



SRI VENKATESWARA UNIVERSITY

Programme: Syllabus for Zoology (Minor)

w.e.f. AY 2026-27

COURSE STRUCTURE

Year	Semester	Course	Title of the Course	No. of Hrs /Week	No. of Credits
II	IV	2	Animal Diversity-II Biology of Chordates	3	3
			Animal Diversity-II Biology of Chordates-Practical	2	1

SEMESTER-IV

COURSE 2: ANIMAL DIVERSITY-II BIOLOGY OF CHORDATES

Theory

Credits: 3

3 hrs/week

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- To understand the animal kingdom.
- To understand the taxonomic position of Protochordata to Mammalia.
- To understand the general characteristics of animals belonging to Fishes to Reptilians.
- To understand the body organization of Chordata.
- To understand the taxonomic position of Protherian mammals.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

By the completion of the course the graduate should be able to –

- Describe general taxonomic rules on animal classification of chordates
- Classify Protochordata to Mammalia with taxonomic keys
- Understand Mammals with specific structural adaptations
- Understand the significance of dentition and evolutionary significance
- Understand the origin and evolutionary relationship of different phyla from Prochordata to Mammalia.

SYLLABUS:

UNIT – I:

- 1.1 General characters and classification of Chordata up to classes
- 1.2 Salient features of Cephalochordate, Salient features of Urochordata
- 1.3 Structure and life history of *Herdmania*, Retrogressive metamorphosis –Process and Significance
- 1.4 Cyclostomata, General characters, Comparison of Petromyzon and Myxine

Activity: *Model preparation /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 General characters of Fishes, Salient features Dipnoi
- 2.2 *Scoliodon*: External features, Digestive system, Respiratory system
- 2.3 *Scoliodon* Structure and function of Heart, Structure and functions of the Brain.
- 2.4 Migration in Fishes, Types of Scales

Activity: *Model preparation /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 – III:

- 3.1 General characters of Amphibia, General characters of Reptilia
- 3.2 *Rana hexadactyla*: External features, Respiratory system, Structure and function of Heart
- 3.3 *Rana hexadactyla* structure and functions of the Brain
- 3.4 *Calotes*: External features, Digestive system, structure and function of Brain
- 3.5 Identification of Poisonous snakes

Activity: *Model preparation /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 General characters of Aves
- 4.2 *Columba livia*: External features, Digestive system, Respiratory system
- 4.3 *Columba livia*: Structure and function of Heart, structure and function of Brain
- 4.4 Migration in Birds, Flight adaptation in birds

Activity: *Model preparation/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 General characters of Mammalia
- 5.2 Classification of Mammalia up to sub - classes with examples
- 5.3 Comparison of Prototherians, Metatherians and Eutherians
- 5.4 Dentition in mammals, Aquatic mammals Adaptations

Activity: *Model preparation/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*

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Preparation of charts on Chordate classification (with representative animal photos) and retrogressive metamorphosis
- Clay models of Herdmania and Amphioxus
- Visit to local fish market and identification of local cartilaginous and bony fishes
- Maintaining of aquarium by students
- Model of fish heart and brain
- Preparation of slides of scales of fishes
- Visit to local/nearby river to identify migratory fishes and prepare study notes
- Preparation of Charts on above topics by students (Eg: comparative account of vertebrate heart/brain/lungs, identification of snakes etc.)

- Collecting and preparation of Museum specimens with dead frogs/snakes/lizards etc., and/or their skeletons
- Additional input on types of snake poisons and their antidotes (student activity).
- Collection of bird feathers and submission of report on Plumology
- Taxidermic preparation of dead birds for Zoology Museum
- Map pointing of prototherian and metatherian mammals
- Chart preparation for dentition in mammals

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- J.Z. Young, 2006. The life of vertebrates. (The Oxford University Press, New Delhi). 646 pages.
- Arumugam, N. Chordate Zoology, Vol. 2. Saras Publication. 278 pages. 200 figs.
- A.J. Marshall, 1995. Textbook of zoology, Vertebrates. (The McMillan Press Ltd., UK). 852 pages. (Revised edition of Parker & Haswell, 1961).
- M. Ekambaranatha Ayyar, 1973. A manual of zoology. Part II. (S. Viswanathan Pvt. Ltd., Madras).
- P.S. Dhami & J.K. Dhami, 1981. Chordate zoology. (R. Chand & Co.). 550 pages.
- Gurdarshan Singh & H. Bhaskar, 2002. Advanced Chordate Zoology. Campus Books, 6 Vols., 1573 pp., tables, figs.
- A.K. Sinha, S. Adhikari & B.B. Ganguly, 1978. Biology of animals. Vol. II. Chordates. (New Central Book Agency, Calcutta). 560 pages.
- R.L. Kotpal, 2022. Modern textbook of zoology, Vertebrates. (Rastogi Publ., Meerut). 632 pages.
- E.L. Jordan & P.S. Verma, 1998. Chordate zoology. (S. Chand & Co.). 1092 pages.
- G.S. Sandhu, 2005. Objective Chordate Zoology. Campus Books, vii, 169 pp.
- Sandhu, G.S. & H. Bhaskar, H. 2004. Textbook of Chordate Zoology. Campus Books, 2 vols., xx, 964 p., figs.
- Veena, 2008. Lower Chordata. (Sonali Publ.), 374 p., tables, 117 figs.

SEMESTER-IV

COURSE 2: ANIMAL DIVERSITY-II BIOLOGY OF CHORDATES

Practical

Credits: 1

2 hrs/week

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- To understand the importance of preservation of museum specimens
- To identify animals based on special identifying characters
- To understand different organ systems through demo or virtual dissections
- To maintain a neat, labeled record of identified museum specimens

SYLLABUS:

1. Protochordata: *Herdmania*, *Amphioxus*, *Amphioxus* T.S through pharynx.
2. Cyclostomes: *Petromyzon* and *Myxine*.
3. Pisces: *Pristis*, *Torpedo*, *Hippocampus*, *Exocoetus*, *Echeneis*, *Labeo*, *Catla*, *Clarius*, *Channa*, *Anguilla*.
4. Amphibia: *Ichthyophis*, *Ambystoma*, *Axolotl* larva, *Hyla*,
5. Reptilia: *Draco*, *Chamaeleon*, *Uromastix*, *Testudo*, *Trionyx*, *Russel viper*, *Naja*, *Krait*, *Hydrophis*, *Crocodile*.
6. Aves: *Psittacula*, *Eudynamis*, *Bubo*, *Alcedo*.
7. Mammalia: *Ornithorhynchus*, *Pteropus*, *Funambulus*.
8. **Dissections**-As per UGC guidelines *Scoliodon IX* and *X*, Cranial nerves *Scoliodon* Brain Mounting of fish scales

Note: 1. Dissections are to be demonstrated only by the faculty or virtual.
2. Laboratory Record work shall be submitted at the time of practical examination.

REFERENCE WEB LINKS:

- <https://nt7-mhe-complex-assets.mheducation.com/nt7-mhe-complex-assets/Upload-20190715/InspireScience6-8CA/LS15/index.html>
- <https://themammallab.com/>
- <http://abacus.bates.edu/acad/depts/biobook/LabConCh.htm>
- <https://virtualzoology.wordpress.com/scoliodon/>
- <https://www.zoologyresources.com/uploadfiles/books/dc64b77d8769325515d17c945e461b45.pdf>

4- Year UG Honours MINOR

Syllabus

(2026-27)

Semester- IV

Model Question Paper

Time : 3hrs

Marks:75

Part-A

Answer any Five Questions. Each Question carries 3 Marks.

5x3=15

- 1.
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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