, cybrids, artificial seeds, Agrobacterium mediated gene transfer and use of Ti plasmid. Applications of plant tissue culture engineering, pathogen resistance (BT gene), herbicide tolerance, salt tolerance, production of secondary metabolites and transgenic plants.

Unit 5 Biofertilizers:**[10 hrs]**

Symbiotic free nitrogen fixers, asymbiotic free nitrogen fixers, algal, phosphate solublizing, mycorrhizae and green manure.

a. Recent advances in Bacterial Taxonomy –

i. Identification of Prokaryotes

ii. A phylogenetic backbone and taxonomic framework for prokaryotic systems

iii. A road map to the use of the current Bergey's Manual

iv. Computer taxonomy

v. 16s rRNA fingerprinting and lipid profile by GLC

b. Microbial sources of pharmaceutically important compounds.

c. Quorum sensing and microbial hormones – intercellular signaling.

d. Biosensors – living biosensors for the management and manipulation of microbial consortia

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COURSE-IV: FIELD OF SPECILIZATION: RECENT ADVANCES IN BIOTECHNOLOGY**[52 hrs]****Unit 1: [10 hrs]**

- Introduction to Stem Cells (Stem cells - definition, classification and sources: embryonic stem cells, adult stem cells and mesenchymal stem cells; stem cells differentiation; Stem cells cryopreservation; clinical applications of stem cells).
- Reprogramming of Somatic Cells to induced pluripotent Stem cells (iPS), Application of iPS technology to Regenerative Medicine.
- Developmental hematopoiesis, Epigenetic regulation of stem cell fate, Niche biology: regulation of hematopoiesis by the nice- mediated signaling mechanisms.
- Cryopreservation of cells (general), Cord blood banking and long- term storage of stem cells, FACS and its application in stem cell research. Neural stem cells and differentiation. Embryonic stem cells, Cancer stem cells.
- Mammalian Nuclear Transfer Technology; Stem cell based therapies and ethical considerations.

Unit 2: [12 hrs]

- Cancer gene regulation and epigenetics. Cellular signalling in Cancer. Cancer stem cell; Molecular classification of biomarkers; Cancer therapeutics; Cancer Immunotherapy; Animal models in cancer; Histopathology in cancer diagnosis and prognosis.
- Eukaryotic cell cycle, regulators of cell cycle progression, oncogenes, DNA repair defects and genomic instability in cancer cells.
- Cell line based evaluation of anticancer agents, apoptosis and therapeutic aspects.
- Biologics and molecular medicine in immunology (cytokines, chemokines, cell-adhesion molecules, co-stimulatory molecules and surface receptor and ligands as therapeutic targets). Role of non-coding RNA in immune regulation.
- Advanced immunological techniques: Flow cytometry, Magnetic sorting, MHC tetramer technology, multiplex assays. Antibody purification and protein conjugations, spectratyping, surface plasmon resonance (SPR). Animal model of immunological diseases (Transgenic and knockout animals).
- Generation of bone-marrow chimeras, humanized mice, parabiosis.

Unit 3: [10 hrs]

- Nanobiotechnology: Introduction, Definitions and historical evolution (colloids etc.) and current practice.
- Types of nanomaterials and their classifications (1D, 2D and 3D etc). Nanocrystal, Nanoparticle, Quantum dot, Quantum Wire and Quantum Well etc.
- Physical and Chemical Fundamentals of Nanomaterials, Overview of synthetic methods, Surfactants, polymers, emulsions. Micelles/reverse micelles and colloids
- Biological Methods, Properties and Characterizations, Applications of Nano-Materials in Biosystems
- Proteins - Lipids - RNA and DNA, Protein Targeting - Small Molecule/Nanomaterial - Protein Interactions
- Nanomaterial-Cell Interactions-Manifestations of Surface Modification, Nanomaterials and Diagnostics/Drug Delivery and Therapeutics, Nanomaterials and Toxicity Evaluation.

Unit 4: [12 hrs]

- Fermentation Microbial Growth and Death Kinetics; Media for Industrial Fermentation; media optimization; Air and Media Sterilization.
- Types of fermentation processes - Analysis of batch, Fed-batch and continuous bioreactions, bioreactors, specialized bioreactors (pulsed, fluidized, photobioreactors etc. Concept of SSF, downstream processing, product recovery.
- Totipotency, Media, types of media used, media composition, nutritional variations, cell nutrition, cytodifferentiation, invitro growth parameters, contamination and recalcitrance, invitro cultivation methods, molecular farming.
- Protoplast isolation, culture and fusion technique, protoplast induced transformation, Target cells for transformation, methods of gene transfer, selectable marker genes, reporter genes, screen able genes, *Agrobacterium* mediated transformation, histochemical assay, transgenic plants, Plant DNA finger printing, RAPD, RFLP, PCR studies in plants with a focus on molecular assisted selection.

Unit 5: [08 hrs]

- Protein crystallization; Theory and methods; API-electrospray and MALDI-TOF; Massspectrometry; Enzyme and cell immobilization techniques; DNA & Peptide Synthesis and sequencing.
- Chromatographic methods for macromolecule separation – Gel permeation, Ion exchange, Hydrophobic, Reverse-phase and Affinity chromatography; HPLC and FPLC; Criteria of protein purity; Ultrafiltration and other membrane techniques UV, Visible and Raman Spectroscopy; Theory and application of Circular Dichroism; Fluorescence; MS, NMR, PMR, ESR and Plasma Emission spectroscopy.

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Ph.D. Course Work Question Paper Pattern

Time: 3 hours

Marks: 70

Instructions: *All sections are compulsory*

SECTION-A

Answer any **Five** of the following questions in about one and half page each.

(5x5=25)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

SECTION-B

Answer any **Three** of the following questions in about three pages.

(3x10=30)

- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.

SECTION-C

Answer any **One** of the following questions in about Four pages.

(1x15=15)

- 13.
- 14.