

SRI VENKATESWARA UNIVERSITY - TIRUPATI
PROGRAMME: B.SC. (HONOURS) IN BIO-CHEMISTRY (MINOR)
II-SEMESTER(W.E.F.2023-24)

Course No-I: BIO MOLECULES

Credits 3

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Provides information about classification, physico-chemical properties of amino acids and structural organization of proteins.
2. To understand the structure, properties and biological importance of carbohydrates and lipids.
3. Explore the composition and structure of nucleic acids.

UNIT-I

Fundamentals of Biochemistry: History, scope and avenues of Biochemistry. Water as a biological solvent. Measurement of PH, Buffers, Biological relevance of Buffers. Outlines of surface tension, adsorption and osmosis and their biological relevance.

UNIT-II

Carbohydrates: Classification, monosaccharides, D and L designation, open chain and cyclic structures, epimers and anomers, mutarotation. Reactions of carbohydrates (due to functional groups - hydroxyl, aldehyde and ketone. Amino sugars, Glycosides. Structure and biological importance of disaccharides (sucrose, lactose, maltose, isomaltose, trehalose), trisaccharides (raffinose, melezitose). Structural polysaccharides (cellulose, chitin, pectin) and storage polysaccharides (starch, inulin, glycogen). Glycosaminoglycans.

UNIT - III

Lipids Classification, saturated and unsaturated fatty acids, structure and properties of fats and oils (acid, saponification and iodine values, rancidity). General properties and structures of phospholipids. Prostaglandins- structure, types and biological role. Lipoproteins- types and functions.

UNIT-IV

Amino Acids and Proteins Classification, structure, stereochemistry, chemical reactions of amino acids due to carbonyl and amino groups. 2. Titration curve of glycine and pK values. Essential and nonessential amino acids, non-protein amino acids. 3. Peptide bond - nature and conformation. Naturally occurring peptides - glutathione, enkephalin. 4.

Proteins: Classification based on solubility, shape, and function. Determination of amino acid composition of proteins. 5. General properties of proteins, denaturation, and renaturation of proteins. 6. Structural organization of proteins- primary, secondary, tertiary, and quaternary structures (Eg. Hemoglobin and Myoglobin).

UNIT-V

Nucleic acids and porphyrins, Types of RNA and DNA. Structure of purines and pyrimidines, nucleosides, nucleotides. Stability and formation of phosphodiester linkages. 2. Effect of acids, alkali and nucleases on DNA and RNA. 3. Structure of Nucleic acids- Watson-Crick DNA double helix structure, denaturation and renaturation of nucleic acids, T_m -values and their significance, cot curves and their significance. 4. Structure and properties of porphyrins: Heme, cytochromes and chlorophylls.

COURSE OUTCOMES

After successful completion of the practical course student should be able to

1. prepare buffers and apply the knowledge to calculate the pH values of charged biomolecules.
2. Identify various carbohydrates, aminoacids and lipids present in the nature by performing qualitative analysis.

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II SEMESTER
PRACTICE COURSE

Course No-3 BIO MOLECULES

Credits -1

1. Preparation of buffers (acidic, neutral, and alkaline) and determination of pH.
2. Qualitative identification of carbohydrates- glucose, fructose, ribose/xylose, maltose, sucrose, lactose, starch/glycogen.
3. Qualitative identification of amino acids- histidine, tyrosine, tryptophan, cysteine, arginine.
4. Qualitative identification of lipids- solubility, saponification, acrolein test, Salkowski test, Lieberman-Burchard test.
5. Osazones Preparation and identification
6. Estimation of proteins in biological samples:
 - a. Biuret method.
 - b. Folin-Lowry method.
 - c. UV method.
 - d. Bradford's dye binding method
7. Estimation of amino acid by Ninhydrin method.
8. Estimation of tyrosine by Millon's -reaction

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

1. Fundamentals of Biochemistry –Jain, J.L., Jain, S., Jain, N. S. Chand & Co.
2. Biochemistry – Satyanarayana. U and Chakrapani. U, Books & Allied Pvt. Lt
3. Nelson.D.L. and Cox.M..M -Lehninger's Principles of Biochemistry- Freeman & Co.- 7 th Edition