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**Syllabus
for
Semesters III and IV
Program: M.Sc.
Course: Life Sciences
Specialisation:
Biological Macromolecules**

(Credit Based Semester and Grading System with
effect from the academic year 2013-2014)

M.Sc. Life Sciences Syllabus
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SEMESTER III

Course Code	UNIT	TOPIC HEADINGS	Credits	L / Week
PSLSCBM301	I	Biomathematics	4	
	II	Research Methodology		
	III	Biostatistics		
	IV	Population Biostatistics		

PSLSCBM302	I	Chemical Bonds and Spectroscopic Techniques	4	
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	III	Cell Matrix		
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PSLSCBM303	I	Bioenergetics and Carbohydrate Metabolism	4	
	II	Lipid Metabolism		
	III	Electron Transport Chain and Oxidative Phosphorylation		
	IV	Metabolic Regulation and Metabolic Disorders		

PSLSCBM304	I	Protein Structure and Folding	4	
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	IV	Protein Engineering		

PSLSCBMP301	Biomathematics and Biostatistics		2	
PSLSCBMP302	Bioanalytical Techniques & Cell Dynamics		2	
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SEMESTER IV

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PSLSCBM401	I	Bioinformatics - I	4	
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PSLSCBM402	I	Cell Division and Apoptosis	4	
	II	Programmed Cell Death and Cancer		
	III	RNAi and Epigenetics		
	IV	Cell Biology Techniques		

PSLSCBM403	I	Amino Acid Metabolism	4	
	II	Nucleotide Metabolism		
	III	Nitrogen Assimilation in Plants		
	IV	Photosynthesis and Secondary Metabolism		

PSLSCBM404	I	Structure of DNA and Replication	4	
	II	Kinetics and Mechanism in Biological Systems		
	III	Methods in Proteomics and Genomics		
	IV	Nanobiology		

PSLSCBMP401	Bioinformatics	2	
PSLSCBMP402	Molecular Cell Biology and Metabolism	2	
PSLSCBMP403	Biomolecular Function	2	
PSLSCBMP404	Dissertation on Project	2	

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SEMESTER III DETAILED SYLLABUS

Course Code	Title	Credits
PSLSCBM301	Biomathematics / Research methodology / Biostatistics (60L)	4
	<p>Unit I: Biomathematics (15L) Binomial Theorem (without infinite series) Determinants, Matrices, Rank of Matrices by Diagonalisation method Limit and derivatives, Differentiation (including differentiability), Successive Differentiation, Integration – Definite and Indefinite (ordinary, method of substitution, special trigonometric function, partial fraction) Application of integration to find area, Differential equations --homogeneous and Linear ODE's and its simple applications to biological problems</p>	
	<p>Unit II: Research Methodology (15L) Meaning of Research; Objectives of research, motivation in research; Types of research – Descriptive, Analytical, Applied, Fundamental, Quantitative, Qualitative, Conceptual, Empirical and Other Types of Research; Research Approaches; Research Methods vs. Methodology; Research and Scientific Method; Research Process: Steps of research process; Criteria of Good Research; Sampling, Sample size determination, Plan for data collection, Methods of data collection, Plan for data processing and analysis; Ethical considerations during research</p>	
	<p>Unit : III Biostatistics (15L) Basics: Introduction, scope, applications and uses of statistics, census and sampling surveys, Data, graphical presentation of data: collection and tabulation and graphical representation of data, frequency distribution Practice of statistical methods in biological research, Measures of central tendency (grouped and ungrouped data), samples and populations; Central tendency measures: Arithmetic mean, median, dispersion and its measures: variance and standard deviation, coefficient of variation. Standard error, Confidence limits Skewness and kurtosis</p>	

<p>Population parameters and sample statistics, sampling techniques: simple random sampling; stratified random sampling, systematic sampling, standard error estimation: point & interval, Estimators of population mean & proportion (without proof), confidence intervals for population mean & proportion. Regression and correlation and its application in biology; types of correlation, correlation coefficient</p>	
<p>Unit : IV Population Biostatistics (15L) Concept of probability, Theories of Probability – additive and multiplicative theory Random variable and its distribution, Probability distributions – Binomial, Poisson and Normal; Tests of statistical significance, Testing of hypothesis: Hypothesis and its types (Null hypothesis, Alternative hypothesis), Errors and its types (Type 1 and Type 2 error), Levels of significance, one-tailed and two-tailed tests, tests for single mean and single proportion, equality of the two population means and two population proportions , Critical region. Difference between parametric and non-parametric statistics; confidence interval, critical region, Levels of significance, t-test; Z-test; χ^2 test; Analysis of variance (ANOVA), one-way ANOVA, Tukey’s post hoc test, two-way ANOVA Basic introduction to Multivariate statistics, etc. Bivariate data, scatter diagram and interpretation, calculation and interpretation of Karl Pearson’s correlation coefficient, equation of the lines of regression and properties of regression lines</p>	

Practicals:

PSLSCBMP301	<p><u>Biomathematics and Biostatistics</u> (60L)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mathematical sums to be solved in biomathematics and biostatistics 2. Formation of frequency distribution and calculation of descriptive measures – mean, median, mode, variance, standard deviation and standard error 3. Large n small sample tests for sample mean and proportion 4. Calculation of correlation and regression, coefficients and tests of significance 5. ANOVA – one way and two way classification; Estimation of genetic components and heritability from ANOVA data 	2	04
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Course Code	Title	Credits
PSLSCBM302	Bioanalytical Techniques and Cell Dynamics (60L)	4
<p>Unit I: Chemical Bonds and Spectroscopic Techniques (15L) Inter atomic interactions, ionic, covalent and metallic bonds; Importance of weak, non-covalent bonded interactions in biomolecules, such as van der Waals forces and hydrogen bonding; Energies and geometrics of these interactions and their roles in structure and conformation of biomolecules: Concept of pH, pKa and buffers Principle, methodology and applications of Fluorescence, Infrared, Raman, ESR, Atomic absorption spectroscopy; Use of lasers for spectroscopy Optical Activity: Importance of chirality in biomolecules; Principles and applications of ORD and CD – protein folding, folding intermediates, hierarchical and non-heirarchical folding mechanisms.</p>		
<p>Unit II: Biomembrane (15L) Biomembranes: Structure and assembly; Orientation of membrane proteins, their solubilisation with detergents and enzymes; Membrane reconstitution; Liposomes and their application in biology and medicine Nuclear pore complex: Role in macromolecular exchange and regulation</p>		
<p>Unit : III Cell Matrix (15L) Molecules of the matrix: Proteins of the microfilament, microtubules and intermediary filaments; Structure, properties and assembly of actin and tubulin, examples and roles of these filaments in cell structure and function, eg., dynamics and roles of kinesin and dynein; Organization of proteins on microvillus</p>		

Extracellular Matrix: Structure; Cell-cell/cell-matrix interactions; Intracellular transport – cilia and flagella	
Unit : IV Protein Trafficking and Targeting (15L) Intracellular Protein Trafficking and protein targeting; Secretory pathways in prokaryotes and eukaryotes; Signal sequences; Targeting of mitochondrial, chloroplast, peroxisomal and nuclear proteins; SNAPS and SNAREs Covalent modification of proteins: Phosphorylation, adenylation, methylation, ribosylation	

Practicals:

PSLSCBMP302	Bioanalytical Techniques and Cell Dynamics (60L) 1. pka values of Ala or Gly by Titration Curve 2. Determination of melting temperature (T _m) of DNA 3. Spectrofluorimetric analysis of proteins 4. Preparation of lipid bilayer vesicles (liposomes) using the purified lipids 5. Effect of detergents on membranes 6. Fractionation of cell organelles from animal/plant tissues and identification by marker enzymes 7. Estimation of inorganic phosphorus by Fiske and SubbaRao method	2	04
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PSLSCBM303	Bioenergetics and Metabolism (60L)	4
Unit I: Bioenergetics and Carbohydrate Metabolism (15L) Bioenergetics: Concept of free energy, standard free energy, determination of ΔG for a reaction; Relationship between equilibrium constant and standard free energy change, biological standard state & standard free energy change in coupled reactions; Biological oxidation-reduction reactions; Redox potentials; Relation between standard reduction potentials & free energy change; High energy phosphate compounds – introduction, phosphate group transfer, free energy of hydrolysis of ATP and sugar phosphates alongwith reasons for high ΔG Carbohydrate Metabolism: Glycolysis in higher organisms and microorganisms; Pentose phosphate pathway and its regulation; Gluconeogenesis, glycogenesis and glycogenolysis, glyoxylate and Gamma aminobutyrate shunt pathways; Cori cycle; Anaplerotic reactions; Entner-Doudoroff pathway; Glucuronate pathway; Metabolism of disaccharides;		

Hormonal regulation of carbohydrate metabolism	
<p>Unit II: Lipid Metabolism (15L)</p> <p>Fatty acid catabolism: Hydrolysis of tri-acylglycerols; α-, β-, ω- oxidation of fatty acids; Oxidation of odd numbered fatty acids – fate of propionate; Role of carnitine; Degradation of complex lipids; Formation of ketone bodies; Energetics of beta oxidation</p> <p>Fatty acid biosynthesis: Acetyl CoA carboxylase; Fatty acid synthase; ACP structure and function; Lipid biosynthesis; Biosynthetic pathway for tri-acylglycerols, phosphoglycerides, sphingomyelin and prostaglandins; Metabolism of cholesterol and its regulation; Biosynthesis of bile acids and steroid hormones; Alternative pathway for isoprenoid biosynthesis in chloroplast</p>	
<p>Unit : III Electron Transport Chain and Oxidative Phosphorylation (15L)</p> <p>TCA cycle: Central role of TCA cycle in energy generation and biosynthesis of energy rich bond; Integration/regulation of carbohydrate, lipid and protein metabolism</p> <p>Electron Transport Chain in Mitochondria and chloroplast: Organisation and role in electron capture</p> <p>Oxidative Phosphorylation: Electron transfer reactions in mitochondria; F_1F_0 ATPase - Structure and mechanism of action; Chemiosmotic theory; Inhibitors of respiratory chain and oxidative phosphorylation - Uncouplers and ionophores; Regulation of oxidative phosphorylation.</p>	
<p>Unit : IV Metabolic Regulation and Metabolic Disorders (15L)</p> <p>Metabolic Regulation: Metabolic control analysis using mutants and transgenic organisms, modeling of metabolic regulation; Structural control analysis and kinetic analysis models.</p> <p>Metabolic Disorders: Molecular genetics of metabolic disorders; Inborn errors of metabolism; Glycogen storage diseases; Principles and methods of gene therapy in Thalassemia, Cystic fibrosis, Adenosine deaminase deficiency, Gaucher's disease.</p> <p>Free radicals in biological system: Antioxidants; Enzymic and non-enzymic components of antioxidative defense mechanism</p>	

Practicals:

PSLSCBMP303	<p><u>Metabolism & Biomolecular Structure</u> (60L)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determination of pyruvate by 2,4-dinitrophenyl hydrazine method 2. Isolation of cholesterol and lecithin from egg yolk 3. Measurement of free radicals by spectrophotometric method 4. Analysis of free radical scavengers and antioxidant enzymes (Assay of any one - peroxidase, catalase, phenol oxidase, ascorbic acid oxidase) 5. Determination of N- and C-terminal amino acids (demonstration) 6. Effect of metal ions on the activity of enzymes/proteins 7. Protein purification methods: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Isolation of casein from milk B. Purification of an enzyme by ion exchange chromatography/affinity chromatography C. Use of ammonium sulphate precipitation and dialysis D. Use of gel filtration E. SDS-PAGE 8. Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis under non denaturing conditions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Silver staining B. Activity staining of enzymes C. Determination of effect of acrylamide concentration on the mobility of proteins 9. Expression of foreign protein in <i>E. coli</i> 	2	04
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PSLSCBM304	Biomolecular Structure (60L)	4
<p>Unit I: Protein Structure and Folding (15L)</p> <p>Protein Structure: Description and characteristic features of specific protein motifs and domains; Ramachandran plot; N and C terminal analysis of proteins</p> <p>Protein Folding: Folding pathways; Intermediates of protein folding; Compact Intermediates; Molten globule structure; Role of chaperons, heat shock proteins and enzymes in protein folding</p>		

<p>Unit II: Supramolecular Assemblies and DNA-protein Interactions (15L) Viruses: Viral assembly; Capsid; Capsomereeg., TMV, HIV, Adenovirus Prokaryotes and Eukaryotes: Ribosomal assembly; Biosynthesis and processing of rRNA; Macromolecular interactions in regulating translation Nucleic Acid Binding Motifs in Proteins: Leucine zipper; Zinc fingers; Helix-turn-helix; Beta barrel; OB fold and their role in regulation of gene expression</p>	
<p>Unit : III Complex Proteins (15L) Metalloproteins: General principles of metal coordination; Heme- and non-heme proteins Transport proteins: Oxygen transport proteins from vertebrate and invertebrate (haemoglobin, hemocyanin, hemoerythrin, cytochrome C and cytochrome oxidase) Bacterial two-component signalling systems and their role in regulating sugar transport, catabolite repression, phosphotransferase system, chemosensory mechanisms and sensory modulation of C-N metabolism.</p>	
<p>Unit : IV Protein Engineering (15L) Design and construction of novel proteins and enzymes; Conformation of proteins in general and enzymes in particular; Effect of amino acids on structure of proteins; Energy status of a protein molecule, Structure-function relations of enzymes Physical methods such as X-ray crystallography for determination of protein structure; Site directed mutagenesis for specific protein function; Basic concepts for design of a new protein/enzyme molecule; Specific examples of enzyme engineering –Dihydrofolatereductase</p>	

Practicals:

PSLSCBMP304	<u>Dissertation in Literature Review</u> (60L)	2	04
	1. Project dissertation of literature review		

SEMESTER IV DETAIL SYLLABUS

Course Code	Title	Credits
PSLSCBM401	Bioinformatics and IPR and Bioethics (60L)	4
	<p>Unit I: Bioinformatics – I (15L) Introduction to Bioinformatics: Definition and History of Bioinformatics, Internet sources for Bioinformatics, Introduction to Data Mining, Bioinformatics Problems and data mining solutions</p>	

<p>Biological databases: Introduction to variety of data sources. Population, sample, Classification and modeling of Data. Quality of data, Private and public data sources.</p> <p>Example Databases:</p> <p>(a) Nucleic acid databases (NCBI, DDBJ, and EMBL). (b) Protein databases (Primary, Composite, and Secondary) (c) Specialized Genome databases: (SGD, TIGR, and ACeDB) (d) Structure databases (CATH, SCOP, and PDBsum)</p> <p>Alignment problem and solutions</p> <p>Alignment: Basics and techniques, Local alignment and Global alignment Pairwise sequence alignment: NEEDLEMAN and Wunsch algorithm, Smith and Waterman algorithm, The Dot Plot, Dynamic Programming Algorithm. Multiple Sequence Alignment (MSA): Definition, Objective, Consensus, Methods for MSA: Heuristic approach, Dynamic programming approach and their combinations. Complexity analysis. Phylogenetic Analysis: Molecular-Phylogenetics, Phylogenetic-trees, Terminology of tree-reconstruction, rooted and un-rooted trees, gene vs species trees and their properties. Algorithms /methods of phylogenetic analysis: UPGMA, Neighbor-Joining Method.</p>	
<p>Unit II: Bioinformatics - II (15L)</p> <p>Protein structure analysis and prediction: Identification/assignment of secondary structural elements from the knowledge of 3-D structure of macromolecule using DSSP and STRIDE methods , Prediction of secondary structure: PHD and PSI-PRED method Tertiary (3-D) Structure prediction: Fundamentals of the methods for 3D structure prediction (sequence similarity/identity of target proteins of known structure, fundamental principles of protein folding etc.) Homology Modeling, fold recognition, threading approaches, and ab-initio structure prediction methods</p> <p>Genomics: Basic concepts on identification of disease genes, role of bioinformatics-OMIM database, reference genome sequence, integrated genomic maps, gene expression profiling; identification of SNPs, SNP database (DbSNP). Role of SNP in Pharmacogenomics, SNP arrays</p> <p>Drug discovery and Development : - Introduction to Drug Design and Development, Drug targets, Lead Identification and Modification, Computer-Aided Drug Design, Drug Delivery, Pre-clinical and Clinical Testing</p> <p>Applications of Bioinformatics: Pharmaceutical industries, immunology, agriculture, forestry; Legal, ethical and commercial ramifications of bioinformatics; Bio-sensing</p>	
<p>Unit : III Intellectual Property Rights (15L)</p> <p>Introduction to IPR; Types of Intellectual property – Patents, Trademarks,</p>	

<p>Copyrights and related rights; Traditional vs. Novelty; Importance of intellectual property rights in the modern global economic environment, Importance of intellectual property rights in India; IPR and its relevance in biology and environmental sciences; Case studies and agreements - Evolution of GATT and WTO and IPR provisions under TRIPS; Madrid agreement; Hague agreement; WIPO treaties; Budapest treaty; Indian Patent Act (1970) Patents: Definition, patentable and non-patentable inventions; types of patent application – Ordinary, Conventional, PCT, Divisional, and Patent of addition; Concept of Prior Art; Precautions while patenting - disclosure / non-disclosure; Time frame and cost; Patent databases, Searching International databases; Patent licensing and agreement; Patent infringement – meaning, scope, litigation, case studies. Patenting rules – European Scenario, US Scenario, Australia Scenario, Indian Scenario, Non Patentable IP and Patentable IP in Indian Patent Act</p>	
<p>Unit : IV Bioethics (15L) Bioethics: Definition – moral, values, ethics and ethics in biology; Role and importance of ethics in biology; Basic Approaches to Ethics; Posthumanism and Anti-Posthumanism; Bioethics: legal and regulatory issues; Bioethics in healthcare, agriculture, modern biology, biotechnology, animal welfare & right / animals in research, wildlife conservation and management, commercialism in scientific research Bioethics and cross-cultural bioethics – Autonomy, Rights, Beneficence, Do No Harm, Justice, Confidentiality, Animal Rights, Environmental ethics, Decision-Making Perceptions of Ethical Biotechnology ‘Moral’ is not the same as Ethical, Mixed Perception of Benefit & Risk, Reasoning behind Acceptance or Rejection of Genetic Manipulation, Concerns about Consuming products of GMOs. Past and Present ‘Bioethical Conflicts’ in Biotechnology- Interference with Nature , Fear of Unknown, Regulatory Concerns, Human Misuse Future ‘Bioethical Conflicts’ in Biotechnology - Changing perception of Nature, Human Genetic Engineering</p>	

Practicals:

PSLSCBMP401	<p>Bioinformatics (60L)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to (Open office / Libre office version) Use of worksheet to enter data, edit data, copy data, move data. Use of in-built statistical functions to compute means, S.D., correlation (you may require to add correlation and regression in the theory part of statistics), regression coefficients etc. Use of bar diagram, histogram, scatter plots, etc. graphical tools for presentation of data. 2. Searching PubMed , Introduction to NCBI, NCBI data bases, BLAST BLASTn, BLASTp, PSI-BLAST, Sequence manipulation Suite, Multiple sequence alignment, Primer designing, Phylogenetic Analysis, SRS, Entrez, Pubmed. 3. Secondary Structure Prediction 4. Homology Modeling, Fold recognition, Abinito methods – SWISS-MODEL, MODELLER, GenTHREADER, ROSETTA. 5. Identification of Disease Genes 6. Ligand-Protein Docking 7. Case study of various Applications of Bioinformatics 	2	04
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Course Code	Title	Credits
PSLSCBM402	Molecular Cell Biology (60L)	4
<p>Unit I: Cell Division and Apoptosis (15L) Cell cycle and division: Eukaryotic cell cycle and its control points; Signalling in cell cycle regulation and role of kinases and phosphatases; Role of M phase kinase or maturation promoting factor (MPK/MPF), cyclins, CDCs, CDKs, Lamins and their genes; Regulation of phase transition during the cell cycle; Growth factor induced cell division; Cellular reorganization during mitosis Advances from yeast, animal and mammalian cell cycle studies; Cancer as an aberration in cell cycle regulation</p>		
<p>Unit II: Programmed Cell Death and Cancer (15L) Apoptosis: Factors inducing apoptosis; Genes and proteins involved in apoptosis; Receptors with death domains and their signalling pathways; Role of apoptosis in development and disease. Carcinogenesis: Characteristics of cancerous cells; Agents promoting</p>		

<p>carcinogenesis; molecular basis of cancer therapy, Tumor markers - AFP, CEA, hCG. DNA damage and repair mechanisms</p>	
<p>Unit : III RNAi and Epigenetics (15L) Regulatory RNAs: Historical background; RNA interference as regulatory mechanism in eukaryotes; Slicer and dicer; Synthesis and function of RNAi molecules in plants; Chromatin remodelling in human disease and diagnosis Epigenetics: Background, chromosomal inheritance taking fission yeast as an example; DNA methyltransferases, DNA methylation maintenance; Histone modification and regulation of chromatin structure; Bivalent histones; Histone demethylation</p>	
<p>Unit : IV Cell Biology Techniques (15L) Flow Cytometry and FRET: Principles, Instrument overview, Principle of fluorescence, Sample preparation, Data analysis, Applications of flow cytometry; Fluorescence Resonance Energy Transfer - Principle, Mechanism and Applications; Surface Plasmon resonance Molecular Techniques: DNA microarrays; Gene knockdown; <i>in situ</i> hybridization</p>	

Practicals:

PSLSCP402	<p><u>Molecular Cell Biology and Metabolism</u> (60L)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nucleic acid isolation and blotting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Isolation of RNA from <i>E. Coli</i> B. Spectrophotometric characterization of RNA C. Capillary blotting (Southern/Northern) of nucleic acids from agarose gels D. Preparation of cDNA and RT-PCR 2. Isolation of DNA and demonstration of apoptosis of DNA laddering 3. MTT assay for cell viability and growth 4. UV damage and repair mechanism in <i>Escherichia coli</i> or <i>Serratia marcescens</i> 5. Determination of Molar absorption coefficient of tyrosine 6. Measurement of DNA by DPA method 7. Assay of alanine and aspartate aminotransferases 8. Measurement of activity of plant nitrate assimilation enzymes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Isolation of nitrate reductase from plants B. Effect of environmental factors and hormones (CO₂, light, pH, growth hormones) 9. Plant pigments 	2	04
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	<p>A. Extraction of plant pigments from spinach B. Separation by column chromatography C. Determination of absorption spectra of plant pigments</p>		
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Course Code	Title	Credits
PSLSCBM403	Nitrogen Metabolism and Plant Biochemistry (60L)	4
<p>Unit I Amino Acid Metabolism (15L) Amino acid catabolism: Proteolysis; General reactions of amino acid metabolism - Transamination, decarboxylation, oxidative & non-oxidative deamination of amino acids; Acetyl CoA, alpha ketogutarate, acetoacetyl CoA, succinate, fumarate and oxaloacetate pathway; Urea cycle and its regulation; Ammonia excretion. Biosynthesis of amino acids: Biosynthesis of aromatic amino acids and Histidine; One carbon atom transfer by folic acid (Biosynthesis of glycine, serine, cysteine, methionine, threonine.); Conversion of amino acids to specialized products; Inborn errors of protein metabolism</p>		
<p>Unit II: Nucleotide Metabolism (15L) Nucleotide Metabolism: Biosynthesis and degradation of purines and pyrimidine nucleotides and their regulation; Purine salvage pathway; Role of ribonucleotidoreductase; Biosynthesis of deoxyribonucleotides and polynucleotides; Inhibitors of nucleic acid biosynthesis; Inherited disorders of nucleotide metabolism; Anticancer drugs</p>		
<p>Unit : III Nitrogen Assimilation in Plants (15L) Nitrogen Fixation: Nitrogenase complex; Electron transport chain and mechanism of action of nitrogenase; Structure of 'NIF' genes and its regulation; Hydrogen uptake and bacterial hydrogenases Nitrate assimilation in plants: Structural features of nitrate reductase and nitrite reductase, incorporation of ammonia into organic compounds, regulation of nitrate assimilation; Ammonium assimilating enzymes – glutamine synthetase, glutamate synthase and GDH</p>		
<p>Unit : IV Photosynthesis and Secondary Metabolism (15L) Photosynthesis: Light harvesting complexes; Photosynthetic electron transport and production of NADH and ATP; Carbon fixation by C₃ and C₄ pathways; Photorespiration; Bioluminescence. Special features of secondary plant metabolism, terpenes (classification, biosynthesis), lignin, tannins, pigments, phytochrome, waxes, alkaloids; Biosynthesis of nicotine; Functions of alkaloids; Cell wall components.</p>		

Practicals:

PSLSCBMP403	<p>PRACTICAL VII: Biomolecular Function (60L)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analysis of DNA <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Estimation of DNA and RNA by UV absorption method B. Determination of purity of nucleic acids C. Conformational analysis of plasmid DNA by agarose gel electrophoresis 2. Enzyme inhibition <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Inhibition of enzyme activity B. Determination of K_i values 3. Immobilization studies: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Preparation of urease entrapped in alginate beads and determination of percent entrapment B. Study of the kinetics of the rate of urea hydrolysis by urease entrapped alginate beads C. Study of reusability and storage stability of urease entrapped alginate beads D. Immobilization of urease by covalent attachment to solid support 4. 2-D Gel electrophoresis (Demonstration) 5. Study of nanoparticles <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Synthesis of Silver nanoparticles B. Spectroscopic characterisation 	2	04
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Course Code	Title	Credits
PSLSCBM404	Biomolecular Function (60L)	4
<p>Unit I: Structure of DNA and Replication (15L) DNA Conformation: A/B/Z/D forms of double helical structure of DNA; Triple helix; DNA supercoiling and topoisomerases DNA Replication: DNA polymerase; Replication fork and assembly; Fidelity of replication; Telomere replication; Telomerase and its role in cancer and aging</p>		
<p>Unit II: Kinetics and Mechanism in Biological Systems (15L) Enzyme Kinetics: Enzyme catalysis and factors contributing to high catalytic rates; Molecular aspects of catalysis for specific enzyme substrate complexes (Lysozyme, carbonic anhydrase, carboxypeptidase and chymotrypsin) Multisite binding of ligands to proteins; Bohr's effect; Models of Allostery - MWC and KNF models Hill's equation coefficient</p>		

Immobilised enzymes: Methods and applications	
Unit : III Methods in Proteomics and Genomics (15L) Proteomics: Peptide synthesis and sequencing; 2-D gel electrophoresis; Isoelectric focussing; Mass spectrometry Genomics: Oligonucleotide synthesis; DNA chips/microarrays; DNA hybridization; Automated DNA sequencing; Pulse field gel electrophoresis	
Unit : IV Nanobiology (15L) Introduction: Nanoscience; Nanobiotechnology; Nanodevices; Biomaterials; Biology at nano-interface Application: Gold bonding proteins; Nanopharmaceuticals such as liposomal formulations; Membrane nanodiscs; Biosensors; BioMEMS	

Practicals:

PSLSCBMP404	<u>Dissertation of Research Project</u> (60L) 1. Project studies: presentation and preparation of report of observations and results	2	04
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OVERALL EXAMINATION AND MARKS DISTRIBUTION PATTERN

Semester III

Course	PSLSCEBT301			PSLSCEBT302			PSLSCEBT303			PSLSCEBT304			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
	PSLSCEBTP301			PSLSCEBTP302			PSLSCEBTP303			PSLSCEBTP304			
Practicals	-	50	50	-	50	50	-	50	50	-	50	50	200

Semester IV

Course	PSLSCEBT401			PSLSCEBT402			PSLSCEBT403			PSLSCEBT404			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
	PSLSCEBTP401			PSLSCEBTP402			PSLSCEBTP403			PSLSCEBTP404			
Practicals	-	50	50	-	50	50	-	50	50	-	50	50	200

MODALITY OF ASSESSMENT:

THEORY EXAMINATION PATTERN:

A] Internal Examination for Theory:

40 marks

No.	Particulars	Marks
1.	Active participation in routine Class instructional deliveries	05
2.	Overall conduct as a responsible learner, Communication & leadership qualities in organizing related academic activities.	05
3.	One seminar based on curriculum to be assessed by the teacher of the institution teaching P.G. learners/ publication of a research paper/ presentation of a research paper in seminar or conference	30
	a. Selection of the topic, Introduction, write up, references (15)	
	b. Presentation with the use of ICT (15)	

B] External Examination - 60 % [Semester End Theory Assessment]:

60 marks

1. Duration - These examinations shall be of two and half hours duration.

2. Theory question paper pattern :-
- There shall be **five** questions each of **12** marks. On each unit there will be one question & fifth one will be based on all the four units .
 - All questions shall be compulsory with internal choice within the questions. Each question will be of **24** marks with options.
 - Questions may be sub divided into sub questions **a, b, c & d only, each carrying six marks OR a, b, c, d, e & f only** each carrying **four** marks and the allocation of marks depends on the weightage of the topic.

PRACTICAL EXAMINATION PATTERN

A] Internal Examination:

There will not be any internal examination/ evaluation for Practicals.

B] External (Semester end practical examination) Per course:

No.	Particulars	Marks
1.	Laboratory work	40
2.	Journal	05
3.	Viva	05

SEMESTER III:

Practical examination will be held at the college / institution at the end of the Semester.

The students are required to present a duly certified journal for appearing at the practical examination, failing which they will not be allowed to appear for the examination.

In case of loss of Journal and/ or Report, a Lost Certificate should be obtained from Head of the Department/ Co-ordinator of the department, failing which the student will not be allowed to appear for the practical examination.

Research proposal (Dissertation based on Literature Review): Candidates are required to present duly certified research proposal (as per the BCUD format) with relevant references (minimum 25) and make the power point presentation of the same for the evaluation by the examiner (the research proposal must be included with literature survey of the selected research topic).

SEMESTER IV:

Practical examination will be held at the college / institution at the end of the semester. The students are required to present a duly certified journal for appearing at the practical examination, failing which they will not be allowed to appear for the examination.

In case of loss of Journal and/ or Report, a Lost Certificate should be obtained from Head of the Department/ Co-ordinator of the Department, failing which the student will not be allowed to appear for the practical examination.

Research Project work (Dissertation based on Research): Candidates are required to present a duly certified dissertation report based on the topic of research along with the laboratory notebook containing raw data and make the poster presentation of the research work for evaluation by the examiner.