



**SILVER OAK
UNIVERSITY**
EDUCATION TO INNOVATION

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SEMESTER – IV

Soil Microbiology
Bacterial Taxonomy
Microbial Physiology
Biostatistics



Subject: - Soil Microbiology								
Program: B.Sc.				Subject Code:			Semester: IV	
Teaching Scheme				Examination Evaluation Scheme				
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THEORY

Unit: 1 History and significant developments of Soil Microbiology

- a. Contributions of Beijerinck, Winogradsky, Selman A. Waksman
- b. Components of Soil, Soil Profile, Soil Microorganisms, Scope and Importance of Soil Microbiology, Factors affecting
- c. Distribution, Activity and Population of Soil Microorganisms, Soil Formation.

Unit :2 Microbial Interactions in nature

- a. Microbe interactions: Mutualism, synergism, commensalism, competition, amensalism, parasitism, predation
- b. Microbe-Plant interaction: Mycorrhizae, Lichens
- c. Microbe-animal interaction: Microbes in ruminants, nematophagous fungi and symbiotic luminescent bacteria

Unit: 3 Biogeochemical Cycles

- a. Carbon cycle: Microbial degradation of cellulose, hemicelluloses, lignin and chitin
- b. Nitrogen cycle: Nitrogen fixation, ammonification, nitrification, denitrification and nitrate reduction
- c. Phosphorus cycle: Phosphate immobilization and solubilization
- d. Sulphur cycle: Microbes involved in sulphur cycle
- e. Iron Cycle:

Unit 4 Introduction to Plant Pathology (Fungi and Bacteria)



- a. Study of some important plant diseases giving emphasis on its etiological agent, symptoms, and control
- b. Important diseases caused by fungi
- (i) White rust of crucifers - *Albugo candida*
 - (ii) Late blight of potato - *Phytophthora infestans*
 - (iii) Powdery mildew of wheat - *Erysiphe graminis*
 - (iv) Ergot of rye - *Claviceps purpurea*
 - (v) Black stem rust of wheat - *Puccinia graminis tritici*
 - (vi) Early blight of potato - *Alternaria solani*
 - (vii) Loose smut of wheat - *Ustilago nuda*
- c. Important diseases caused by phytopathogenic bacteria:
- (i) Angular leaf spot of cotton
 - (ii) bacterial leaf blight of rice
 - (iii) crown galls
 - (iv) bacterial cankers of citrus

PRACTICAL

1. Identification of *Bacillus*, *Clostridium*, *Staphylococcus* from soil.
2. Cultivation and Isolation of Actinomycetes
3. Isolation of *Rhizobium*/*Azotobacter* from root nodules.
4. Isolation of Fungi (*Mucor*, *Rhizopus*, *Aspergillus*, *Neurospora*) from soil.

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THEORY

Unit: 1 Microbial evolution, taxonomy and diversity

- Introduction to Microbial Taxonomy Taxonomic ranks
- Microbial taxonomy and phylogeny
- Classical and molecular characteristics
- Evolution of microbial species

Unit: 2 Archaea

- Archaeal taxonomy
- Archaeal metabolism
- Characteristics of the major archaeal physiological groups

Unit: 3 Important groups of bacteria

- Bergey's Manual of Systematic
- Bacteriology Order *Bacillales*
- Properties of some members of class *Mollicutes*
- Characteristics of the major groups of gram negative
- Photosynthetic bacteria
- Characteristics of the Cyanobacterial Subsections
- Phylum: *Spirochetes*



Unit: 4 Phylum: proteobacteria

- a. Bergey's Manual of Systematic
- b. Bacteriology Order *Bacillales*
- c. Properties of some members of class *Mollicutes*
- d. Characteristics of the major groups of gram negative
- e. Photosynthetic bacteria
- f. Characteristics of the
- g. Cynobacterial Subsections
- h. Phylum: *Spirochetes*

PRACTICAL

1. Pure culture study of *Escherichia. coli* and *Klebseilla mobillis* (formerly *Enterobacter aerogenes*)
2. Pure culture study of *Proteus vulgaris*, *Serratia marcescens* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.
3. Pure culture study of *Bacillus megaterium*, *Bacillus. subtilis*, *Bacillus. cereus*.
4. Pure culture study of *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Staphylococcus. epidermidis*.
5. Isolation of halophilic bacteria.

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THEORY

Unit:1 Introduction to metabolism

- a. microbial metabolism
- b. Catabolism
- c. Anabolism
- d. Types of Metabolites
- e. Primary metabolism
- f. Secondary metabolism
- g. Intermediary metabolism
- h. Precursor metabolites
- i. Role of energy rich compounds and reducing power

Unit: 2 Membrane Transport

- a. Introduction
- b. Structure of membrane
- c. Mechanism of Membrane transport
- d. Secondary active transport
 - (i) Symport
 - (ii) Antiport
 - (iii) uniport
- e. Phosphate bond linked active transport
- f. Group Translocation



- (i) Phosphotransferase system
 - (ii) Acyl coA synthetase system
 - (iii) Phosphoribosyl transferase
- g. Utilization of substrates that cannot enter the cell

Unit: 3 Energy release and conservation

- a. Aerobic respiration from Glucose to pyruvate
- b. TCA ETC-Oxidative phosphorylation
- c. Anaerobic respiration
- d. Fermentation

Unit: 4 Catabolism of organic molecules: other than glucose

- a. Carbohydrates
- b. Lipid catabolism
- c. Protein and aminoacids catabolism

PRACTICAL

1. Effect of pH on metabolic activity (by growth measured at 600nm)
2. Effect of Temp. On enzyme activity (by growth measured at 600nm)
3. Study of Biochemical reactions

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THEORY

BIOSTATISTICS

Unit 1: Basic concepts in Statistics

Terms and Definitions in Statistics, Population and Sample, Raw Data, Types of variables, Numerical variable (Continuous and discrete), Categorical variables (Nominal and ordinal), Outcome and exposure variables, Display of data for 1 variable, For categorical data: Bar Chart and Pie Chart, For numerical data: Histogram (different shapes) and Frequency Polygon

Unit 2: Central Tendency and Deviations

Measurements of central tendency: Mean, Median, quartiles, percentiles, Mode Measures of spread: Range, Variance and Standard Deviation and its interpretation Normal deviation and its characteristics

Unit 3: Probability, Permutations and combinations

Probability: Definition and basic formula, Probability of an event not occurring, Multiplicative rule to calculate the probability of occurrence of both of two events. Independent events, Non-independent events (conditional probability), Additive rule to calculate the probability of occurrence of at least one of two events, Mutually exclusive events, Non-exclusive events, Concept of odds, Applications of probability in biology

Permutations: Definition and basic formula (${}_nP_r = n!/(n-r)!$), Permutations with repetition, Application of permutations in biology (The genetic code), Combinations: Definition and basic formula (${}_nC_r = n!/r!(n-r)!$), Application in biology (pedigree analysis), Problems involving Permutations, Combinations and Probability

Unit 4: Data analysis

Sampling Variation, Population mean and standard error, Concept of Hypothesis test and null-hypothesis, t-test (concept and calculation), ANOVA, One-way Anova (concept and calculation), Two-way Anova (definition only), SPSS and its application



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