

Biological instrumentation and Methodology

W.e.f.(2017 – 2018) AC Batch

SYLLABUS

OBJECTIVES: To enable the students to

1. Understand the Principles of microscopy
2. Understand the structure and functioning of various biological instruments
3. Get enlighten their knowledge in various biochemical methods

COURSE:

Unit -I: Imaging and related techniques:

Principles of microscopy; Light microscopy; Fluorescence microscopy; Electron Microscopy (a) Flow cytometry (b) Applications of fluorescence microscopy: Chromosome banding, FISH, chromosome painting; Transmission and Scanning electron microscopy – sample preparation for electron microscopy, cryofixation, negative staining, shadow casting, freeze fracture, freeze etching.

Unit- II: pH and Centrifugation:

pH meter: Principles and instrumentation, Centrifugation: Principles, types of centrifuges, types of rotors, differential and density gradient centrifugation, application. Sonication, Freeze drying.

Unit- III: Spectrophotometry:

Principle involved in Spectrophotometer; Spectrophotometric techniques, Instrumentation: ultraviolet and visible spectrophotometry (single and double beam, double wavelength spectrophotometers), Infrared spectrometers - Luminometry and densitometry – principles and their applications - Mass Spectroscopy-principles of analysis, application in Biology.

Unit- IV: Chromatography:

Chromatographic techniques: Principle and applications – Column - thin layer –paper, affinity and gas chromatography - Gel filtration - Ion exchange and High performance liquid chromatography techniques – Examples of application for each chromatographic system - Basic principles of electrophoresis.

Unit-V: Preparation of molar, molal and normal solutions, buffers, the art of scientific writing

Understanding the details on the label of reagent bottles. Molarity and normality of common acids and bases. Preparation of solutions. Dilutions. Percentage solutions. Molar, molal and normal solutions. Technique of handling micropipettes; Knowledge about common toxic chemicals and safety measures in their handling.

The art of scientific writing and presentation of scientific matter. Scientific writing and ethics. Writing references. Powerpoint presentation. Poster presentation. Introduction to copyright-academic misconduct/plagiarism in scientific writing.

Suggested Readings:

1. Bajpai, P.K. 2006. Biological Instrumentation and methodology. S. Chand & Co. Ltd.
2. K. Wilson and J. Walker Eds. 2005. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Cambridge University Press.
3. K. Wilson and KH Goulding. 1986. Principles and techniques of Practical Biochemistry. (3 edn) Edward Arnold, London.
4. Dawson, C. (2002). Practical research methods. UBS Publishers, New Delhi.
5. Stapleton, P., Yondewei, A., Mukanyange, J., Houten, H. (1995).
Scientific writing for agricultural research scientists – a training reference manual.
West Africa Rice Development Association, Hong Kong.
6. Ruzin, S.E. (1999). Plant micro technique and microscopy. Oxford University Press, New York, U.S.A.

Suggested activities: Preparing various laboratory reagents, operating laboratory instruments, noting instrument readings, calculating results accurately, Skills on writing scientific articles, presentation of scientific results through tables, graphs, poster presentations and practicing power point presentations.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS) VISAKHAPATNAM

VI SEMESTER

BOTANY

TIME: 2Hrs/week

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CLUSTER PAPER – VIII A1

Max. Marks: 50

**Biological instrumentation and Methodology
PRACTICAL SYLLABUS**

1. Microscopy – Light microscopy: principles, parts & function
2. Micrometry- principle and measurement of microscopic objects: Low power and high power.
3. Camera Lucida drawing with magnification and scale.
4. Principle and working of phase contrast microscope
5. Principle & operation of Centrifuge
6. Preparation of standard acid and alkali and their standardization.
b) Preparation of various solutions (normal, molar, and percent) and ppm/ppb by serial dilutions
7. Study of principle and working of pH meter and Measurement of pH of Milk, Pepsi, Lemon juice etc. using pH paper and pH meter
8. Study of principle of Chromatography and separation of amino acids mixture By ascending Paper Chromatography
7. Principle & operation of Colorimeter
8. Principle & operation of Spectrophoto
9. Chromosome banding, FISH, chromosome painting
9. Principle and technique of TLC (demonstration)
10. TLC separation of Amino acids from purified samples and biological materials (demonstration)
- 11 PCR - The Polymerase Chain Reaction (protocol) -demonstration
13. Study visit to an institute /laboratory

Domain skills expected to achieve:

Skill in operating laboratory equipment, their upkeep, and adept at various biological techniques. Ability to prepare molar, molal, normal solutions and solutions of different dilutions. Interpreting scientific results, and ability to present results in a scientific way through graphs, photographs, poster presentations and power point presentations.