

B. Sc (CBCS) Microbiology – II Year
Semester-IV – Paper-IV
BS404-DSC-1D: MICROBIAL GENETICS

Theory syllabus

Credits – 4

UNIT – I

1. Overview of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells, cell size and shape, Eukaryotic and prokaryotic Cell organelles, Cell division (mitosis and Meiosis)
2. Fundamentals of genetics - Mendelian laws, alleles, crossing over, and linkage. DNA and RNA as genetic materials.
3. Structure of DNA – Watson and Crick model. Extrachromosomal genetic elements – Plasmids and transposons. Replication of DNA – Semiconservative mechanism.

UNIT – II

1. Brief account on horizontal gene transfer among bacteria – transformation, transduction and conjugation.
2. Mutations – spontaneous and induced, base pair changes, frameshifts, deletions, inversions, tandem duplications, insertions. Physical and chemical mutagens.
3. Outlines of DNA damage and repair mechanisms.

UNIT – III

1. Concept of gene – Muton, recon and cistron. One gene-one enzyme, one gene-one polypeptide, one gene-one product hypotheses.
2. Types of RNA and their functions. Outlines of RNA biosynthesis in prokaryotes.
3. Genetic code. Structure of ribosomes and a brief account of protein synthesis.

UNIT – IV

1. Types of genes – structural, constitutive, regulatory. Operon concept. Regulation of gene expression in bacteria – *lac* operon.
2. Basic principles of genetic engineering - restriction endonucleases, DNA polymerases and ligases, vectors. Outlines of gene cloning methods. Genomic and cDNA libraries.
3. General account on application of genetic engineering in industry, agriculture and medicine.



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Practical syllabus

Credits – 1

1. Estimation DNA by diphenylamine (DPA) method.
2. Estimation of RNA by orcinol method
3. Study of cell division in onion root tip (mitotic divisions)
4. Isolation of DNA from bacteria.
5. Isolation of mutants of bacteria by UV exposure.
6. Problems related to Mendilian laws mono and dihybrid cross (problems)
7. Problems related to gene interactions
8. Problems related to DNA and RNA characteristics, Transcription and Translation.

References:

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2. Principles of Genetics, Authors- Gardner, Simmons and Snustad.
3. Concepts of Genetics, Authors- Klug and Cummings.
4. Microbial Genetics, Authors- Freifelder.
5. Genetics, Authors- Arora and Sandhu.
6. Text of Microbiology, Authors- Ananthanarayanan and Paniker.
7. S R Maloy, D Freifelder and J E Cronan. Microbial Genetics. Jones and Barlett Publishers.

