GUJARAT UNIVERSITY

Ahmedabad



B. Sc. - BOTANY Semester – I (Theory and Practical) BASED ON NEP 2020 GUIDELINES

Effective from June - 2023

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Core course (CC)	Botany Theory	Botany Practical
	BOT	BOT
Paper No.	DSC - C - 111 T	DSC - C – 112 P
•	•	(Part A / Session-I + Part B / Session-II)
Credit	04 credit	4 credit
Teaching hours / week	04 hours	08hours
•	•	(Part A -04 hours + Part B -04 hours)
Examination marks	100 marks	100 marks
(External + Internal)		(Part A -50 marks + Part B -50 marks
Semester end External	50 marks	50 marks
Examination Marks		(Part_A - 25 marks + Part B - 25 marks)
Internal Exam. Marks.	50 marks	50 marks
	(Written Test,	(Part A -25 marks + Part B -25 marks)
	Assignment,	
-	Seminar / Quiz ,	
	Attendance)	
Semester end External	04 hours	08 hours
Examination Duration	•	Part A- 04.00 hours + Part B -04.00 hours

• Detailed Curriculum has been designed as per UGC NEP 2020 guidelines and KCG framework system.

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- In Sem I and Sem II, there shall be one theory paper having four units each and one practical paper also having 4 credits each.
- For full exposure to plant science, students must be taken on a Botanical excursion / Field Trip or visit to a Research /Academic Institute of relevance
- Science / Space exhibition, Participation in science based seminars to enhance the study experience is advised.
- Students must record the laboratory work done in a journal. The journal is to be certified by the Teacher in-charge and Head of the department.
- Duly certified journals have to be produced while appearing at the time of university exam.
- Project work should be in tune with the syllabus and the presentation will carry due weight-age



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Name: INTRODUCTORY BOTANY

Course code: DSC-C-BOT 111 T (Theory)

Credits: 04 Teaching Hours: 04 hours / Week Total Marks : 100 (External 50 + Internal 50) Marks

Learning Objectives:

- To understand the fundamental concepts of botany and basic knowledge of plant science.
- To study the ecosystem its components and various energy equations, ecological pyramids.
- To understand soil complex, its components, its need for plants, formation of soil and soil conservation.
- To study the lower groups of plants like algae as well as fungi and lichens
- To know the concepts of hybridization and shape of the molecules.
- To understand the fundamental concepts of genetics and heredity.
- To teach practical aspects involved in botany like, microscopy, chart making, soil analysis, genetical problems
- To make the student aware of the wide scope of Botany as a core subject.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, the students will be able to:

- Know about Plants in various ecosystems and purpose of studying ecosystems as well as ecosystem dynamics
- Understand basic soil science and be able to perform soil analysis vis a vis soil texture, pH, electrical conductivity, etc.
- Understand the distinguishing features and life cycles of some typical algae and fungi.
- Be able to solve genetics problems based on Mendelian genetics.



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UNIT - A1 : Ecology (15 hours)

- 1. Introduction, Scope and Branches of Ecology
- 2. Ecosystems : Kinds of Ecosystems: Natural, Artificial Ecological Pyramids, Productivity of an Ecosystem, Energy flow in an Ecosystem, Biogeochemical Cycles- Nitrogen, Sulphur Components of Freshwater Ecosystem (Pond) Components of Terrestrial Ecosystem (Grassland)
- Biotic Factors : Symbiosis: Mutualism, Proto-cooperation, Commensalism Antagonism: Predation, Parasitism, Antibiosis, Competition, Saprophytism
- 4. Sustainable Biodiversity, IUCN Categories of threat and list of endangered plant species, Importance of Biodiversity

UNIT - A2 : Soil Science. (15 hours)

- Edaphic factor: Importance of soil, Effect of soil on plants
- Composition of soil, origin and development of soil, soil profile
- Soil composition, Soil texture
- soil water, water holding capacity
- Soil-air, soil organisms
- Electrical conductivity of soils
- soil erosion
- soil conservation

UNIT -B1 : Cryptogams

- To acquaint students with lower group of plants (Cryptogams).
- General account: Habit and habitat of Algae, Fungi.
- Life history of the following genera including morphology and reproduction excluding development: (Classification as per G. M. Smith)
 1. Spirogyra
 2. Nostoc
- Economic importance of Algae.
- Life history of the following genera including morphology and reproduction, excluding development (Classification according to Ainsworth)



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- Mushroom Cultivation Importance
- Economic importance of fungi.
- Study of Lichens and their types

UNIT - B2 : Genetics .

To acquaint students with fundamentals of Heredity and Variation.

- Pea plant as the original plant material for heredity studies Mendelian genetics:
- Monohybrid ratio, Dihybrid ratio.
- Mendelian laws of heredity
- Problems related to Mendelian laws
- Introduction to Gene interactions:
- Allelic interactions- definition, complete and incomplete dominance, co-dominance Pleiotropism, penetrance, expressivity
- Cytoplasmic inheritance : Definition and Example of Mirabilis

Suggested Reading:

- (i) A Textbook of Botany vol. I and II S.N. Pandey, P. S. Trivedi and S. P. Misra., Vikas Publication House Pvt. Ltd.
- (ii) Collage Botany Vol. I & II Das, Dutta, Gangulee and Kar., New Central Book Agency
- (iii) Algae ,Fungi, Bryophyte, Pteridophyte by Vasishta., S. Chand Pub, New Delhi
- (iv) Smith, G. M. 1972. *Cryptogamic Botany*. Vol. 1 & 2. Tata McGraw Hill Publishing Co. Ltd. New Delhi.
- (v) Webster, J.1985. *Introduction to Fungi*. Cambridge University Press.
- (vi) Lewin, B.2000. Genes VIII. Oxford University Press, New York.
- (vii) Kleinsmith, L.J. and Kish, V.M.1995. *Principles of cell and Molecular Biology (*2nd Ed.). Harper Collins College Publishers, New York, USA.
- (viii) Cytogenetics by S. Sundara Rajan., First edition, Anmol Publications, New Delhi
- (ix) Plants and Environment by Daubenmire (Wiley-Eastern Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi)
- (x) Ecology and Environment by P.D.Sharma Rastogee Publication
- (xi) Fundamentals of Ecology- P. Odum
- (xii) Indian Manual of Plant Ecology R .Misra & G. S. Puri
- (xiii) Strickberger, M.W. 2008. Genetics. PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi.
- (xiv) Arumugon, N. Cell Biology, Genetics, Evolution. Saras Publication, Kanyakumari.



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Course code: DSC-C-BOT 112 P (Practical) (Based on BOT 111T)

Credits: 04 Teaching Hours: 08 hours / Week Total Marks : 100 (External 50 + Internal 50) Marks

Objective:

- To perform practical to understand the theory taught.
- To understand laboratory techniques.

Learning Outcome: After doing the practical, the student will be able to:

- 1. Understand lab work for Botany as a core/minor/interdisciplinary subject
- 2. Understand microscopy and know about care and maintenance of microscopes
- 3. Maintain practical journal with diagrams, charts and tables
- 4. Understand, in practical, theory aspects taught.

List of Practicals

(4 hours per practical)

- 1. Study of Microscopy
- 2. Study of Chart of Ecosystem classification
- 3. Study of artificial ecosystem by Terrarium chart/model
- 4. To study components of pond ecosystem
- 5. To study components of grassland ecosystem
- 6. Study of Biotic factors-I
- 7. Study of Biotic factors-II
- 8. Study of Ecological Instruments- Soil thermometer, Sling psychrometer, Anemometer
- 9. Study of Soil Profile- Chart/model
- 10. Study of Soil texture, Types of soil
- 11. Electrical conductivity of soil
- 12. Study of soil Water holding capacity



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- 13. Study of Soil pH
- 14. Rapid test for soil CO₂, NO₃
- 15. Internal Test
- 16. Chart of Algae-Classification by Smith
- 17. Study of Spirogyra
- 18. Study of Nostoc
- 19. Chart of Fungi classification-Ainsworth
- 20. Study of Mucor
- 21. Study of Mushroom
- 22. Demonstration of Mushroom Cultivation
- 23. Study of Lichens and types by chart/specimen/slides
- 24. Study of 7 Mendelian characters in Pea plant -chart/specimen
- 25. Chart of Mendelian Genetics
- 26. Mendelian Genetics Examples-I
- 27. Examples-II
- 28. Chart of cytological inheritance-Mirabilis
- 29. Project preparation
- 30. Internal Test

Suggested Reading:

- 1. Practical Botany vol. I & II By Bendre and Kumar, Rastogi Publication.
- 2. Practical Botany by S. C. Santra, Chettarjee and Das, New Central Book Agency.
- 3. Experimental Plant Ecology by Pratim Kapur and Sudha Rani, CBS Publication.

Suggested Assessment methods:

Test, Quiz, Presentation, Group Discussion, Abstract writing, Assignment, Project making, Chart making, etc.