



SRI VENKATESWARA UNIVERSITY

Programme: B.Sc. Honours in Zoology (Major)
w.e.f. AY 2026-27

COURSE STRUCTURE (for Semester III)

Year	Semester	Course	Title of the Course	No. of Hrs /Week	No. of Credits
II	III	5	Genetics	3	3
			Genetics-Practical	2	1
		6	Evolution and Zoogeography	3	3
			Evolution and Zoogeography-Practical	2	1
		7	Animal Physiology: Life Sustaining systems	3	3
			Animal Physiology: Life Sustaining systems-Practical	2	1

SEMESTER-III

COURSE 6: EVOLUTION AND ZOOGEOGRAPHY

Theory

Credits: 3

3 hrs/week

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- To provide knowledge on origin of life, theories and forces of evolution
- To explore the evidences of evolution
- To Explain the theories of evolution
- To understand the role of variations and mutations in evolution of organisms
- To understand the zoogeographical distribution of animals

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The overall course outcome is that the student shall develop deeper understanding of what life is and how it functions at cellular level. This course will provide students with a deep knowledge in Evolution and zoo geography, by the completion of the course student will able to –

- Understand the principles and forces of evolution of life on earth, the process of evolution of new species and apply the same to develop new and advanced varieties of animals
- Explain the different evidences of evolution
- Understand the theories of evolution
- Explain the various tools for evolution
- Map the distribution of animals according to zoological realms

SYLLABUS:

UNIT-I

- 1.1 Origin of life: different ancient concepts -Origin of Earth and Solar system: Big Bang theory, Primitive atmosphere, formation of macromolecules
- 1.2 Biological evolution: Coacervates, Microspheres, formation of Nucleic acids, Nucleoproteins
- 1.3 Formation of primary organisms, evolution of modes of nutrition, oxygen revolution, present day atmosphere, evolution of eukaryotes.
- 1.4 Experimental evidences in support of Biochemical origin of life (Miller and Urey experiment)

Activity: Assignment /Students Seminar/Quiz/Project/Peer teaching/Report writing after watching any video on the above

Evaluation: Instructor supposed to prepare a detailed Rubrics for the evaluation of the above activity

UNIT-II

- 2.1 Paleontological and taxonomical evidences of evolution
- 2.2 Morphological and anatomical evidences of evolution
- 2.3 Embryological and physiological evidences of evolution
- 2.4 Evidences from connecting links, missing links and bio geographical distribution

Activity: Assignment /Students Seminar/Quiz/Project/Peer teaching/Report writing after watching any video on the above/Visit to Archaeological Museum for observation of fossils

Evaluation: Instructor supposed to prepare a detailed Rubrics for the evaluation of the above activity

UNIT -III

- 3.1 Lamarckism-Neo Lamarckism
- 3.2 Germplasm theory-August Weismann
- 3.3 Darwinism-Theory of Natural selection
- 3.4 Modern synthetic theory of evolution (Neo Darwinism)

Activity: *Assignment /Students Seminar/Quiz/Project/Peer teaching/Report writing after watching any video on the above*

Evaluation: *Instructor supposed to prepare a detailed Rubrics for the evaluation of the above activity*

UNIT-IV

- 4.1 Variations-types-sources of variations- importance in evolution
- 4.2 Mutations-classification-causes-significance in evolution
- 4.3 Isolation mechanisms-role in evolution
- 4.4 Sewall wright effect, Hardy Weinberg Principle

Activity: *Assignment /Students Seminar/Quiz/Project/Peer teaching/Report writing after watching any video on the above*

Evaluation: *Instructor supposed to prepare a detailed Rubrics for the evaluation of the above activity*

UNIT-V

- 5.1 Animal distribution and barriers of distribution
- 5.2 Zoogeographical realms – Palearctic & Nearctic regions
- 5.3 Zoogeographical realms – Neotropical & Ethiopian regions
- 5.4 Zoogeographical realms – Oriental & Australian regions

Activity: *Assignment /Students Seminar/Quiz/Project/Peer teaching/Report writing after watching any video on the above/Case study on the observation of fauna in the college locality/in the residential area*

Evaluation: *Instructor supposed to prepare a detailed Rubrics for the evaluation of the above activity*

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

Chart on industrial melanism to teach directed selection, Darwin's finches to teach genetic drift, collection of data on weight of children born in primary health centres to teach stabilizing selection etc.

REFERENCES BOOKS:

- Ridley, M. (2004). Evolution. III Edition. Blackwell Publishing
- Hall, B. K. and Hallgrímsson, B. (2008). Evolution. IV Edition. Jones and Bartlett Publishers
- Douglas, J. Futuyma (1997). Evolutionary Biology. Sinauer Associates.
- Minkoff, E. (1983). Evolutionary Biology. Addison-Wesley.
- Organic evolution by Organic evolution by Dr. Veer Bala Rastogi, 2019 Kedar Nath Ramnath
- Palaeontology and Zoogeography Organic evolution by Dr. Veer Bala Rastogi, 2019 Kedarnath
- Ramnath Rastogi VB. 1991. *Organic Evolution*. Kedar Nath Ram Nath Publications, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, India.
- Stahl FW. 1965. *Mechanics of Inheritance*. Prentice-Hall.
- White MJD. 1973. *Animal Cytology and Evolution*. Cambridge Univ. Press

SEMESTER-III

COURSE 6: EVOLUTION AND ZOOGEOGRAPHY

Practical

Credits: 1

2 hrs/week

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Acquainting and skill enhancement in the usage of laboratory equipment
- To apply the basic concept of inheritance for applied research
- To get familiar with phylogeny and geological history of origin & evolution of animals
- To understand the zoogeographical distribution of animals

SYLLABUS:

1. Study of fossil evidences
2. Study of homology and analogy from suitable specimens and pictures
3. Study of embryological evidences by charts/ pictures
4. Study of Lamarckism with images /animations
5. Study of Darwinism with images/ animation
6. Study of connecting links/missing links images/charts
7. Phylogeny of horse with pictures
8. Study of Genetic Drift by using examples of Darwin's finches (pictures)
9. Visit to Natural History Museum and submission of report
10. Mapping distribution of animals according to zoogeographical regions.
11. Mapping zoogeographical regions

REFERENCE WEB LINKS:

- <https://www.labster.com/course-packages/evolution-and-diversity>
- <https://www.biointeractive.org/classroom-resources/stickleback-evolution-virtual-lab>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tXbmPhrS4eA>
- <https://www.studocu.com/en-us/document/temple-university/bioe-lab-2-biomaterials/1632834116536-zoogeography-assignment/17915777>
- <https://guides.library.tulsacc.edu/c.php?g=932434&p=6720765>
- https://bio.libretexts.org/Courses/Butte_College/BC%3A_BIOL_2_-_Introduction_to_Human_Biology_%28Grewal%29/Text/09%3A_Biological_Evolution/9.3%3A_Evidence_for_Evolution
- <https://www.coursehero.com/study-guides/boundless-biology/evidence-of-evolution/>

4- Year UG Honours, Major
Syllabus
(2026-27)
Semester-III

Model Question Paper

Time : 3hrs

Marks:75

Part-A

Answer any Five Questions. Each Question carries 3 Marks.

5x3=15

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Answer the following questions. Each question carries 12 Marks

5x12=60

11. a) Unit-I
(Or)
b) Unit-I

12. a) Unit-II
(Or)
b) Unit-II

13. a) Unit-III
(Or)
b) Unit-III

14. a) Unit-IV
(Or)
b) Unit-IV

15. a) Unit-V
(Or)
b) Unit-V