



MANONMANIAM SUNDARANAR UNIVERSITY,
TIRUNELVELI-12

SYLLABUS

PG - COURSES – AFFILIATED COLLEGES

Course Structure for M. Sc. Botany
(Choice Based Credit System)

(with effect from the academic year 2024-2025 onwards)



Semester-IV				
Part	Subject Status	Subject Title	Subject Code	Credit
III	CORE	PLANT PHYSIOLOGY AND PLANT METABOLISM	VBOC41	5
III	CORE	BIOCHEMISTRY & APPLIED BIOTECHNOLOGY	VBOC42	5
III	CORE	LABORATORY COURSE – 7 COVERING CORE PAPER XVI	VBOL41	2
III	CORE	LABORATORY COURSE- 8 COVERING CORE PAPER XVII	VBOL42	2
III	CORE	PROJECT WITH VIVA VOCE	VBOP41	4
III	ELECTIVE	3. GENE CLONING AND GENE THERAPY	VBOE43	2
III	SEC	1. BOTANY FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS (NET/UGC/SIR/SET/TRB/UPSC/TNPSC/ OTHER COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS)	VBOSE41	2
		EXTENSION ACTIVITY	VBOEA41	1



Total Marks: 100 Internal Exam: 25 marks + External Exam: 75 marks

A. Scheme for internal Assessment:

Maximum marks for written test: **20 marks**

3 internal tests, each of **1 hour** duration shall be conducted every semester.

To the average of the **best two** written examinations must be added the marks scored in. The **assignment** for 5 marks.

The break up for internal assessment shall be:

Written test- 20 marks; Assignment -5 marks Total - 25 marks

B. Scheme of External Examination

3 hrs. examination at the end of the semester

A – Part : 1 mark question two - from each unit

B – Part : 5 marks question one - from each unit

C – Part : 8 marks question one - from each unit

➤ **Conversion of Marks into Grade Points and Letter Grades**

S.No	Marks	Letter Grade	Grade point (GP)	Performance
1	90-100	O	10	Outstanding
2	80-89	A+	9	Excellent
3	70-79	A	8	Very Good
4	60-69	B+	7	Good
5	50-59	B	6	Above Average
6	40-49	C	5	Pass
7	0-39	RA	-	Reappear
8	0	AA	-	Absent

➤ **Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)**

$$CGPA = \frac{\Sigma (GP \times C)}{\Sigma C}$$

- **GP** = Grade point, **C** = Credit
- CGPA is calculated only for Part-III courses
- CGPA for a semester is awarded on cumulative basis

➤ **Classification**

- First Class with Distinction : CGPA \geq 7.5*
- First Class : CGPA \geq 6.0
- Second Class : CGPA \geq 5.0 and $<$ 6.0
- Third Class : CGPA $<$ 5.0



PLANT PHYSIOLOGY AND PLANT METABOLISM

Learning objectives

- To acquire knowledge on the functional aspects of plants.
- To understand the biophysical and biochemical processes of plants.
- To study the metabolism of plants.
- To learn the plant growth regulations.
- To know the adaptive mechanisms of plants in adverse environmental conditions.

UNIT I

Water Relations: Physical and chemical properties of water – Components of water potential - Plasmolysis - Apoplast and Symplast concept - water transport through the xylem — Transpiration - stomatal structure and function – mechanism of stomatal movement – antitranspirants - mineral nutrition – essential nutrients – macro and micro nutrients – deficiencies and plant disorders –translocation of solutes – pathways and mechanisms. Phloem loading and unloading

UNIT II

Photosynthesis: The physical nature of light – the absorption and fate of light energy – absorption and action spectra- Ultrastructure of Chloroplast; Photosynthetic Electron Transport and Photophosphorylation (cyclic and noncyclic): Light Harvesting complexes - Photosystem I & II and Oxidation of Water; Chemiosmosis theory - Carbon metabolism: C₃, C₄ and CAM pathways and their distinguishing features - photorespiration and its significance.

UNIT III

Plant respiration – Glycolysis – TCA cycle– Electron Transport – oxidative phosphorylation and ATP synthesis - Pentose Phosphate Pathway – Respiration and its significance in crop improvement. Nitrogen fixation (Biological - symbiotic and non-symbiotic), Physiological role of nitrogen fixation

UNIT IV

Growth and development – Phases of plant growth – growth types- Growth substances - Auxins, gibberellins, cytokinins, abscisic acid, ethylene, brassinosteroids - physiological effect and mechanism of action in agricultural and horticultural crops – Photoperiodism – classification of plants and mechanism of flowering – Phytochrome and their action on flowering – Vernalization- Mechanism and its practical application, biological rhythms. Movements in plants. Seed dormancy and causes and seed germination and their biochemical changes. Plant senescence –Types and mechanism of senescence-



UNIT V

Abscission: Morphological and biochemical changes – Significance. Fruit ripening- Biochemical, Physiological changes and control of fruit ripening. Plant response to environmental stress: Biotic and Abiotic stress – Water, temperature, light and salinity- Adaptive mechanism to various stresses (avoidance, escape, tolerance)– stress responsive proteins – anti-oxidative mechanism.

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1. Gauch, H.G. 1972. Inorganic Plant Nutrition. Hutchinson & Dowd. New York.
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BIOCHEMISTRY & APPLIED BIOTECHNOLOGY

Learning Objectives

- To study the fundamentals and significance of Plant Biochemistry.
- To know the structure and properties of plant biomolecules.
- To learn the fundamental and applications of Plant Biotechnology.
- To study the mechanism of enzyme action and inhibition.
- To expose the students on the fundamentals of genetic transformation.

UNIT I

Atomic structure: chemical bonds - ionic bond, covalent bond, coordinate covalent bond, hydrogen bond, hydrogen ion concentration (pH), buffers, acids and bases. Thermodynamics principle, First Law of Thermodynamics a) energy (b) Enthalpy (ii) second law of thermodynamics (a) Spontaneity and disorder (b) entropy (c) free energy, redox potential, dissociation and association constant, activation energy, binding energy. Electromagnetic spectrum, Fluorescence, Phosphorescence, Bioluminescence.

UNIT II

Classification of carbohydrates; Structure and properties of monosaccharides, Oligosaccharides, Polysaccharides – Glycoproteins. Protein and Amino acids: Structure, Classification and properties; Peptides - Structure: Primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary structures. Classification of Lipids: Structure and properties of fatty acids, phospholipids, glycolipids, lipoproteins, cholesterol - functions.

UNIT III

Enzymes- Classification and nomenclature chemical nature of enzymes – factors affecting enzyme action – Michaelis – Menton constant, MM equation, Enzyme inhibition, co enzymes- mechanism of enzyme action, isoenzymes. Secondary metabolites: Structure, classification and properties of alkaloids, steroids, terpenoids, flavonoids, glycosides - their role.

UNIT IV

Selection and characterization of transgenic plants using selectable and reportable markers; PCR; qRT-PCR; Southern, Northern, ELISA and Western techniques; Agrobacterium tumefaciens mediated and biolistic plant transformation; Virus and Bacteria based transient gene expression systems. Virus induced gene complementation, induced gene silencing. Cytoplasmic male sterility and fertility restoration, terminator Seed technology, antisense technology for delayed fruit ripening, Plants as factories for useful products and pharmaceuticals.



UNIT V

Screening of Biotransformants - Fermentation techniques - Types. Industrial production of enzymes-amylase, protease & lipase and their applications. Immobilization for enzymes production. Antibiotic Penicillin production. Amino acid - Glutamic acid production. Production of Alcohol and Xanthan Gum. Bioreactors for culturing plant cells and production of secondary metabolites. Bioremediation - In situ and ex situ.

Recommended Text:

1. Satyanarayana, U and chakrapani, U. 2005. Biochemistry, Books and Allied (P) Ltd. Calcutta.
2. A.L. Lehninger, D.L. Nelson & M.M. Cox. 1993. Principles of Biochemistry. Worth Publishers, New York.
3. Stryer, L. 1994. Biochemistry. Freeman & Co, New York.
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5. Heldt, H-W. 2005. Plant Biochemistry, 3rd Edition. Elsevier Academic Press.
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8. <https://britannica.com/technology/biotechnolog/>
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LABORATORY COURSE 7- PLANT PHYSIOLOGY AND PLANT METABOLISM

Learning Objectives

- Extract biomolecule of diverse nature from different sources so that they will be able to assess the metabolic profile of their source material.
- Recognize the role that water plays in several physiological processes in plants.
- To learn the fundamental and applications of Plant Biotechnology.
- Learn about chromatographic techniques.
- Expose the students to gain recent advances in molecular biology.

EXPERIMENTS

UNIT I

1. Determination of water potential using gravimetric method.
2. Effect of pH on protoplasmic membrane.
3. Effect of detergent on protoplasmic membrane.

UNIT II

1. Separation of chloroplast pigments using column chromatographic technique.
2. Experiment to study the rate of Hill activity of isolated chloroplast by dye reduction.
3. Extraction and determination of chlorophyll a /chlorophyll b ratio in C3 and C4 plants.

UNIT III

1. Colorimetric estimation of starch
2. Estimation of proline in stressed and non-stressed leaf samples
3. In vivo assay for nitrate reductase in C3 and C4 leaf tissues

UNIT IV

Demonstration experiments

1. Dilatometer
2. Potato Osmoscope
3. Measurement of root pressure
4. Four leaf experiment
5. Thistle funnel experiment
6. Arc auxanometer

UNIT V

Spotters – Photographs/diagrams

1. Avena curvature test, Bolting effect, Munch hypothesis, Emerson red drop/enhancement effect, action and absorption spectrum
2. Movements in plants – Thigmotropism, Phototropism, Seismonastic, Thigmonastic, Photonastic



Recommended texts

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LABORATORY COURSE – 8 BIOCHEMISTRY & APPLIED BIOTECHNOLOGY

Learning Objectives

- Extract biomolecule of diverse nature from different sources so that they will be able to assess the metabolic profile of their source material.
- Recognize the role that water plays in several physiological processes in plants.
- To learn the fundamental and applications of Plant Biotechnology.
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EXPERIMENTS

UNIT I

1. Preparation of normal (NaOH), percentage (NaCl, HCl), ppm (NaCl) and molar (NaOH, Sucrose) solutions
2. Preparation standard graph for protein, sugar and amino acids
3. Estimation of protein content by Lowry method
4. Estimation of amino acids by ninhydrine method

UNIT II

1. Estimation of sugar by anthrone method
2. Estimation of total phenol content by Folin Ciocalteu Method
3. Estimation of flavonoid
4. Estimation of ascorbic acid

UNIT III

1. Extraction of caffeine from coffee
2. Separation of amino acids using paper chromatographic technique.
3. Separation of lipids by TLC
4. Determination of saponification number of edible oil

UNIT IV

Spotters

1. Secondary, tertiary and quaternary structures of protein
2. Michaelis–Menten kinetics, pH scale
3. Images of chemical bonds, Fluorescence, Phosphorescence
4. Mechanism of enzyme action – lock and key hypothesis, induced fit theory

UNIT V

Spotters

1. Study of basic equipments used in biotechnology laboratory – Hot air oven, Laminar air flow chamber, PCR, Refrigerated centrifuge, Transilluminator, Autoclave, Gel-Doc, Fermenter
2. Agrobacterium tumefaciens mediated transformation of plants
3. Biolistic gene gun method of plant transformation
4. Cytoplasmic male sterility, antisense technology.



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8. Hall, R.D. (Ed). 1999. Plant Cell Culture Protocols. Humana Press, New Jersey.
9. Gelvin, S.B., Schilperoort, R.A. (Eds.). 2000. Plant Molecular Biology Manual.

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PROJECT with VIVA-VOCE

Learning Objectives

- To recognize the concept of research and its various forms in the context of botany.
- To improve abilities relating to scientific experiments.
- To become proficient in data collection and the documentation of scientific findings.
- To prepare students for entry-level positions or professional training programmes in any field of Botany.
- Compare the various reporting and writing styles used in science.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. Each student will be allotted a Project Guide from the faculty of the department concerned by lot method.
2. The topic of the dissertation shall be assigned to the candidate before the beginning of third semester.
3. After the completion of the project work, the student has to submit four copies of dissertation with report carrying his / her project report for evaluation by examiners. After evaluation, one copy is to be retained in the College Library.
4. Project work will be evaluated by both the external and the internal (Project Guide) examiners for the maximum of 100 marks in total on the scale of the maximum of 50 marks for the internal and the external each.
5. Viva-Voce will be conducted by the panel comprising, External examiner and Internal Examiner for the maximum of 100 marks in total on the scale of the maximum of 50 marks for the internal and the external each.

All the candidates of M.Sc. (Botany) are required to undergo a major project and submit the following:

1. Dissertation/Thesis based on the work done by the student.
2. Soft copy of the project on CD / DVD.

PROJECT EVALUATION GUIDELINES:

The project is evaluated on the basis of following heads:

For Viva-Voce maximum is 50 marks which will be conducted by both the internal and external examiners during end semester university practical examinations.

Internal: 50 marks

I Review – Selection of the field of study, topic and literature collection - 15 marks

II Review – Research design and data collection - 20 marks

III Review – Analysis and conclusion, preparation of rough draft – 15 marks

External: 50 marks

Evaluation of project report (30 marks)

Originality of the approach - 10 marks

Neat presentation of report – 10 marks

Results and Discussion – 10 marks

Division of marks for viva (20 marks)

Knowledge on the content - 10 marks

Viva-voce - 10 marks



Suggested areas of work:

Algae, fungi, microbiology, biocontrol agents, plant tissue culture, plant physiology, phytochemistry, biochemistry, anatomy, plant taxonomy, Ethnobotany, ecology, sustainable agriculture, herbal formulations, cytogenetics, molecular biology, biotechnology, bioinformatics, nanotechnology and applied botany.

Methodology:

Each project should contain the following details:

1. Brief introduction on the topic
2. Review of Literature
3. Materials and Methods
4. Results and Discussion – evidences in the form of figures, tables and photographs.
5. Summary
6. Bibliography

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3. Ruzin, S.E. 1999. Plant microtechnique and microscopy. Oxford University Press, New York, U.S.A.
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GENE CLONING AND GENE THERAPY

Learning Objectives

- To give a clear knowledge of genetic engineering, cloning vectors, enzymes involved in cloning.
- To understand the procedure involved in recombinant DNA technology and restriction mapping.
- To focus on the application of gene cloning in plants and animals.
- To enable the students to information on Gene Therapy.
- To raise student to create transgenic plants for hybrid seed production and molecular farming.

UNIT I

Definition of genetic engineering, gene cloning and recombinant DNA cloning vectors: plasmids, bacteriophages, plant and animal vectors. Restriction enzymes; DNA modifying enzymes: nucleases, polymerases, phosphatases and ligases. Construction of genomic and c-DNA libraries

UNIT II

Gene cloning in prokaryotes and eukaryotes, Isolation of DNA to be cloned, insertion of DNA fragments into vector. Use of Restriction Linkers: use of Homopolymer tails, Transfer of recombinant DNA into Bacteria cell. Selection of clones.

UNIT III

Gene Therapy: Definition, Germ cell and Somatic cell. Amniocentesis in human; patient therapy, embryo therapy, Recombinant DNA technology for human insulin, Hepatitis B vaccine, Tissue plasminogen activator, clotting factor VIII

UNIT IV

Types and uses of molecular markers- RFLP; PCR based markers like RAPD, SCAR, SSR, STS, CAPS, AFLP, SNP. DNA finger printing; Gene Tagging. Physical methods of gene delivery. Gene transfer techniques. Genetic counselling – Eugenics, Euthenics.

UNIT V

Genomics: Structural genomics, microsatellite maps, cytogenetic maps, physical maps, positional cloning, chromosome walks and jumps, Genome sequencing, genome databases, human genome sequencing project. Functional genomics. transcriptome, proteome and metabolome, Microarrays and gene-chips. Metabolomics: Identification and quantification of cellular metabolites in biological samples. Pharmacogenomics and drug designing.



Recommended Text:

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12. Ignacimuthu, S.1998. Applied Plant Biotechnology. Tata Mc Graw Hill, publishing company Ltd., New Delhi.
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Web resources:

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2. <https://www.amazon.in/Gene-Cloning-Steve-Minchin-ebook/dp/B000SHTUT2>
3. <https://www.futuremedicine.com/doi/book/10.2217/9781780842134>
4. https://www.researchgate.net/publication/51144570_Introduction_to_Gene_Therapy_A_Clinical_Aftermath
5. <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-88-470-1643-9>



PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY SKILL / SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE III
BOTANY FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS
 (NET/UGC-CSIR/SET/TRB/UPSC/TNPSC/other competitive examinations)

Learning Objectives

- Competitive examinations syllabus shall introduce the concepts of breadth and depth in learning.
- Shall produce competent plant biologists who can employ and implement their gained knowledge in basic and applied aspects that will profoundly influence competitive ability.
- Will increase the ability of critical thinking, development of scientific attitude, handling of problems and generating solutions.
- Students will make them competent enough for doing jobs in Govt. and private sectors of academia, research and industry along with preparation for national competitive examinations
- Students will be able to contribute research in the field of plant sciences.

UNIT I

Microbiology: Structure and reproduction of viruses, bacteria and fungi. Applications of microbes in agriculture, industry, medicine and in control of water pollution.

Plant Pathology: Important crop diseases caused by viruses, bacteria, mycoplasma, fungi and nematodes with special reference to India; Classification of Plant Diseases Structural and biochemical host defense mechanisms;

Economic Botany (Botanical name, family, useful part and uses): cereals, fibre yielding plants, plantation crops, sugar yielding plants, narcotics, vegetables, oil yielding plants, pulses, beverages and minor forest products - resins, gums, tannin and rubber yielding plants,

UNIT II

Cryptogams: Algae, fungi, lichens, bryophytes, pteridophytes - structure and reproduction and economic importance.

Phanerogams: Gymnosperms: structure, reproduction and economic importance; Geological time scale; Type of fossils and their study techniques. Angiosperms: International Code of Botanical Nomenclature; Origin and evolution of angiosperms, natural and phylogenetic systems of classification.

UNIT III

Cell Biology: Ultrastructure of cell - cell wall, plasma membrane, chloroplast, endoplasmic reticulum, mitochondria, lysosomes, flagella and nucleus. Cell division – mitosis, meiosis and their significance; Chromosome – morphology, fine structure, Types – giant chromosome, Isochromosome

Bio-chemistry: Chemistry of carbohydrates, proteins, amino acids and lipids - structure, properties and classification. Nucleic acids – structure and properties, types of DNA – different types of RNA, properties and functions. Enzymes – Properties, mode of action, nomenclature and classification.

UNIT IV

Plant Physiology: Photosynthesis – Light reaction and carbon fixation pathways; C₃, C₄ and CAM pathways; Mechanism of phloem transport; Respiration - Glycolysis, Krebs cycle, Electron Transport. Nitrogen fixation – symbiotic and non-symbiotic. Auxins, cytokinins. Gibberellins, phytochromes – role and mode of action.

Genetics: Mendelian and non-mendelian inheritance – linkage and crossing over.



Mutation – Mutagenic agents; Chromosomal aberrations. Nucleic acids as genetic material – Replication of DNA – Methods and models in DNA repair mechanism – split genes – Jumping and mobile genes – concepts of gene – Cistron, Muton and recon.

UNIT V

Ecology: Ecological factors – their classification and interaction. Synecology – classification of plant communities. Raunkiaer's life – forms – Ecological succession – causes and effects climax concept. Eco system – components and inter relationship. Bio-geo-chemical cycles. Major sanctuaries, National parks in Tamil Nadu.

Plant Geography: Principles of Plant Geography Dispersal and migration – Types – Age and Area hypothesis – continuous range, cosmopolitan, circum polar, circum boreal and circum austral, pantropical Discontinuous distribution – Wegner's theory of continental drift.

Recommend text Books

1. Pulliah T, Varalakshmi Narayana D, and P Suresh 2021 Botany for Competitive Examinations: (Useful for UPSC-Indian Forest Service, Civil Services, PCS, ASRB CSIR - NET, ICAR-NET and Other Competitive Exams) Astal crackers publication
2. Sunit Mitra 2017 Botany for Competitive Examinations Edition 1 Academic Publishers
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9. Bhojwani, S.S. Bhatnagar, S.P and Dantu, P.K. 2015. The Embryology of Angiosperms (6th revised and enlarged edition). Vikas Publishing House, New Delhi.

Web resources

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3. <https://www.sscatestnews.com/botany-book-pdf-free-download-for-competitive-exams/>
4. <https://sscstudy.com/botany-for-competitive-exams-pdf/>
<https://www.amazon.in/Botany-Entrance-Examination-Anupam-Rajakebook/dp/B089S1GLMP>



EXTENSION ACTIVITY

Learning Objectives

- To arouse social consciousness of the students by providing them opportunities to work with and among the people.
- To develop an awareness and knowledge of social realities to have concern for the well-being of the community and engage in creative and constructive social action.
- To provide with rich and meaningful educational experiences to them in order to make their education complete and meaningful.
- To give them the opportunities for their personality development Identify the needs and problems related to environment and involve them in problem solving process.

A. GUIDELINES FOR THE EXTENSION ACTIVITY COURSE

1. Campus Work (30 hours/semester) (group activity – each group maximum number of students - 5)

Development & maintenance of Botanical Garden, Lawn, Green house, Herbal Garden, Kitchen Garden / preparation and maintenance of a museum / seed bank (30 specimens) etc. on the college campus

2. Adopted Village – (Near the College) (20 hours / semester)

Activities including

- a) Plantation of tree saplings, Medical Camps, Rallies, and any activity relating to environmental awareness, Disposal of garbage & composting, Environmental sanitation, Swachh Bharat Mission scheme program, Plastic and Waste Collection Drive, Celebration / observation of Important days in villages, etc.

At the end of the semester each student should submit a report and data sheet of the events with GIS photographs.

- b) Survey on Environmental awareness/ environmental issues/ climate change /pollution/conservation etc.

Students should prepare a questionnaire about any one theme related to the environment/traditional knowledge/ conservation etc. The questionnaire contains a minimum of 20 questions to reflect the purpose of their specific subject. The survey will be conducted with a minimum of 30 participants. During data collection, participants were requested to fill out the questionnaire completely. Data analysis focuses on organizing information and making logical or statistical inferences; interpretation, and drawing conclusions. Prepare and submit a report for external valuation. Report should include title, certificate by teacher in-charge, introduction, results, analysis, conclusions and action required.



B. SCHEME OF EVALUATION**Internal**

Evaluation Criteria	Maximum marks for each category
Active participation in the campus work	15
Active participation in the village work	15
Plan of work and calendar of operations, Follow through plan of work	10
Preparation and submission of questionnaire, data sheet and report with GIS photos	10
Total	50

External

Evaluation Criteria	Maximum Marks for Each Category
PowerPoint presentation of activities done with GIS photos	20
Viva - Knowledge, Attitude	10
Questionnaire report	10
Data sheet and report with GIS photos	10
Total	50

