DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE – 10: PRINCIPLES OF GENETICS

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
MICROB-DSE 10: PRINCIPLES OF GENETICS	**4**	**2**	**0**	**2**	**Class XII pass with Biology/ Biotechnology/ Biochemistry**	**NIL**

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- The main objective of this course is for students to gain knowledge of the major concepts of genetics. Students will build a foundation for understanding the basic principles of inheritance and heredity starting from classical genetics, and will gain insights into chromosomal behaviour, rearrangements and their consequences.
- Students will also learn about complex multifactorial quantitative genetics and population genetics in relation to survival and evolution. Through this course the students will develop a better understanding of life processes, survival and maintenance.

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- Student will be able to explain the laws of inheritance, linkage, crossing over and its application to gene mapping.
- Student will be able to describe the mechanisms for extranuclear inheritance, complex traits and population genetics principles, model organisms of genetic research.
- Student will be able to explain pedigree analysis, aberrations in chromosomal structure and number.
- Student will be able to demonstrate the techniques of karyotyping and chromosome banding, the giant chromosomes.

Theory: **30 hours**

Unit 1: (12 hours)

Introduction to basics of Genetics: History: A brief account of early genetic experiments: Mendel's work. Studying variation: phenotype and genotype. Single gene inheritance pattern: concept of alleles, allelic interactions, autosomal and X-linked inheritance. Concept of segregation, penetrance, expressivity. Test for allelism: complementation. Two- gene inheritance pattern: independent assortment versus linkage. Molecular basis of phenotypic variation and inheritance patterns. Introduction to genetic maps: three point test crosses.

Unit 2: (9 hours)

Extra-nuclear inheritance and epigenetics: Introduction and rules of extra-nuclear inheritance. Organelle heredity: chloroplast mutations in *Chlamydomonas* and *Mirabilis jalapa.* Maternal effect: shell coiling in *Limnaea peregra.* Infectious heredity: Kappa particles in *Paramecium.*

Unit 3: (9 hours)

Quantitative and Population Genetics: Polygenic inheritance, Johannsen pure-line theory, multiple factor hypothesis. Types of quantitative traits, heritability and its measurements. Genetic structure of populations, gene pool, genotype frequencies, allele frequencies. Hardy–Weinberg Law: Assumptions and Predictions.

Practicals: **60 hours**

Unit 1: (30 hours)

A review of model organisms for genetic analysis: **Student group research study**: Organisms for genetic research: *Escherichia coli, Saccharomyces cerevisiae, Neurospora crassa, Drosophila melanogaster, Caenorhabditis elegans, Arabidopsis thaliana, Tetrahymena thermophila*. Case studies highlighting one major biological finding from studies with each of these organisms. Understanding genetic analysis through problem solving: statistical analysis of given genetic data by Chi-Square Analysis.

Unit 2: (20 hours)

Studying inheritance in humans: Pedigree analysis: chromosomes and aberrations through karyotyping and chromosome banding techniques.

Unit 3: (10 hours)

Study of Giant Chromosomes: Polytene and Lampbrush chromosomes. Preparation of temporary mounts of salivary glands of *Chironomus* / *Drosophila* larvae, and their visualization by bright field microscopy. Study of lampbrush chromosomes through permanent mounts.

Suggested Reading (Theory & Practical):

1. Introduction to genetic analysis by A. Griffiths, J. Doebley, C. Peichel and D. Wassarman. 12th edition. Macmillan Learning. 2020.
2. Laboratory Manual for Principles of Genetics by W. Mhiret. Lap Lambert Academic Publishing. 2020.
3. Concepts of Genetics by W.S. Klug, M.R. Cummings, C. Spencer and M. Palladino. 12thedition. Pearson Education, USA. 2019.
4. Genetics: A Conceptual Approach By B. Pierce. 7th edition. W.H. Freeman and Co. 2019.
5. Genetics: Analysis of Genes and Genomes by D. Hartl and B. Cochrane. 9th edition. Jones and Bartlett Learning, USA. 2017.
6. Introducing Epigenetics : A graphic guide by C. Ennis. Icon Books Ltd, India. 2017.
7. iGenetics- A Molecular Approach by P.J. Russell. 3rd edition. Pearson Education India. 2016.
8. Principles of Genetics by D. Snustad and M. Simmons. 7th edition. Wiley and Sons, UK. 2015.

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.