



SRI VENKATESWARA UNIVERSITY, TIRUPATHI

4 -Year UG Honours in B.Sc. BOTANY: Major in Consonance with Curriculum Frame work w.e.f AY 2026-27

IV Semester

COURSE STRUCTURE (for Semester IV)

Year	Semester	Course	Title of the Course	No. of Hrs /Week	No. of Credits
II	IV	8	Cell and Molecular biology	3	3
			Cell and Molecular biology -Practical	2	1
		9	Genetics and Plant breeding	3	3
			Genetics and Plant breeding -Practical	2	1
		10	Plant Physiology and Metabolism	3	3
			Plant Physiology and Metabolism -Practical	2	1

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COURSE 10: PLANT PHYSIOLOGY AND METABOLISM

Theory

Credits: 3

3 hrs/week

I. Learning Objectives: By the end of this course the learner has to:

1. Understand the concept of Soil-Plant-Atmosphere continuum based on plant-water relations.
2. Discuss the anabolic and catabolic processes in plants.
3. Explain the role of plant growth regulators on growth, development and flowering.

II. Learning Outcomes: On successful completion of this course, the students will be able to:

1. Comprehend the importance of water in plant life and mechanisms for transport of water and solutes in plants.
2. Explain the role of minerals in plant nutrition and their deficiency symptoms.
3. Hypothesize the light reactions and carbon assimilation processes responsible for synthesis of food in plants.
4. Analyze the biochemical reactions in relation to Nitrogen and lipid metabolisms.
5. Evaluate the physiological factors that regulate growth, development and flowering in plants.

III. Syllabus of Theory:

Unit – 1: Plant-Water relations

8 Hrs.

1. Importance of water to plant life, physical properties of water, diffusion, imbibition, osmosis. water potential, osmotic potential, pressure potential.
2. Absorption and lateral transport of water; Ascent of sap
3. Transpiration: stomata structure and mechanism of stomatal movements (K^+ ion flux).
4. Mechanism of phloem transport; source-sink relationships.

Unit – 2: Mineral nutrition, Enzymes and Respiration

10 Hrs.

1. Essential macro and micro mineral nutrients and their role in plants; symptoms of mineral deficiency
2. Absorption of mineral ions; passive and active processes.
3. Characteristics, nomenclature and classification of Enzymes. Mechanism of enzyme action, enzyme kinetics.
4. Respiration: Aerobic and Anaerobic; Glycolysis, Krebs cycle; electron transport system, mechanism of oxidative phosphorylation, energy production in aerobic and anaerobic respirations.

Unit – 3: Photosynthesis and Photorespiration

10 Hrs.

1. Photosynthesis: Photosynthetic pigments, absorption and action spectra; Red drop and Emerson enhancement effect
2. Concept of two photosystems; mechanism of photosynthetic electron transport and evolution of oxygen; photophosphorylation
3. Carbon assimilation pathways (C_3 , C_4 and CAM).
4. Photorespiration - C_2 pathway


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Unit – 4: Nitrogen and lipid metabolism

9 Hrs.

1. Nitrogen metabolism: Biological nitrogen fixation – asymbiotic and symbiotic nitrogen fixing organisms. Nitrogenase enzyme system.
2. Lipid metabolism: Classification of Plant lipids, saturated and unsaturated fatty acids.
3. Anabolism of triglycerides, β -oxidation of fatty acids, Glyoxylate cycle

Unit – 5: Plant growth - development

8Hrs.

1. Growth and Development: Definition, phases and kinetics of growth.
2. Physiological effects of Plant Growth Regulators (PGRs) - auxins, gibberellins, cytokinins, ABA and ethylene.
3. Physiology of flowering: Photoperiodism, role of phytochrome in flowering.
4. Seed germination and senescence; physiological changes during seed germination.

IV. Text Books:

1. Pandey, B.P. (2013) College Botany, Volume-III, S. Chand Publishing, New Delhi
2. Ghosh, A. K., K. Bhattacharya & G. Hait (2011) A Text Book of Botany, Volume III, New Central Book Agency Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata

V. Reference Books:

1. Hans Mohr & P. Schopfer (2006) Plant Physiology, Springer (India) Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi
2. Hopkins, W.G. & N.P.A. Huner (2014) Introduction to Plant Physiology, Wiley India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi
3. Noggle Ray & J. Fritz (2013) Introductory Plant Physiology, Prentice Hall (India), New Delhi
4. Salisbury, Frank B. & Cleon W. Ross (2007) Plant Physiology, Thomsen & Wadsworth, Australia & U.S.A
5. Taiz, L. & E. Zeiger (2003) Plant Physiology, Panima Publishers, New Delhi.
6. Verma, V. (2007) Text Book of Plant Physiology, Ane Books India, New Delhi.

VI. Suggested activities and evaluation method

Unit-1: Activity: Observe and tabulate the water content of different plant parts and justify the importance of the water based on the morphological nature.

Evaluation method: Assess the report and assign the grade points based on a rubric.

Unit-2 Activity: Survey report on various inorganic and organic fertilizers available in the local markets.

Evaluation method: Assess the record and award the grades on a specified point scale.

Unit-3 Activity: Identify the C4 plants from their locality and make a report.

Evaluation method: Assessing the clarity, organization, and effectiveness of the report's presentation and communication based on a rubric.

Unit-4 Activity: Group discussion on various Nitrogen fixing microbes. **Evaluation method:** Assessing the group members' ability to think critically and analyze the topic being discussed.

Unit-5 Activity: A critical assignment on photoperiodic responses in plants in their locality.

Evaluation method: Evaluating the logical coherence and reasoning in the assignment.


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COURSE 10: PLANT PHYSIOLOGY AND METABOLISM

Practical

Credits: 1

2 hrs/week

I. Course outcomes: On successful completion of this practical course, students shall be able to:

1. Conduct lab and field experiments pertaining to plant physiology.
2. Estimate the quantities and qualitative expressions using experimental results and calculations
3. Interpret the factors responsible for growth and development in plants.

II. Laboratory/field exercises:

Major experiments:

1. Determination of osmotic potential of plant cell sap by plasmolytic method using *Rhoeo/Tradescantia* leaves.
2. Calculation of stomatal index and stomatal frequency of a mesophyte, a hydrophyte and a xerophyte.
3. Determination of rate of transpiration using Cobalt chloride method / Ganong's potometer (at least for a dicot and a monocot).
4. Effect of temperature on membrane permeability by colorimetric method.
5. Study of mineral deficiency symptoms using plant material/photographs.
6. Demonstration of amylase enzyme activity and study the effect of substrate and Enzyme concentration.
7. Separation of chloroplast pigments using paper chromatography technique.

Minor experiments:

1. Osmosis
2. Compare Dicot and Monocot stomata
2. Arc-auxanometer
3. Ascent of sap through xylem
4. Anatomy of C3, C4 and CAM leaves.


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Suggested Model Paper for Practical Examination

Max Time: 3 Hrs

Max. Marks: 50

1. Conduct the Major Experiment (**Experiment A**). Write the aim, principle, materials and apparatus, procedure. Tabulate the results, and draw a conclusion. 20 M
2. Demonstrate **Experiment 'B'** (Minor Experiment). Write the principle, procedure, and inference. 10 M
3. Identify and comment on the given specimens/spotters/slides/photographs 4 x 3=12 M

C. Plant Water relations

D. Mineral nutrition / Enzymes /Respiration

E. Photosynthesis

F. Nitrogen metabolism / Plant growth – Development

4. Record & Viva- voce 5 + 3 = 08 M


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Model Question Paper

Time : 3hrs

Marks:75

Part-A

Answer any Five Questions. Each Question carries 3 Marks.

5x3=15

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
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- 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