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THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

FOUR YEAR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME SYLLABUS

UoK - FYUGP

(2024 Admission Onwards)



Faculty: : **Science**
BoS: : **Botany**
Subject: : **Botany**

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Preface

Kerala is currently at a pivotal moment in its journey towards becoming a knowledge-based society. A progressive higher education curriculum is deemed essential to achieve this transformation, coinciding with a significant national qualification framework, resulting in a four-year undergraduate program. In this context, the Government of Kerala has taken steps to reform higher education by establishing three commissions. The first commission proposes policy changes related to higher education's structure, content, and institutional practices. The second commission suggests changes in the legal and regulatory mechanisms governing higher education institutions, while the third commission reviews the current evaluation and examination systems in higher education.

Considering the above said commission reports, the Department of Higher Education, Government of Kerala decided to introduce the four-year undergraduate programme in the state of Kerala from the academic year 2024 -25. The introduction of the four-year degree program (FYUGP) represents a significant paradigm shift in Higher Education within Kerala. In response, the University of Kerala has undertaken a comprehensive process of curriculum design, ensuring alignment with guidelines established by the Department of Higher Education, Government of Kerala.

Botany is a fascinating subject that reveals the secret of nature. By the study of the fundamental details of plants, students can understand the growth and development, reproduction, life cycle, and medicinal and economic importance of food resources. This course being an important component of Life Sciences offers immense opportunities in other related fields and applied disciplines such as Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Cell and Molecular Biology, Bioinformatics, Host plant interaction, Environmental Science and Management, and many others. Recent advances in Botany, functional aspects of various processes of plants, molecular genetics, and modern tools i.e. tissue culture, genetic engineering, and computational studies are required to be introduced at the undergraduate level. One of the most popular and much-needed areas of study is climatic change.

The knowledge of plant science can be used to solve environmental challenges. While studying Botany the students learn all these aspects of plants including its applications. Besides, the students will have greater opportunities open to them in higher studies and research along with better job prospects. The primary objective of this curriculum is to equip students with a deep understanding of various branches of plant science. This syllabus is formulated in such a way that it will provide them with the knowledge and skills essential for navigating the

complexities of the plant world. This syllabus will help students to explore the complex web of plant life.

The process of restructuring the existing curriculum, in line with the FYUGP regulations, commenced with a five-day workshop on UoK -FYUGP organized by the UG Board of Studies (BoS) in Botany from 19th to 23th February 2024 at University College, Thiruvananthapuram with faculty representatives from various Botany departments of the university participated wholeheartedly. This workshop laid the foundation for subsequent discussions and collaborations. A three-day meeting to finalize the syllabus took place from 1st to 2nd and 9th April 2024 at the University College, Thiruvananthapuram. A panel of experts including both external and internal prominent and proficient faculties, conducted a vetting and scrutiny process on 16th to 18th April 2024 for the finalization of the curriculum and syllabi proposal.

The successful structuring of FYUGP in Botany is a testament to the dedicated and wholehearted efforts, support, and involvement of all members of the Board of Studies, the expert committee, and participants of the workshop. The workshop, organized for reforming the syllabus, witnessed active participation from the Botany fraternity across affiliated colleges, contributing significantly to this colossal task. On behalf of the UG BoS, Botany, I express sincere gratitude to all participants for their wholehearted efforts, which have elevated the syllabus to international standards. I wish to extend my special gratitude to respected Head of the Department of Botany, University College and Hon. Member, Academic Council, UoK for their continuous support and advice throughout the process of this syllabus revision.

In conclusion, we eagerly look forward to guiding students through the diverse and enriching landscapes of Botany. May this syllabus serve as the gateway to a transformative and fulfilling experience, laying the foundation for a lifelong pursuit of knowledge and a meaningful contribution to the world of science.



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Graduate Attributes

Graduate attributes bridge the gap between academia and the real world, fostering lifelong learning and meaningful contributions. They denote the skills, competencies and high-level qualities that a student should acquire during their university education. Apart from gathering content knowledge, these attributes go beyond the assimilation of information to its application in various contexts throughout a graduate's life. It aims in inculcating the art of critical thinking, problem solving, professionalism, leadership readiness, teamwork, communication skills and intellectual breadth of knowledge. The University of Kerala envisages to pave the path in guiding the student's journey to shape these attributes uniquely, making them integral to personal growth and success in various spheres of life. The University strives to ensure that these graduate attributes are not just checkboxes, but they play a pivotal role in shaping the students into capable, compassionate and responsible individuals with a high degree of social responsibility.

Programme Outcomes (PO)

No.	Programme Outcomes (POs)
PO-1	Critical thinking <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ analyze information objectively and make a reasoned judgment➤ draw reasonable conclusions from a set of information, and discriminate between useful and less useful details to solve problems or make decisions➤ identify logical flaws in the arguments of others➤ evaluate data, facts, observable phenomena, and research findings to draw valid and relevant results that are domain-specific
PO-2	Complex problem-solving <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ solve different kinds of problems in familiar and no-familiar contexts and apply the learning to real-life situations➤ analyze a problem, generate and implement a solution and to assess the success of the plan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ understand how the solution will affect both the people involved and the surrounding environment
PO-3	<p>Creativity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ produce or develop original work, theories and techniques ➤ think in multiple ways for making connections between seemingly unrelated concepts or phenomena ➤ add a unique perspective or improve existing ideas or solutions ➤ generate, develop and express original ideas that are useful or have values
PO-4	<p>Communication skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ convey or share ideas or feelings effectively ➤ use words in delivering the intended message with utmost clarity ➤ engage the audience effectively ➤ be a good listener who are able to understand, respond and empathize with the speaker ➤ confidently share views and express himself/herself
PO-5	<p>Leadership qualities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ work effectively and lead respectfully with diverse teams ➤ build a team working towards a common goal ➤ motivate a group of people and make them achieve the best possible solution. ➤ help and support others in their difficult times to tide over the adverse situations with courage
PO-6	<p>Learning ‘how to learn’ skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ acquire new knowledge and skills, including ‘learning how to learn skills, that are necessary for pursuing learning activities throughout life, through self-paced and self-directed learning ➤ work independently, identify appropriate resources required for further learning ➤ acquire organizational skills and time management to set self-defined goals and targets with timelines ➤ inculcate a healthy attitude to be a lifelong learner
PO-7	<p>Digital and technological skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ use ICT in a variety of learning and work situations, access, evaluate, and use a variety of relevant information sources ➤ use appropriate software for analysis of data ➤ understand the pitfalls in the digital world and keep safe from them
PO-8	Value inculcation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ embrace and practice constitutional, humanistic, ethical, and moral values in life including universal human values of truth, righteous conduct, peace, love, nonviolence, scientific temper, citizenship values ➤ formulate a position/argument about an ethical issue from multiple perspectives ➤ identify ethical issues related to work, and follow ethical practices, including avoiding unethical behaviour such as fabrication, falsification or misrepresentation of data, or committing plagiarism, and adhering to intellectual property rights ➤ adopt an objective, unbiased, and truthful actions in all aspects of work
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Programme Specific Outcomes (PSO)

No.	Upon completion of the programme the graduate will be able to	PO No.
PSO-1	The curriculum creates an all-around conceptual awareness in the students about the overall diversity of plants, structure, genetics, reproduction, functioning, ecology, and economic importance of various plant groups.	1, 6
PSO-2	Students will be able to understand the diversity of plants from lower to higher groups with details in structure, function, reproduction, and life cycle of selected groups and generate enthusiasm and inquisitiveness to learn more about the plant world.	1, 2
PSO-3	Students will understand the concepts of Morphology, Taxonomy, Anatomy, Ecology, physiology, metabolism, Chemistry of molecules, Cellular Biology, Genetics and Molecular Biology. They will also get concepts in advanced areas of plant science like Plant Biotechnology, Molecular level Plant Pathogen interaction, and Developmental Botany.	2, 6
PSO-4	Students will get exposed to the opportunities and the nitty-gritty of professionally oriented applied branches like Landscaping, Gardening, Floriculture, Organic farming, Biofertilizers, Herbal technology, Mushroom cultivation, Ecotourism, Forensic Botany, and can become future entrepreneurs.	3, 6, 7
PSO-5	Students will be familiar with the use of various analytical techniques and tools in plant biology for both basic and applied	6, 7

	research and also understand the intellectual and ethical issues of biological discoveries.	
PSO-6	Students will be able to understand the contribution of plant kingdom to human existence and develop skills for their documentation, conservation and sustainable development in the face of climate change.	6, 7, 8
PSO-7	Project work and research activities taken up by the students will necessitate the students to apply the various concepts they have generated from various fields of biology through critical thinking and develop problem solving abilities and creativity for new knowledge creation.	3, 6, 7
PSO-8	Acquiring hands-on training in various fields will develop practical skills, handling equipment and laboratory use along with collection, analysis, and interpretation of biological data.	4, 5, 6
PSO-9	Laboratory work and field studies help the students in development of teamwork and leadership qualities. Also through experiential learning in the field work, they will understand one of the methods of 'how to learn' skills.	5, 6, 7
PSO-10	Assignments and presentations that the student has to take up, and develop communication skills and ICT skills among them. Also, the activities covered in courses of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics give experiential learning of software and tools employed in these areas of biology.	7
PSO-11	The flexibility the curriculum offers, enables the teachers to give the students activities on inquiry based learning that prompt students to ask questions, investigate, and draw conclusions on their own. This promotes curiosity, self-directed learning, and a deeper understanding of scientific principles. Also, platforms given by teachers for debates and discussion on controversial scientific topics help students develop argumentation skills, learn to support their claims with evidence, and consider different viewpoints	5, 6, 8

Note: More than one PO can correspond to a specific PSO

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02	UK1DSCBOT102	Introductory Botany	3	1	22	
03	UK1DSCBOT103	Fundamentals and Scope of Botany	3	1	26	
04	UK1DSCBOT104	Plants in Daily Life	3	1	30	
05	UK1DSCBOT105	Morphology of Flowering Plants	3	1	34	
2nd Semester						
01	UK2DSCBOT101	Plant World II	3	1	37	
02	UK2DSCBOT102	Anatomy of Flowering Plants	3	1	42	
03	UK2DSCBOT103	Reproductive Botany and Microtechnique	3	1	46	
04	UK2DSCBOT104	Phycology, Mycology and Plant Pathology	3	1	49	
05	UK2DSCBOT105	Biomolecules	3	1	53	
3rd Semester						
01	UK3DSCBOT201	Histology and Reproductive Botany	3	1	57	
02	UK3DSCBOT202	Floral Morphology, Systematic Botany and Ethnobotany	3	1	62	
03	UK3DSCBOT203	Bryophytes, Pteridophytes and Gymnosperms	3	1	66	
04	UK3DSCBOT204	Environmental Sciences	3	1	69	
05	UK3DSCBOT205	Biophysics and Biostatistics	3	1	73	
4th Semester						
01	UK4DSCBOT201	Lower Cryptogams, Phytopathology and Microbiology	3	1	77	
02	UK4DSCBOT202	Archegoniates and Paleobotany	3	1	81	
5th Semester						
01	UK5DSCBOT301	Angiosperm Morphology and Plant Systematics	3	1	84	
02	UK5DSCBOT302	Plant Genetics	4	0	88	
03	UK5DSCBOT303	Cell biology and Evolutionary Biology	4	0	92	
6th Semester						
01	UK6DSCBOT301	Plant Physiology	3	1	96	
02	UK6DSCBOT302	Environmental Science and Conservation Biology	4	0	100	
03	UK6DSCBOT303	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	4	0	105	
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01	UK7DSCBOT401	Methodology in Biological Research	3	1	109	
02	UK7DSCBOT402	Plant Interaction and Defense Mechanism	3	1	113	
03	UK7DSCBOT301	Genetic Engineering	For Minor	3	1	117
04	UK7DSCBOT302	Plant Metabolic Processes		3	1	121
05	UK7DSCBOT303	Hereditary Science.		3	1	125
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02	UK8DSCBOT402	Applied Aspects of Archegoniates	3	1	137	

03	UK8DSCBOT403	Bioinformatics	3	1	141
04	UK8DSCBOT404	Developmental Botany	3	1	145
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01	UK3DSEBOT201	Ethnobotany & IPR	4	0	149
02	UK3DSEBOT202	Forestry	4	0	153
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01	UK4DSEBOT201	Herbal Technology	3	1	157
02	UK4DSEBOT202	Food Science and Quality control	3	1	161
5th Semester					
01	UK5DSEBOT301	Analytical Techniques in Plant Science	3	1	165
02	UK5DSEBOT302	Horticulture and Nursery Management	3	1	168
03	UK5DSEBOT303	Green Technology for Sustainable Development.	4	0	172
04	UK5DSEBOT304	Plant Biotechnology	4	0	176
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01	UK6DSEBOT301	Plant Propagation and Crop Improvement	3	1	180
02	UK6DSEBOT302	Phytochemistry and Drug Discovery	3	1	184
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04	UK6DSEBOT304	Climate Change and Disaster Management	4	0	191
7th Semester					
01	UK7DSEBOT401	Plant Metabolism	3	1	194
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02	UK1MDCBOT102	Floriculture	3	0	211
03	UK1MDCBOT103	Botany in Forensic Science	2	1	214
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01	UK2MDCBOT101	Plants and Human Welfare.	2	1	218
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01	UK3VACBOT201	Green initiatives for Sustainability	3	0	230
02	UK3VACBOT202	Bioethics and IPR	3	0	234
4th Semester					
01	UK4VACBOT201	Entrepreneurship in Plant Science	3	0	237
02	UK4VACBOT202	Biodegradable Waste Management.	3	0	241
03	UK4VACBOT203	Phytonutraceuticals	3	0	244
04	UK4VACBOT204	Disaster Management	3	0	247
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4th Semester					
01	UK4SECBOT201	Mushroom Cultivation	2	1	250
02	UK4SECBOT202	Organic Agriculture Practices	2	1	254

03	UK4SECBOT203	Basics of Plant Tissue Culture	2	1	257
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01	UK5SECBOT301	Vegetable Gardening	3	0	260
02	UK5SECBOT302	Biofertilizers and Biopesticides	3	0	263
03	UK5SECBOT303	Urban Gardening and Landscaping	3	0	266
6th Semester					
01	UK6SECBOT301	Herbal Cosmetics	3	0	269
02	UK6SECBOT302	Indoor Gardening and Terrarium Techniques	3	0	272
03	UK6SECBOT303	Hydroponics and Aquaponics	3	0	275

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01	UK8RPHBOT401	Research Project	Any One	12	
02	UK8CIPBOT401	Capstone Internship Project		12	
03	UK4INTBOT201	Summer Internship	02		

List of Compulsory DSC Courses

Sl. No.	Course Code	Course Title	Semester	Credits	
				T	P
01	UK1DSCBOT101	Plant World I	I	3	1
02	UK2DSCBOT102	Plant World II	II	3	1
03	UK3DSCBOT201	Histology and Reproductive Botany	III	3	1
04	UK4DSCBOT201	Lower Cryptogams, Phytopathology and Microbiology	IV	3	1
05	UK4DSCBOT202	Archegoniates and Paleobotany	IV	3	1
06	UK5DSCBOT301	Angiosperm Morphology and Plant Systematics	V	3	1
07	UK5DSCBOT302	Plant Genetics	V	4	0
08	UK5DSCBOT303	Cell biology and Evolutionary Biology	V	4	0
09	UK6DSCBOT301	Plant Physiology	VI	3	1
10	UK6DSCBOT302	Environmental Science and Conservation Biology	VI	4	0
11	UK6DSCBOT303	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	VI	4	0

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Semester 1

Sl. No	Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	Credit		Hours/Week		Total Hours
				T	P	T	P	
01	UK1DSCBOT101	Plant World I	DSC	3	1	3	2	75
02	UK1DSCBOT102	Introductory Botany	DSC	3	1	3	2	75
03	UK1DSCBOT103	Fundamentals and Scope of Botany	DSC	3	1	3	2	75
04	UK1DSCBOT104	Plants in Daily Life	DSC	3	1	3	2	75
05	UK1DSCBOT105	Morphology of Flowering Plants	DSC	3	1	3	2	75
06	UK1MDCBOT101	Landscaping and Gardening	Any One	MDC	3	0	0	45
07	UK1MDCBOT102	Floriculture		MDC	3	0	0	45
08	UK1MDCBOT103	Botany in Forensic Science		MDC	2	1	2	2

Semester 2

Sl. No	Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	Credit		Hours/Week		Total Hours	
				T	P	T	P		
01	UK2DSCBOT101	Plant World II	DSC	3	1	3	2	75	
02	UK2DSCBOT102	Anatomy of Flowering Plants	DSC	3	1	3	2	75	
03	UK2DSCBOT103	Reproductive Botany and Microtechnique	DSC	3	1	3	2	75	
04	UK2DSCBOT104	Phycology, Mycology and Plant Pathology	DSC	3	1	3	2	75	
05	UK2DSCBOT105	Biomolecules	DSC	3	1	3	2	75	
06	UK2MDCBOT101	Plants and Human Welfare.	Any One	MDC	2	1	2	60	
07	UK2MDCBOT102	Ecotourism		MDC	3	0	3	0	45
08	UK2MDCBOT103	Organic Farming		MDC	3	0	3	0	45

Semester 3

Sl. No	Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	Credit		Hours/Week		Total Hours	
				T	P	T	P		
01	UK3DSCBOT201	Histology and Reproductive Botany	DSC	3	1	3	2	75	
02	UK3DSCBOT202	Floral Morphology, Systematic Botany and Ethnobotany	DSC	3	1	3	2	75	
03	UK3DSCBOT203	Bryophytes, Pteridophytes and Gymnosperms	DSC	3	1	3	2	75	
04	UK3DSCBOT204	Environmental Sciences	DSC	3	1	3	2	75	
05	UK3DSCBOT205	Biophysics and Biostatistics	DSC	3	1	3	2	75	
06	UK3DSEBOT201	Ethnobotany and IPR	Any One	DSE	4	0	4	0	60
07	UK3DSEBOT202	Forestry		DSE	4	0	4	0	60
08	UK3VACBOT201	Green initiatives for Sustainability	Any One	VAC	3	0	3	0	45
09	UK3VACBOT202	Bioethics and IPR		VAC	3	0	3	0	45

Semester 4

Sl. No	Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	Credit		Hours/Week		Total Hours	
				T	P	T	P		
01	UK4DSCBOT201	Lower Cryptogams, Phytopathology and Microbiology	DSC	3	1	3	2	75	
02	UK4DSCBOT202	Archegoniates and Paleobotany	DSC	3	1	3	2	75	
03	UK4DSEBOT201	Herbal Technology	Any One	DSE	3	1	3	2	75
04	UK4DSEBOT202	Food Science and Quality Control		DSE	3	1	3	2	75
05	UK4VACBOT201	Entrepreneurship in Plant Science	Any Two	VAC	3	0	3	0	45
06	UK4VACBOT202	Biodegradable Waste Management.		VAC	3	0	3	0	45
07	UK4VACBOT203	Phytonutraceuticals		VAC	3	0	3	0	45
08	UK4VACBOT204	Disaster Management		VAC	3	0	3	0	45
09	UK4SECBOT201	Mushroom Cultivation	Any One	SEC	2	1	2	2	60
10	UK4SECBOT202	Organic Agriculture Practices		SEC	2	1	2	2	60
11	UK4SECBOT203	Basics of Plant Tissue Culture		SEC	2	1	2	2	60

Semester 5

Sl. No	Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	Credit		Hours/Week		Total Hours	
				T	P	T	P		
01	UK5DSCBOT301	Angiosperm Morphology and Plant Systematics	DSC	3	1	3	2	75	
02	UK5DSCBOT302	Plant Genetics	DSC	4	0	4	0	60	
03	UK5DSCBOT303	Cell Biology and Evolutionary Biology	DSC	4	0	4	0	60	
04	UK5DSEBOT301	Analytical Techniques in Plant Science	Any Two	DSE	3	1	3	2	75
05	UK5DSEBOT302	Horticulture and Nursery Management		DSE	3	1	3	2	75
06	UK5DSEBOT303	Green Technology for Sustainable Development.		DSE	4	0	4	0	60
07	UK5DSEBOT304	Plant Biotechnology		DSE	4	0	4	0	60
08	UK5SECBOT301	Vegetable Gardening	Any One	SEC	3	0	3	0	45
09	UK5SECBOT302	Biofertilizers and Biopesticides		SEC	3	0	3	0	45
10	UK5SECBOT303	Urban Gardening and Landscaping		SEC	3	0	3	0	45

Semester 6

Sl. No	Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	Credit		Hours/Week		Total Hours	
				T	P	T	P		
01	UK6DSCBOT301	Plant Physiology	DSC	3	1	3	2	75	
02	UK6DSCBOT302	Environmental Science and Conservation Biology	DSC	4	0	4	0	60	
03	UK6DSCBOT303	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	DSC	4	0	4	0	60	
04	UK6DSEBOT301	Plant Propagation and Crop Improvement	Any Two	DSE	3	1	3	2	75
05	UK6DSEBOT302	Phytochemistry and Drug Discovery		DSE	3	1	3	2	75
06	UK6DSEBOT303	Modern Trends in Plant Systematics		DSE	4	0	4	0	60
07	UK6DSEBOT304	Climate Change and Disaster Management		DSE	4	0	4	0	60
08	UK6SECBOT301	Herbal Cosmetics	Any One	SEC	3	0	3	0	45
09	UK6SECBOT302	Indoor Gardening and Terrarium Techniques		SEC	3	0	3	0	45
10	UK6SECBOT303	Hydroponics and Aquaponics		SEC	3	0	3	0	45

Semester 7

Sl. No	Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	Credit		Hours/Week		Total Hours
				T	P	T	P	
01	UK7DSCBOT401	Methodology in Biological Research	DSC	3	1	3	2	75
02	UK7DSCBOT402	Plant Interaction and Defense Mechanism	DSC	3	1	3	2	75
03	UK7DSCBOT301	Genetic Engineering	DSC	3	1	3	2	75
04	UK7DSCBOT302	Plant Metabolic Processes						
05	UK7DSCBOT303	Hereditary Science.						
06	UK7DSCBOT304	Biodiversity and Conservation						
07	UK7DSEBOT401	Plant Metabolism	DSE	3	1	3	2	75
08	UK7DSEBOT402	Industrial Tissue Culture						
09	UK7DSEBOT403	Aquatic Botany						

Semester 8

Sl. No	Course Code	Course Title	Course Type	Credit		Hours/Week		Total Hours
				T	P	T	P	
01	UK8DSCBOT401	Applied Aspects of Thallophytes	DSC	3	1	3	2	75
02	UK8DSCBOT402	Applied Aspects of Archegoniates						
03	UK8DSCBOT403	Bioinformatics						
04	UK8DSCBOT404	Developmental Botany						

Discipline Specific Core Courses



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK1DSCBOT101				
Course Title	PLANT WORLD I				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	I				
Academic Level	100 – 199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	Basic understanding of plant biology at the higher secondary level.				
Course Summary	The course gives an all-round awareness of plants, their evolution, and how they respond to the environment. Kick-starting the process of scientific inquiry in students by observation of nature and recording its diversity along with problem solving and reporting of scientific data using digital tools and techniques is also envisaged.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Origin, Diversity & Evolution of Life		02
	1	Are Plants Alive? Circadian movements, Cyclosis, Tropic movements, Sensing the environment (photo, chemo), respiration, photosynthesis, secretion, allelopathy, and reproduction. (Brief account.)	
	2	Where do they survive? Terrestrial biomes, aquatic biomes, tundra biomes.	
II	Diversity of Plants: Prokaryotic world		08
	3	Geological time scale with special reference to plant evolution.	
	4	Viruses, Fungi and Lichens, Bacteria, Archaea and Eukaryotes. General account, Emphasize distinguishing characters.	
	5	Viruses: Virion types: Helical, Icosahedral, Icosahedral with tail, helical encapsulated, Giant Viruses.	
	6	Bacterial Cell Structure: Fundamental differences between Archaea and bacteria, Shape and size, Plasma membranes, Cell wall, Gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria.	
III	Eukaryotic world		15
	7	Algae: Spirogyra, Pinnularia, Nitella Microscopic study of thallus structure.	
	8	Fungi: Yeast, Pleurotus , Microscopic study of thallus morphology.	
	9	Lichens: Concept of Symbiosis, Various forms of Lichens- Crustose, Foliose and Fruticose.	
	10	Bryophyta: Thallus morphology of <i>Riccia, Bryum</i> .	
IV	Recording Plant Life		05

	11	Process of scientific inquiry: Observation of nature, Identifying a problem, Formulating a hypothesis, Experimentation, Data collection, Analysis and Interpretation of results, Compiling and Reporting the results. (Discuss in light of experiments)	
	12	Basics of Macrophotography: Macro photography of Plants, Time-lapse video recording of plant movements, Microphotography and measurement. Basics of Lighting, f-stop, depth of field, bokeh, ISO values, Photographic equipment.	
	13	Outline of report writing: Introduction, Materials, and Methods, Discussion, References.	
	Influence of plants on the environment		
V	14	<p>Specialties of the plant specimens/ecosystems are listed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Conservation successes: <i>Judean date palm</i>, <i>Nymphaea thermarum</i>. Botanical novelties: <i>Victoria amazonica</i>, <i>Welwitschia</i>, <i>Podocarpus wallichianus</i>, <i>Cycas annaikalensis</i>, <i>Wollemia nobilis</i>, <i>Wolffia arriza</i>, <i>Rafflesia arnoldii</i>, <i>Amorphophallus titanum</i>. Alluring assassins: <i>Amanita muscaria</i>, <i>Abrus precatorius</i>, <i>Thevetia nerifolia</i>, <i>Cerbera odollum</i>, <i>Strychnos nux-vomica</i>. Foreign exchange earners: <i>Morels of Kashmir</i>, <i>Crocus sativus</i>, Marayoor Sandalwood, <i>Tectona grandis</i>. Invasive alien: <i>Eichornia crassipes</i>, <i>Mikania micrantha</i>. Metal Prospectors: <i>Equisetum arvensis</i>. Pharma factories: <i>Trichopus zeylanicus</i>, <i>Vinca rosea</i>, <i>Ephedra foliata</i>, <i>Artemesia</i>, <i>Rauwolfia serpentina</i>, <i>Atropa belladonna</i>. Adaptation kings: Myristica swamps, Mangrove vegetation, Insectivorous plants, <i>Cephaleuros</i>, <i>Parmelia</i>, <i>Ficus religiosa var. krishnae</i>, Peat bogs. Early warning systems: Lichens. Kerala's own: Rice cultivation below sea level, Pokkali rice, Sacred Groves, Marayoor jaggery, <i>Cassytha filiformis</i>, Timeless giants: <i>Giant redwoods</i>, <i>Bristlecone pines</i>. 	15

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Familiarisation with simple and compound microscopes, Identifying the various parts, and measurement of microscopic structures using micrometry. Observing algal filaments using a microscope to detect cyclosis movements. Setting up & Demonstrating experiments to show the Evolution of oxygen (Photosynthesis) and CO₂ during respiration. (Discuss given the Process of Scientific Enquiry). Field visits to familiarise diverse environments, and collection of samples. Documentation of collected samples, and preparation of semi-permanent slides of bacteria and algae. 	30

	6. Differentiating gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria using Gram staining (Demonstration only).	
	7. Collection, recording, and preservation of the various plant groups from nearby ecosystems.	
	8. Photographic records of botanical specimens encountered <i>in vivo</i> .	
	9. Generating a report on nearby ecosystems with a photographic record.	

Suggested Readings

1. The Evolution of Plants, K.J Willis & J C Mc Elwain, Oxford University Press, ISBN 0-19-567604-1.
2. Life. The Science of Biology, Twelfth edition.
3. Biology. Kenneth A. Mason & Jonathan B. Losos, ISBN 978-1-260-16961-4, (bound edition).

Resource materials:

1. Macro Photography, The Universe at our Feet, Don Komarcheka, 2021.
2. A Short Guide to Writing about Biology, *Ninth Edition*, Jan A. Pechenik, ISBN 978-0-321-98425-8 (student edition).
3. College Botany, Volume II, 2011, Hirendra Chandra Gangulee, Asok Kumar Kar.

Course Outcomes:

No.	Upon completion of the course, the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand, explain, evaluate, and effectively interpret basic concepts about plant lineages	R,U	PSO-1,2
CO-2	Apply knowledge to analyze and to distinguish among the major plant lineages.	R, U, E	PSO-1,2
CO-3	Understand basic concepts of photography and apply them to create scientifically useful photographic data.	R, E, Ap,	PSO-7
CO-4	Understand basic needs to effectively initiate, execute and report on the scientific process.	U,Ap,C	PSO-8
CO-5	Work and communicate effectively in a group on enquiry-based tasks and in a practical environment.	Ap, C	PSO-8

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Plant World 1

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial: Practical).

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)

1	1	1	U, An	F, C	L,T	
2	2	2	R, U, E	F,C	L,T	
3	3	2	R, U, E	F,C	L,T	
4	4	7,8,9	R,Ap,An	F,P	T	P
5	5	1,2,6	R,U	F	L,T	P

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive.

Mapping of COs with PSOs and POs :

	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3	PSO4	PSO5	PSO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10
CO 1	3	-	-	-	-	-				
CO 2	-	3	-	-	-	-				
CO 3	-	3	-	-	-	-				
CO 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	3	2
CO 5	1	1	-	-	-	-				

Assessment Rubrics:

- Quiz / Assignment/ Discussion / Seminar.
- Midterm Exam.
- Programming Assignments.
- Final Exam.

Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics :

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO 1	✓	✓		✓
CO 2	✓	✓		✓
CO 3	✓	✓		✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓	✓	✓



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Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK1DSCBOT102				
Course Title	INTRODUCTORY BOTANY				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	I				
Academic Level	100-199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	Basic understanding of plant biology at the higher secondary level				
Course Summary	Students can study plants and their biology, including how they grow and adapt to their environment.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	An Introduction to the Science of Botany		07
	1	What is Botany? Characteristics of Plants, Levels of biological organization from atom-Molecules - Macromolecule- Organelle - Cell-Tissue- Tissue Systems – Organ - Organism - Population-Community- Ecosystem- Biosphere (Brief account).	
	2	Characteristic features of plant Kingdom - Eukaryotic cell- the important character of the plant cell (Cellulose -cell wall & plastids)-single to multicellular structure - sexual & asexual reproduction- Autotrophic synthesize food by Photosynthesis; Plant kingdom- Classification- Cryptogamae and Phanerogamae.	
II	Why Study Plants?		08
	3	Plants are the foundation of ecosystem-primary producers - Supplying Food and Energy)- Maintains Climatic Conditions - (production of oxygen-removing the carbon dioxide from the surroundings). Biogeochemical Cycles- Aesthetics for Humans- Natural habitat for most organisms.	
	4	Plants around us- Crops (Wheat, Mango) Poisonous (Cerebera, Datura), Weeds (<i>Ageratum sp.</i> , <i>Alternanthera sp</i>) Carnivorous Plants (Dionaea, Nepenthus), Ornamental plants (Orchids, Rose), Wild ornamental plants (<i>Osbeckia Sp.</i> Memecylon), Invasive plants (<i>Sphagneticola trilobata</i> , <i>Mimosa diplotricha</i>), Mistleto (<i>Loranthus</i>), Parasitic plants (<i>Cuscuta</i>).	
	5	Plants Defense– (against herbivorous and animals)- Structural defense – Barrios-cuticle, wax, bark; Adaptations- thorns, prickles, shrinkage (Mimosa), latex, trichomes, crystalliferous cells, and silica cells.)-Biochemical defense (alkaloids, phenolics, terpenes, and flavonoids) (Brief study)	

III	Plant Morphology		08
	6	Roots- types (Tap root, fibrous and adventitious). Stem - types (aerial and underground). Leaf - parts of the leaf; phyllotaxy, types venation. Inflorescence types – Cymose, Racemose, and Special (Cyathium and Hypanthodium). Flower - (Parts, Symmetries, Aestivation Types). Fruit – Simple (Fleshy, Dry) Aggregate, Multiple (Syconous, Sorosis) with two examples. Seed and its Structure (Brief study only).	
IV	Botanical Skills and Techniques		07
	7	Familiarization with Microscopes (Simple and Compound Microscope), and photomicrography. Plant Collection and Preservation: Dry Preservation – Herbarium). Killing and fixing. Purpose and Importance of FAA. Whole mounts and sections – Hand Sectioning – TS and LS. Staining plant tissues: purpose; stains – Safranin, Crystal violet. <i>Learning Activity: Identify and collect any five flowering plants and Prepare herbarium.</i>	
V	Scope of Botany		15
	9	Importance and Scope: Mushroom cultivation, Agriculture, Horticulture - Garden and Nursery Management, Floriculture- cut flower), Integrated Farming, Micro and macro propagation, Bio-pesticides industry, Dye industry, Perfumery industry, Cloth industry, pharmaceutical industry, Cosmetic industry, and Microgreens.	
	10	Teaching and Research, Technical and field level openings, pharmaceutical sector, Agriculture sector, NGOs, BSI, and Entrepreneurship. <i>Activity: Invited talk by Eminent Botanists to make awareness among students about Career and Entrepreneurial Prospects and Opportunities in Botany.</i>	

Practicals		
	Field Activities (Mandatory)	30
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct a laboratory visit and submit reports with the support of Geo-tagged photographs. 2. Prepare a report and presentation on Botanists who made significant contributions to Plant science. 3. Collection/ photograph of different shoots with respect to phyllotaxy, shapes, types, leaf margins, leaf apex, and leaf venation. 4. Collection/photographs of different types of inflorescences. 5. Collection/photographs of different types of Fruits. 	

Suggested Reading

1. Acquciah, G. (2004). *Horticulture: Principles and Practices (II Edn)*. Prentice Hall. India
2. Brown, W.(2021). *The Forgotten Botanist: Sara Plummer Lemmon's Life of Science and Art*. Bison Books. ISBN: 9781496222817 (ISBN10: 1496222814)
3. Davis, P. H., & Heywood, V. H.(1963). *Principles of Angiosperm Taxonomy*. Oliver &

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course, the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand the Level of biological organization of communities and ecosystems and acquire the knowledge of characteristic features of the plant kingdom.	U	PSO-1,2
CO-2	Understand the relevance of the plants in the ecosystem, will develop the ability to identify the diversity of plants around us and the defense mechanism in plants.	R, U	PSO-1,2
CO-3	Understand the morphological features of plants	R, U	PSO-1
CO-4	Develop basic skills required to study Botany in detail and gain a foundational understanding of the basic instruments and techniques used in Botanical studies.	U, Ap	PSO-1, 4

CO-5	The learner will develop evolving abilities and opportunities in diverse themes in botany and gain insights into the potential of personal prosperity and career opportunities in plant science.	U, Cr	PSO-4, 6
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R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Introductory Botany

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture: Tutorial: Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/ PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1,2	R, U	F,C	LT	
2	2	1,2	R, U	F, C	LT	
3	3	1	R, U	F, C	L,T	
4	4	1,4	U, Ap	C, P	P	P
5	5	1,6	U, Cr	P,M	L,T	P

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

Assessment Rubrics:

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Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics :

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CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓	✓	✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK1DSCBOT103				
Course Title	FUNDAMENTALS AND SCOPE OF BOTANY				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	I				
Academic Level	100-199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	Basic understanding of plant biology at the higher secondary level.				
Course Summary	Students can study plants and their biology, including how they grow and adapt to their environment. The history of Botany and also different branches within botany focus on specific areas of plant biology.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Botany: An Introduction		06
	1	History of botany, the basic concept of botany, Evolutionary history of plants on geological time scale; Fossil evidence for plant evolution.	
	2	The Lush Green Domain: A Brief description of various branches in Botany (Phycology, Lichenology, Mycology, Bryology, Pteridology, Taxonomy, Ethnobotany, Horticulture, Molecular Biology, Physiology, cytology, Genetics, Pharmacognosy, Plant Pathology, Palynology)	
II	Predecessors in Plant Science		04
	3	International: Theophrastus (Father of Botany), Charles Darwin, G.J. Mendel, Carl Linnaeus, Louis Pasteur, Rosalind Franklin, Watson and Crick. N.I.Vavilov, Norman Borlaug, George Bentham & Joseph Dalton Hooker.	
	4	Indian Botanists: M. O. P. Iyengar, S.R. Kashyap, P. K. K. Nair, Birbal Sahni, P. Maheswari, M.S. Swaminathan, Janaki Ammal, Jagadish Chandra Bose.	
III	Plant Morphology		11
		Roots- types (Tap root, fibrous and adventitious). Stem – types (aerial and underground). Leaf – parts of the leaf; phyllotaxy –	

	5	Alternate, Opposite, Whorled; Leaf types-simple, compound, Leaf venation-Parallel, and Reticulate. Inflorescence types – Cymose (Monochasial and Dichasial), Racemose (Raceme, Spike, Spadix, Catkin, Capitulum), and Special (Cyathium and Hypanthodium).	
	6	Flower – Parts, Symmetries, Aestivation Types. Fruit – Simple (Fleshy, Dry) Aggregate, Multiple (Syconous, Sorosis) with two examples. Seed and its Structure (Brief study).	
IV	Botanical Skills and Techniques		09
	7	Familiarization with Microscopes (Simple and Compound Microscope), and photomicrography; Plant Collection and Preservation: Dry Preservation – Herbarium; Killing and Fixing agents – Carnoy’s formula, FAA. Whole mounts and sections – Free Hand Sectioning. Staining plant tissues: purpose; stains – Safranin, Acetocarmine. Learning Activity: 1. Identify and collect any five flowering plants and Prepare herbarium. 2. Prepare semi-permanent slide /whole mount.	
V	Prospects and Scope of Botany		15
	9	Importance and scope: Mushroom cultivation. Agriculture and its branches (Horticulture and Floriculture). Integrated Farming. Micro and macro propagation. Fertilizers and bio-pesticides industry. Dye industry. Perfumery industry. Cloth industry. Pharmaceutical industry. Cosmetic industry. Garden and Nursery Management, Microgreens.	
	10	Teaching and Research, Technical and field level openings, pharmaceutical sector, Agriculture sector, NGOs, BSI, and Entrepreneurship. Learning Activity: Invited talk by Eminent Botanists to make awareness among students about Career and Entrepreneurial Prospects and Opportunities in Botany.	

Practicals			
	Field Activities (Mandatory) 1. Conduct a laboratory Visit and submit reports with the support of Geo-tagged photographs. 2. Prepare a report and presentation on Botanists who made significant contributions to plant science. 3. Collection/ photograph of different shoots with respect to phyllotaxy, shapes, types, Leaf margins, leaf apex, leaf venation. 4. Collection/photographs of different types of inflorescences 5. Collection/photographs of different types of Fruits.		30

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand the basic concepts of Botany and its origin	U	PSO-1,2
CO-2	Help the learner gain an understanding of the cardinal branches in Botany hence paving the way towards the conception of an elemental awareness of the areas.	R, U	PSO-1
CO-3	Identify and acknowledge the Eminent Botanical Contributors, and recognize the importance of their contributions.	R, U	
CO-4	Analyze the morphological features of plants. Develop basic skills required to study Botany in detail and gain a foundational understanding of the basic instruments and techniques used in Botanical studies.	R, U, An	PSO-1, 4

CO-5	The learner will develop evolving abilities and opportunities in diverse themes in botany and gain insights into the potential of personal prosperity and career opportunities in plant science.	U, Ap	PSO- 3,4,6
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Name of the Course: Fundamentals and Scope of Botany

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1,2	R, U	F, C	L,T	
2	2	1,2	R, U	F, C	L,T	
3	3	1	R, U	F, C	L,T	
4	4	1,4	R, U, An		T	P
5	5	3,4,6	U, Ap		T	P

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

Assessment Rubrics:

- Quiz / Assignment/ Quiz/ Discussion / Seminar
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- Final Exam

Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics :

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK1DSCBOT104				
Course Title	PLANTS IN DAILY LIFE				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	I				
Academic Level	100 - 199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre-requisites				
Course Summary	The course 'Plants in Daily Life' explores the diverse roles plants play in our everyday lives, such as nutrition, medicine, industry, and culture. Students learn about the botanical characteristics, innovative uses, and practical applications of various plant species. The course emphasizes the importance of sustainable practices and the conservation of plant resources for future generations.				

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Plant services to humans in everyday life		06
	1	Introduction to the science of Botany, plant resources in everyday life.	
	2	Role of plants: Air purifier (Photosynthesis); Plants used in rituals/festivals; pollution removal (Phytoremediation), Pollution indicator (lichens), and nutrient source (litter, manure).	
	3	Herbal basket: Following plants to be studied with respect to botanical source, part of the plant used, and medicinal uses: <i>Ocimum sanctum</i> , <i>Adhatoda vasica</i> , <i>Zingiber officinale</i> , <i>Curcuma longa</i> , <i>Aloe vera</i> , <i>Andrographis paniculata</i> , <i>Cymbopogon citratus</i> , <i>Coleus aromaticus</i> , <i>Acorus calamus</i> , <i>Boerhaavia diffusa</i> , <i>Oldenlandia corymbosa</i> .	
II	Plant resources and utilization-I		04
	4	Botany and utility of the following plants: a. Cereals: Rice, Wheat, Maize b. Millets: Ragi, Jowar, and Bajra c. Legumes: Bengal gram, Green gram, Black gram d. Cash crops: Cashew, Sugarcane, and Cocoa e. Non-alcoholic beverages: Tea, Coffee	

		f. Alcoholic beverage: Toddy (Coconut tree), Palm vine (Palm) g. Vegetable Crops: Cabbage, Brinjal	
III	Plant resources and utilization-II		06
	5	Fibers: Cotton, Coir, Banana (Separation, storing, and drying of fibers from Banana leaf sheath). (in brief). Psychoactive drugs from Hemp and poppy and their mode of action. (in brief).	
IV	Utilization of plants in value-added products		14
	6	Herbal Cosmetics- Introduction, scope and advantages over Synthetic Cosmetics- Cosmaceuticals.	
	7	Plants used in Skincare - Aloe, Cucumber, Facewash- Rosewater, Hair wash - Hibiscus and Amla, Face creams - Papaya, Turmeric, Hair dyes - Henna, Indigofera, Hair growth- Eclipta.	
	8	Herbal infusions – Clitoria, Hibiscus, Tulsi, Guava leaf	
	9	Preparation of natural dyes from Marigold, Hibiscus. (Brief account only).	
	10	Plants used for Aromatherapy – Essential oils from Citrus, Sandal, and Lavender.	
V	Modern applications and innovations		15
	11	Innovative uses of plants in fields such as a) Biofuels- plant sources-bio-diesel production process - converting plant materials into biofuels (brief account) b) Phytoremediation- Use of plants to remediate polluted environments - contaminated soil and water bodies. c) Case studies of successful phytoremediation projects targeting different types of pollutants (brief account)	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study and identification of plants mentioned in the floral basket category 2. Visit to tea and coffee processing unit and report the same 3. Collect and properly preserve the economically used plants or plant products 4. Identify the plants of economic importance within the Campus and preparation of a report 5. To conduct an exhibition of the economically used plants or plant products. 6. Demonstration on Preparation of herbal dye 7. Demonstration on the preparation of herbal infusion 	30

Suggested Reading

1. Kochhar, S.L. (2012). Economic Botany in Tropics, MacMillan & Co. New Delhi, India.
2. Wickens, G.E. (2001). Economic Botany: Principles & Practices. Kluwer Academic Publishers, The Netherlands.

3. Chrispeels, M.J. and Sadava, D.E. 1994 Plants, Genes and Agriculture. Jones & Bartlett Publishers,

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand the role of plants in human welfare.	U, An	PSO-1,2
CO-2	Course familiarizes with the use of various plants used by humans for food, fiber, beverages, and medicine.	R, U	PSO-1
CO-3	Gain knowledge about various plants of economic use.	R, U	PSO-2
CO-4	Create awareness on the conservation of medicinal plants and the use of natural plant products as alternatives to synthetic products	R, U, C	PSO-I,4
CO-5	Identify various plant-based industries and their economic significance	R, U, An	PSO-1,8

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Plants in Daily Life

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1,2	R,U	F, C	L, T	
2	2	1	R, U	F, C	L, T	
3	3	2	R, U	F, C	L, T	
4	4	1,4,8	R, U, C	F, C, Ap	L, T	P
5	5	1.2.4	R, U, An	F, P, M	L	P

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

Mapping of COs with PSOs and POs :

	PSO 1	PSO 2	PSO 3	PSO 4	PSO 5	PSO 6	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6
CO 1	1	2										
CO 2		1										

CO 3		2										
CO 4	1			4						4		6
CO 5						6						

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CO 1	✓	✓		✓
CO 2	✓	✓		✓
CO 3	✓	✓		✓
CO 4	✓	✓		✓
CO 5	✓	✓	✓	✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK1DSCBOT105				
Course Title	MORPHOLOGY OF FLOWERING PLANTS				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	I				
Academic Level	100 -199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	No pre-requisites				
Course Summary	Plant morphology is a field of study dealing with the external structure of plant organs. Morphology forms the basis of taxonomic descriptions and generally constitutes the most important data in taxonomy. Hence, studying the morphology of angiosperms is a very basic course to learn more about these important plant groups.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Angiosperm structure		05
	1	General Angiosperm structure- introduction; Plant habit, habitat, and life span	
II	Morphology of the Vegetative parts		07
	2	Root- types, modifications (storage, aerial, pneumatophores, prop, stilt, buttress).	
	3	Stem- types, modifications (underground, aerial, subaerial with examples), branching pattern (monopodial and sympodial).	
	4	Leaves: parts, stipules, phyllotaxy, morpho types, leaf shape, margin, base, apex (basic types only needed), and leaf surface features – hairiness - tomentose, glabrous, scabrous, strigose, hispid, venation (reticulate and parallel). Modifications- leaf tendrils, spines, scales, pitcher, phyllode	
Morphology of the Reproductive parts		10	
III	5		Inflorescence- racemose (simple raceme, spike, catkin, spadix, corymb, umbel, and head), cymose (simple cyme, monochasial cyme-helicoid & scorpioid, dichasial and polychasial), and specialized types (cyathium, verticillaster, thyrus and hypanthodium) with examples.
	6		Flower as a modified shoot - Detailed structure of flower parts- calyx, corolla, androecium, and gynoecium - arrangements, relative position, cohesion, and adhesion of floral parts;

	7	Flower symmetry, cycly, merosity, aestivation (valvate, twisted, imbricate-ascending, descending, quincuncial), and placentation (axial, marginal, free-central, parietal, basal, pendulous, superficial).	
IV	Fruits and seeds		08
	8	Fruits - simple, aggregate, and multiple with examples; Seeds- dicot and monocot, albuminous and exalbuminous, aril, caruncle - hypogeal and epigeal germination, dispersal of fruits and seeds.	
V	Importance of Morphology		15
	9	Importance of Morphology in Identification, Nomenclature, and Morphology in Classification; Descriptive and Interpretative Morphology; Description of a plant in technical terms- Floral Diagram- Floral Formula -Art of scientific botanical illustration.	

Practicals			
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study of morphological characters of root, stem, and leaves. 2. Study the morphological features of flowers, inflorescence, fruits, and seeds. 3. Prepare a photo album of leaf forms. 4. Prepare herbarium sheets for various types of inflorescences. 5. Identify evidence for considering the flower as a modified shoot from nature and submit the same in the form of a photo album using geo-tagged photos or herbarium. 6. Identify the cohesion and adhesion types of androecium from actual plant parts. 7. Collect flowers belonging to various merosity and record. 8. Study of various types of aestivation and placentation (ovary CS). 9. Conduct a field survey (minimum 5) to identify the morphotypes studied. 10. Create a floral formula for at least 10 named flowers and record the same. 11. Create a floral diagram for at least five named flowers and record the same. 	30	

Suggested reading

1. Simpson, Michael G. (2019) Plant systematics. Academic Press.
2. Singh, Gurcharan. (2019). Plant systematics: an integrated approach. CRC Press.
3. Sharma, OP. (2009). Plant taxonomy. Tata McGraw-Hill Education Private Limited.
4. Bell, Adrian D., and Alan Bryan. (2008). Plant form: an illustrated guide to flowering plant morphology. Timber Press.

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
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CO-1	Ability to identify the vegetative parts of angiosperms and understand their variation.	R, U	PSO-1
CO-2	Ability to identify different types of inflorescences, flowers and fruits, their arrangement and relative position.	R, U	PSO-1
CO-3	Remember the taxonomical terminology and acquire the skills to describe flowering plants in technical terms.	R, U,	PSO-1
CO-4	Acquire the skills to depict the structure of a flower through floral diagrams and floral formula	R, U, C	PSO-3

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Morphology of Flowering Plants

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1	R, U	F, C	LT	
2	2	1	R, U	F, C	LT	
3	3	1	R, U,	F, C	LT	P
4	4	3	R, U, C	F, An	LT	P

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CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓	✓	✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK2DSCBOT101				
Course Title	PLANT WORLD II				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	II				
Academic Level	100 - 199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	UK1DSCBOT101				
Course Summary	The purpose of this course is to demonstrate that Plant Science students will have met all learning outcomes in the major course, prior to passing to the next semester by observing, critically evaluating and documenting relevant in-class and co-curricular activities. Preparatory work will include observing and learning from a diversity of activities, including theoretical sessions, field observations and laboratory sessions. Career pathways and higher research options will be introduced enabling students to choose pathways to attain their goals.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	How plants colonised land?		04
	1	Evolution of Tracheary elements, Vascular systems, Stellar evolution, Pollen types, Pollen morphology, Wind pollination and Insect pollination, Seed habit.	
II	Tracheophytes: Pteridophytes (Non Seed plants)		04
	2	<i>Psilotum, Nephrolepis, Azolla</i> : Morphology of Gametophyte and Sporophyte, Structure of Cones.	
III	Tracheophytes: Gymnosperms & Angiosperms (Seed plants)		20
	Gymnosperms		
	3	<i>Pinus</i> : Morphology of Sporophyte and Gametophyte (Pollen grain & Ovule) , Structure of Cones.	
	Angiosperms		
	4	Flowering plant morphology: Root types: Tap root, Fibrous root, Aerial root, Prop root, Stilt root, Velamen root, Pneumatophore, Haustoria. Shoot morphology: Nodes, Internodes, Terminal bud, Axillary bud, Sympodial/Monopodial growth. Stem shapes (Cylindrical, Succulent, Flattened, Winged). Bark: Definition and Types, Emergences (prickles, thorns, tendrils), Pulvinus, Scars.	

		Leaf types: Simple, Compound, Leaf shape: Leaf apex, leaf margins, leaf base. Basic structure of a flower, Inflorescence types: Study of basic types, Racemose, Cymose (Sub types not required).	
	5	Basic structure of a fruit: Types: Simple, Aggregate, Multiple Pseudocarps. Dicot and monocot embryo, Seed structure and methods of seed dispersal.	
	6	Preservation methods: Preservation using dry & wet methods. Herbarium and use of Formaldehyde.	
IV	Role of Tracheophytes in Nature		02
	7	Ecological & Economic importance of Pteridophytes, Gymnosperms, Angiosperms.	
V	Future prospects and Career openings in Plant Sciences		15
	8	Teachers, Garden managers, Plantation Managers, Entrepreneurs, Photographic specialists, Botanical artists, Researchers, Herbarium curators, Bonsai artists, Sustainability managers, Germplasm conservors, Organic farmers, Environmental experts in NGOs, Environmental Impact assessment experts, Biodiversity conservation experts, Plant breeders, Biodiversity activists, Aquascaping experts.	
	Research Institutes		
	9	Students should be familiarised with the work going on in Institutes: Inside Kerala: CSIR Institutes: NIIST, ICAR institutes -CTCRI, CMFRI, KSCSTE: JNTBGRI, KFRI, CWRDM, RGCB, MBGIPS. Pan INDIA: CFTRI-Mysore, IARI-PUSA, NBPGR-New Delhi, BSI, IISC-Bangalore, TIFR-Hyderabad, DRDO, BARC-Trombay, NBRI-Lucknow, IIHR-Mysuru. IISR-Kozhikode, ICAR-SBI, Coimbatore, UAS Bangalore. Private sector: Mahyco Private Ltd., Biocon, Pharmaceutical firms, Coffee, Tea, Cadbury Plantations, Indo-American hybrid seeds.	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Familiarisation of various stelar types: protosteles, actinostele, siphonostele, solenostele (<i>Marselia</i> rhizome), dictyostele (<i>Pteris</i> petiole), atactostele (Grass stem). 2. Structure of vascular bundles- Collateral, Conjoint (open, closed, concentric, bicollateral) and radial. 3. Maceration of Eupatorium stem to separate and identify Tracheids, Parenchyma, and Vessel members. 4. Measurement of any one vascular element, using a micrometer. 5. Field visits to collect different leaf types & different inflorescence types. Preparation and submission (herbarium) of leaf types and inflorescences. 6. Collection and submission of various seed types. Observing, Recording their surface peculiarities. 7. Pollen surface ornamentation study of 5 plant using light microscopy. 8. Pollen germination study and Pollen viability testing using acetocarmine. 	30

	9. Preparation of an e-portfolio, detailing the activities performed during the course and submitting for evaluation.	
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Suggested Reading

1. The Evolution of Plants, K.J Willis & J C Mc Elwain, Oxford University Press, ISBN 0-19-567604-1.
2. Plant Form. An Illustrated Guide to Flowering Plant Morphology, Adrian D.Bell, Oxford University Press, ISBN 0-19-854279-8.
3. Taylor A. Steeves & Vipen K. Sawhney 2017.Essentials of Developmental Plant Anatomy, Oxford University Press.
4. A Short Guide to Writing about Biology, *Ninth Edition*, Jan A. Pechenik, ISBN 978-0-321-98425-8 (Student Edition).
5. Plant Anatomy, Third Edition. A.Fahn, Pergamon Press. ISBN 0-08-028030-7.
6. Life. The Science of Biology, Twelfth edition.
7. Hirendra Chandra Gangulee, Asok Kumar Kar. 2011, College Botany, Volume II,
8. Web sites of research institutions mentioned in the syllabus.

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course, the graduate will be able to,	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Recognize and appreciate nature, both on campus and at nearby sites.	U	PSO-1,3
CO-2	Summarize key ideas in the plant sciences.	R, U	PSO-2,7,8
CO-3	Understand and evaluate the vast career pathways and opportunities across the agricultural and plant science disciplines.	U,E	PSO-1,10
CO-4	Acquire a broad grasp of current knowledge pathways across the Plant Science discipline.	U, An	PSO-1,3
CO-5	Reflect on how field experiences provide new insights into the plant sciences, and how it can contribute to career pathways and career goals.	E,Ap,An	PSO-4
CO-6	By discovering and critically analysing information, interpreting data and gaining a conceptual grasp of common biological principles, learn to execute the scientific method.	U,Ap,An	PSO-6,7,8,9,10

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Plant World II

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1,3	R, U	F, C	L, T	P
2	2	2,7,8	R, U	F, C	L, T	P
3	3	1,10	U, E	F, C, P	L, T	
4	4	1,3	R, U,E	F, C	L,T	
5	5	4,10	E, Ap, An	F, C, P	T	P
6	6	6,7,8,9,10	U, Ap, An	C, P, M	T	P

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Mapping of COs with PSOs and POs :

	PSO1	PSO2	PSO3	PSO4	PSO5	PSO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10
CO 1	3	-	3	-	-	-				
CO 2	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	2		
CO 3	2	-	1	-	-	-				3
CO 4	3	-	3	-	-	-				
CO 5	-	-	-	3	-	-				1
CO 6	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	3	3	3

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CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓		✓
CO 6			✓	



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK2DSCBOT102				
Course Title	ANATOMY OF FLOWERING PLANTS				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	II				
Academic Level	100 - 199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	Basic understanding of plant tissues at the higher secondary level				
Course Summary	The course provides a foundational understanding of plant structure, from the cellular level to the organizational complexity of tissues and organs, and also provides students with a comprehensive understanding about wood formation.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs.
I	Objectives and scope of plant anatomy		05
	1	Definition, objectives, and scope of plant anatomy; Fundamental parts of flowering plant (Brief account only).	
	2	Basic study requirements: Stains (Saffranin), mounting media (Water, Glycerol), and compound microscope (Brief account only).	
	3	Cell wall organization – Gross structure- Primary and secondary wall, pits- plasmodesmata; Cell wall material (cellulose, cutin, lignin, suberin).	
	4	Non-living inclusions of the cell - Reserve food (carbohydrates, proteins), Secretory products (enzymes, nectar), Excretory products -nitrogenous (alkaloids) and non-nitrogenous including gum, resin, essential oils, latex, and mineral crystals-(Cystolith, Raphides).	
II	Plant Tissues		08
	5	Tissues - Meristems: Definition, Classification based on origin, position, plane of cell division, and functions.	
	6	Apical meristem- Theories on the apical organization of shoot apex- Apical cell theory, Histogen theory, Tunica - Corpus theory. Theories on the organization of root apex- Apical cell theory, Histogen theory, and Korper-Kappe theory	
	7	Permanent tissues – Definition, classification – simple, complex, and secretory tissues (schizogenous- lysigenous cavities, glandular hairs, nectary, laticifers).	
III	Tissue Systems		5

	8	Tissue systems- Definition & Types - Epidermal tissue system, Ground tissue system, and Vascular tissue system; Stomata – structure and functions, types (anomocytic, anisocytic, paracytic, diacytic, graminaceous); Different types of vascular arrangements (Conjoint, radial, open, closed, collateral, bicollateral, concentric (amphivasal & Amphicribal).	
IV	Internal structure of plant body -I		12
	9	Primary structure – Root, stem and leaf (Dicot & Monocot)	
	10	Secondary growth – Dicot root and stem; vascular cambium (structure, types, and function); growth rings; dendrochronology. Wood - heart wood and sap wood; hardwood and softwood; ring-porous wood and diffuse-porous wood; tyloses; periderm formation; Bark and lenticels.	
	11	Adaptive (anomalous) secondary growth in stem– <i>Boerhaavia</i> , <i>Bignonia</i> ,	
V	Internal structure of plant body -II		15
	12	Anatomy of petiole; Abscission layer.	
	13	Nodal anatomy (brief account only).	
	14	Role of cambium in wound healing and grafting.	
	15	Adaptive Anatomy:– Hydrophytes ,Xerophytes, Epiphytes.	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Observe and record: Non-living inclusions -Cystolith, Raphide; Starch grains - eccentric, concentric, compound; Aleurone grains. 2. Observe and record: Simple permanent tissues- parenchyma, chlorenchyma, aerenchyma, collenchyma, sclerenchyma. 3. Make micro preparation : 4. Study of stomata through peel method: types of stomata -anomocytic, anisocytic, paracytic, diacytic. 5. primary structure: Root: monocot (<i>Colocasia</i>), dicot (Pea /<i>Limnanthemum</i>); Stem: Dicot - (<i>Centella</i>), Monocot - Grass; Leaf- Dicot (<i>Ixora</i>); monocot (grass). 6. secondary structure - Stem (Normal type) – <i>Vernonia</i>, Root – <i>Tinospora</i> / <i>Papaya</i> . 7. Anomalous secondary thickening of Stem - <i>Boerhaavia</i>, <i>Bignonia</i>. 8. Adaptive anatomy: xerophytes (<i>Nerium</i>-leaf), hydrophytes (<i>Hydrilla</i> - stem), epiphytes (<i>Vanda</i> -velamen root). 	30

Suggested reading

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2. Dickison, W.C. 2000. Integrative Plant Anatomy. Harcourt Academic Press, USA.
3. Evert, R.F. 2006. Esau’s Plant Anatomy: Meristems, Cells, and Tissues of the
4. Plant Body: Their Structure, Function and Development. John Wiley and Sons, Inc Fahn,
5. Mauseth, J.D. 1988. Plant Anatomy. The Benjammin/Cummings Publisher, USA.

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1. Mitra, J.N. D. Mitra, D., S.K. Chowdhuri, S.K. 2017. Studies in Botany. Vol. 1 and 2, Moulik Library, Kolkata.
2. Pandey, B.P. 2001. Plant Anatomy, S. Chand Publishing, New Delhi.
3. Vasistha, P.C. 2000. Plant Anatomy, Pradeep Publications, Jalandha..

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2. [https://bio.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Introductory_and_General_Biology/Book%3A_Biology_\(Kimball\)/16%3A_The_Anatomy_and_Physiology_of_Plants](https://bio.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Introductory_and_General_Biology/Book%3A_Biology_(Kimball)/16%3A_The_Anatomy_and_Physiology_of_Plants)

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand the basic concepts, fundamentals, and scope of plant anatomy	U	PSO-2
CO-2	Develop a critical understanding of the concept of organization of shoot and root apex.	R, U	PSO-2,4
CO - 3	Develop skills for microscopic specimen preparation and examine the internal anatomy of plant systems and organs	U,An	PSO-2,4
CO - 4	Understand the composition, internal structure & architecture of plants	R, U, An,	PSO-4
CO - 5	Understand, analyse, and identify the modification of internal structure with respect to environmental adaptations	U, An	PSO-4,7

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course : Anatomy of Flowering plants:

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial: Practical)

CO No	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	2	U	F, C	L,T	
2	2	2,4	R, U	F, C	L,T	
3	3	2,4	U, An	F, C, P		P

4	4	4	R, U, An	C, P		P
5	5	4,7	U, An	C, P		P

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CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓	✓	✓



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Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK2DSCBOT103				
Course Title	REPRODUCTIVE BOTANY AND MICROTECHNIQUE				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	II				
Academic Level	200 - 299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	Basic understanding of plant biology at the high secondary school level.				
Course Summary	Reproductive Botany covers the study of plant reproduction, pollination, fertilization, and seed development. Microtechnique involves microscopic methods for studying plant structures and processes.				

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Structural organization of flower		12
	1	Anther and Palynology: Development, structure and functions of anther wall- microsporogenesis- structure of pollen grain, pollen wall, MGU (male germ unit); NPC system; Palynology and scope (a brief account)	
II	2	Ovule- development, structure, types- Megasporogenesis – (tenuinucellate and crassinucellate), monosporic, bisporic, and tetrasporic; megagametogenesis - organization and ultrastructure of mature embryo sac.	
III	Pollination		10
	3	Pollination types - Self-pollination- Cross-pollination- significance and adaptations - entomophily, anemophily, hydrophily & zoophily (birds, squirrels, bats, and snails – one example for each). Advantages & disadvantages of self & cross-pollinations. Contrivances to cross pollination: dicliny, self sterility, dichogamy, heterostyly, and herkogamy with one example each	
IV	Fertilization		08
	4	Pollen germination- entry of pollen tube - double fertilization and its significance- structure of dicot and monocot embryo; Endosperm- types and functions- Polyembryony (brief account)	
V	Microtechnique		15

5	Introduction to microtechnique: killing and fixing Dehydration - agents used - ethyl alcohol.	
6	Sectioning: hand sections, serial section; Microtome - rotary, sledge (application only).	
7	Staining technique: principle of staining; stains – Saffranin, hematoxylin, fast green, acetocarmine; vital stains & mordants with examples. Types of staining - single staining, double staining.	
8	Mounting and mounting media -semi-permanent (glycerine), permanent (DPX, Canada balsam).	
9	Types of micropreparations-Wholemout, maceration, smear, squash.	

Practical		
	1. Dissect and display parts of different types of flowers. 2. Identification of c.s. of anther, embryo sac, and embryo 3. Identify the different types of ovules 4. Familiarize, with micropreparation, use of stains, fixatives, and mounting media. 5. Preparation of smears and squash (demonstration only) 6. Demonstration of microtome sectioning 7. Preparation of single stained hand sections (permanent demonstration only)	30

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Familiarize the techniques for the preservation and processing of tissues	U	PSO-1,2,4

CO-2	Apply practical experience in microtechnique and histochemistry in laboratories	R, U, Ap	PSO-4
Co-3	Understand the morphology and development of reproductive parts	U	PSO-1,2
CO-4	Creates awareness about different types of pollination	C	

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Reproductive Botany and Microtechnique

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical:)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1,2	U	F,C,P	L,T	
2	2	4	R, U, Ap	F, C,P		P
3	3	1,2	U	F,C	L,T	
4	4	1	C		L,T	

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

Assessment Rubrics:

- Quiz / Assignment/ Quiz/ Discussion / Seminar
- Midterm Exam
- Programming Assignments
- Final Exam

Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics :

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO 1	✓	✓		✓
CO 2	✓	✓	✓	✓
CO 3	✓	✓		✓
CO 4		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK2DSCBOT104				
Course Title	PHYCOLOGY, MYCOLOGY AND PLANT PATHOLOGY				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	II				
Academic Level	100-199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre-requisites				
Course Summary	The course includes a general account of thallophytes such as algae, fungi, lichens, and mycorrhiza. Each group discusses its classification, distinguishing characters, and economic importance. Type forms in each group give a detailed account of morphology, life cycle, and economic importance. Various agents of plant diseases, its management and control also covered in the course.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Algae		10
	1	Classification of Algae by Fritsch (1935), General account of algal forms- - Thallus organization- Economic Importance.	
I	2	Habit, thallus structure, pigments, reproduction, and economic importance of the following classes Chlorophyceae – Oedogonium Phaeophyceae – Sargassum Rhodophyceae – Polysiphonia Myxophyceae- Nostoc	10
	Fungi		
II	3	Classification (Ainsworth,1973) -General Characters of fungi	10
	4	Brief account of Mastigomycotina, Zygomycotina, Ascomycotina, Basidiomycotina, and Deuteromycotina.	
	9	Structure and Life Cycle of Rhizopus and Puccinia.	
	10	Economic importance of Fungi	
III	Association in Fungi		03
	11	Lichens- Thallus structure and reproduction- economic and ecological importance- forms (Crustose, foliose, fruticose);	
	12	Mycorrhiza- Ectomycorrhiza-VAM-importance; Association between Ant and Fungi	
IV	PlantPathology		07
	13	General Principles of Plant Disease Management and Therapy (brief account only)	

	14	Disease control- chemical-physical-biological and cultural methods-(Brief account only)	
	15	Causal organism, symptoms, transmission, and control measures of Citrus Canker, Tapioca Mosaic Disease, and Blast disease of Paddy.	
V	Applications of Algae and Fungi		15
	16	Industrial application of Algae- pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, food, nutraceuticals, biofuel, bioplastics, animal feed.	
	17	Industrial application of Fungi- Alcohol, organic acid, Enzymes, antibiotics, pharmaceuticals	
	18	Agricultural applications- biofertilizers, biocontrol of diseases and pests.	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analysis of algal flora in a water body (natural/artificial) 2. Field visit for studying marine algal forms 3. Field observation and preparation of photo album- 4. Structure of plant body and reproductive structures of Nostoc, Oedogonium, Sargassum, Polysiphonia, Rhizopus and Puccinia. 5. Conduct a field survey to identify and document plant diseases 	30

Suggested Reading

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Acquires knowledge of various algal forms, their classification, and economic importance. Analyze various forms of algae in nearby water bodies and express interest in the conservation of algal forms.	U, R	PSO-1,2

CO-2	Differentiates different classes of algae, its pigment system, and life cycle. Skill in morphological identification of type specimens.	U, An	PSO-1,2
CO-3	Recognize fungal forms in the surroundings on different seasons, and compare the variation in morphology, habitat, and reproductive peculiarities among fungi. Explore various ecosystems for fungal forms. Gains skill in isolation and staining of fungal forms.	K, U, An	PSO-1,5
CO-4	Attain the ability to isolate symbiotic forms from higher plants. Understand the importance of lichens in ecosystem conservation.	U, An	PSO-1,5
CO-5	Gains knowledge about various plant pathogens . Learn different methods to manage and control plant diseases.	U, Ap	PSO-1,2

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Phycology, mycology and Plant Pathology

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical:)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1,2	U, R	F,C	L,T	
2	2	1,2	U, An	F,C	L,T	
3	3	1,5	K, U, An	F,C,P	L,T	P
4	4	1,5	U, An	C,P	L,T	P
5	5	1,2	U, Ap	F,C	L	P

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CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓		✓	✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK2DSCBOT105				
Course Title	BIOMOLECULES				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	II				
Academic Level	100-199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre-requisites				
Course Summary	Biomolecules are components that interact in complex ways to form the basis of life. The molecular components include water, carbohydrates, lipids, amino acids, proteins, and nucleic acids. Studying the types, structure, and significance of these molecules will make you understand the role of biomolecules in metabolism and how the molecules are involved in the biochemical activities of living things.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Introduction to Biomolecules		06
	1	Water- properties-weak interactions in aqueous systems-hydrogen bonding-Van der Waals forces-hydrophobic interactions	
	2	Ionization of water-pH-weak acids and weak bases-Henderson-Hasselbalch equation	
	3	Buffers in the biological system- phosphate buffer-bicarbonate/carbonic acid system	
II	Carbohydrates		07
	4	Monosaccharides- Glucose-Fructose-aldoses- ketoses-isomerism-cyclic structures-pyranoses-furanoses	
	5	Disaccharides-- glycosidic bonds-sucrose- lactose-reducing and non-reducing sugars-Oligosaccharides	
	6	Polysaccharides- Homo and Hetero polysaccharides-Structural polysaccharides - cellulose, peptidoglycans; storage polysaccharides -Inulin and starch; biological importance of carbohydrates	
III	Proteins		08
	7	General structure-zwitter ion-isomerism	
	8	Classifications of aminoacids, D-aminoacids- biologically active aminoacids	
	9	Peptides-peptide bond-oligopeptide-polypeptide.	

	10	Proteins- structure-primary-secondary-super secondary-motifs and domains (brief account)-tertiary-quaternary-structure-functions of proteins.	
IV	Lipids and Nucleic acids		09
	11	Classification of lipids-Fatty acids- saturated/unsaturated-mono/poly-triacyl glycerols	
	12	Membrane phospholipids- glycerophospholipids- sphingolipids-lipid bilayer- Steroids-cholesterol	
	13	Nucleic acids- nucleoside-nucleotide, Polynucleotides-phosphodiester bond, DNA - types (B-DNA, A&Z DNA (brief account); RNA- mRNA, rRNA, t-RNA, minor RNAs (brief account), significance of nucleic acids.	
V	Secondary Metabolites		15
	14	Introduction, Classification, Major secondary metabolites in plants.	
	15	Phenolics, lignins, flavonoids, tannins, terpenes, saponins, carotenoids and alkaloids	
	16	Function and significance of secondary metabolites.	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Measurement of pH 2. buffer preparation (Phosphate buffer) 3. Tests for carbohydrates- Iodine, Molisch's test, Benedict's, Fehling's test. 4. Qualitative test for proteins- biurette test 5. Separation of aminoacids using paper chromatography (demonstration). 6. Isolation of DNA from a plant source (Demonstration). 	30

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4. <https://www.nanowerk.com/nanobiotechnology.ph>

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand the importance of water and buffers in the metabolism of living things. Gain skill in using pH meter and the preparation of buffers.	U, An	PSO-1,2
CO-2	Recall various carbohydrates present in plants. Differentiate the structure and significance of common mono, di and polysaccharides in plants. Learn to analyse the presence of carbohydrates in a given sample.	R, U, An	PSO-1,2
CO-3	Understands the structure and significance of proteins, amino acids, and peptides. Acquire skill in qualitative analysis of proteins and separation of amino acids through chromatography.	U, An	PSO-4
CO-4	Understand the role of fats, and sterols in our metabolism and diet. Describe the structure of nucleic acids and lipids. Attain skill in the isolation of DNA from plant samples.	U, An	PSO-4
CO-5	List out different classes of secondary metabolites and describe the importance of secondary metabolites in plant defense mechanisms and phytochemicals.	U	PSO-7

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Name of the Course: Biomolecules

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical:)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1,2	U, R	F, C, P	L, T	P
2	2	1,2	U, R	F, C, P	L, T	P
3	3	4	U, R	F, C, P	L, T	P
4	4	4	U, An	F, C, P	L, T	P
5	5	7	U, Ap	F, C	L, T	-

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CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓	✓	✓
CO 5		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK3DSCBOT201				
Course Title	HISTOLOGY AND REPRODUCTIVE BOTANY				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	III				
Academic Level	200 - 299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	Basic understanding of plant biology at the higher secondary level.				
Course Summary	This course provides basic knowledge of plant internal architecture, cellular composition, and reproduction. This will also help them to understand how different plant tissue evolve and modify their structure and functions with respect to their environment.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Introduction to tissues and tissue systems		07
	1	Introduction and scope of Plant Anatomy; Structure of Plant Cell and Cell wall, Cell wall organization – Primary and secondary wall, pits, plasmodesmata (Brief account).	
	2	Non-living inclusions of the cell -Reserve food (carbohydrates, proteins, fats,and oil) Secretory products (coloring matter,nectar), excretory products (nitrogenous and non-nitrogenous including resins, tannins, latex, essential oils, gums, and mineral crystals-cystolith, raphides.	
	3	Structure and functions of Meristematic tissues; Classification of meristems; Theories on Apical organization - Apical cell theory, Histoge theory, Tunica-Corpus theory, and Korper Kappe theory. Organization of shoot and root apex in dicots and monocots	
II	Permanent tissue system		06
	4	Permanent tissues – Definition, classification – simple, complex, and secretory tissues (glandular tissue, laticifers).	
	5	Tissue systems- Epidermal tissue system, Ground tissue system and vascular tissue systems. Different types of vascular arrangements-collateral, bicollateral, concentric, and radial.	
	6	Stomata – structure and functions, types- anomocytic, anisocytic, paracytic, diacytic, graminaceous.	
III	Primary and Secondary Structure		10
	7	Primary structure – Root, stem and leaf (Dicot & Monocot)	
	8	Cambium (structure and function),	

	9	Secondary Growth: Normal Secondary growth in stem and root. Periderm formation – phellum, phellogen and phellogen; lenticels.	
	10	Wood anatomy: Hard wood, soft wood; Growth ring, Ring porous and diffuse-porous wood; Sapwood and heartwood, Tyloses.	
	11	Anomalous secondary growth – Bignonia, Boerhaavia, Dracaena	
	Reproductive Botany		
IV	12	Flower- as a reproductive organ, floral components, and their roles	07
	13	Microsporangium: Structure of anther, microsporogenesis, Male gametogenesis. Pollen structure-wall layers, aperture, NPC system of classification, pollen allergy (Only Brief account)	
	14	Megasporangium: types of ovules; Megasporogenesis – female gametophyte – structure of a typical embryo sac, types of embryo sacs, monosporic - Polygonum type, bisporic–Allium type and tetrasporic- Fritillaria type. Pollination- Types, agents of pollination, (Only Brief account)	
	15	Double fertilization; Endosperm: types – Cellular, Nuclear, and Helobial. Embryogeny- Structure of dicot and monocot embryo; seed formation. Polyembryony.	
	Comparative Plant Anatomy		
V	16	Evolutionary trends in plant anatomy - Nodal anatomy	15
	17	Anatomical adaptations of plants to different environments (Hydrophytes, Paracites, Xerophytes, Epiphytes)	
	18	Applications of anatomy in Plant systematics, Forensics, Pharmacognosy and Dendrochronology, Anatomics (Brief account)	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Non-living inclusions – Cystolith, Raphide, Sphaero- raphide (Druses). 2. Starch grains (Eccentric, Concentric, compound, Aleurone grains) 3. Simple permanent tissue- parenchyma, chlorenchyma, aerenchyma, collenchyma, sclerenchyma 4. Primary structure- Dicot stem- Centella/ Chromolaena 5. Monocot stem- Grass and Asparagus 6. Dicot root- Pea/ Limnanthemum, Monocot root- Colocasia or any other monocot root 7. Secondary structure – Stem (Normal type) – Vernonia. 8. Root (Normal type)- Carica papaya, Aerial root- Tinospora and Ficus 9. Epidermal structures- Stomata (Anomocytic, anisocytic, paracytic, diacytic) 10. Anomalous secondary thickening – Bignonia, Boerhaavia, Dracaena 11. Dissect a flower and document (photograph/illustration) 12. Identification of C.S of the anther. 13. Identification and documentation of anther dehiscence pattern in five locally available plants. 14. Dissection of dicot embryo, familiar with different types of ovules 	30

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Students can understand the complexities of cell wall organization, microscopic and sub-microscopic	U	PSO-1,2

	structures		
CO-2	Students can distinguish various anatomical features of monocots and dicots (stem and root) with respect to permanent tissues and tissue systems	R, U	PSO-1,2
CO-3	Differentiate stelar patterns in the stem and root of vascular plants with normal and anomalous secondary growth	An	PSO-1,2
CO-4	Students should comprehend the processes involved in plant embryonic development, including fertilization, embryogenesis, and seed development.	C, E	PSO-2
CO-5	Students should be able to compare the embryonic development of different plant taxa	C	PSO-1,2
CO-6	Students should be able to apply their understanding of plant anatomy and embryology to address real-world problems in agriculture, horticulture, plant breeding, and conservation biology.	Ap	PSO-6,7

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Name of the Course: Histology and Reproductive Botany

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1,2	U	F, C	L, T	
2	2	1,2	R, U	F,C	L,T	P
3	3	1,2	An	F,C	L,T	P
4	4	2	C, E	F,C	L,T	P
5	5	1,2	C	p	L,T	
6	6	6,7	Ap	M	T	P

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CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓		✓
CO 6			✓	



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK3DSCBOT202				
Course Title	FLORAL MORPHOLOGY, SYSTEMATIC BOTANY, AND ETHNO BOTANY				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	III				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	UK1DSCBOT105				
Course Summary	The course covers the external features of flowering plants and their systematic arrangement based on their similarities and evolutionary relationships and the economic importance of plant resources utilized for daily life.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Morphology of Flowering Plants		08
	1	Detailed structure of floral parts- Calyx, Corolla, Androecium, and Gynoecium- arrangements, relative position, cohesion, and adhesion of floral parts. Flower-symmetry, aestivation (valvate, twisted, imbricate-ascending, descending, and quincuncial), and placentation (axial, marginal, free-central, parietal, basal, pendulous, and superficial).Floral diagram and floral formula.	
	2	Types of inflorescence with examples- Racemose (simple raceme, spike, catkin, spadix, umbel, corymb, capitulum, and panicle), Cymose (simple cyme, monochasial - dichasial) & special types Cyathium, Verticillaster, Hypanthodium,)	
	3	Types of fruits – Simple fruits (Fleshy, Dry – Dehiscent, Indehiscent), Aggregate, and Multiple fruits with examples. Seeds – Albuminous and exalbuminous.	
II	System of Classification		06
	4	Major systems of classification: Artificial (Linnaeus), Natural: (Bentham and Hooker (detailed account)), Phylogenetic- (Engler and Prantl). Brief reference of APG (IV) classification.	
	5	Basic rules of Binomial Nomenclature. Herbarium technique - Significance of herbaria and botanical gardens; important herbaria and botanical gardens in world and India.	
III	Systematic study of Angiosperm families		10

	6	A detailed study (Systematic position, distribution, common members, diagnostic features, vegetative, floral characters, and economic importance of the following families: 1. <i>Malvaceae</i> , 2. <i>Leguminosae</i> (with sub-families), 3. <i>Asteraceae</i> , 4. <i>Acanthaceae</i> 5. <i>Euphorbiaceae</i> , 6. <i>Areaceae</i> .	
IV	Ethnobotany		06
	7	Introduction- concept, scope, and objectives- Ethnobotany of indigenous communities in Kerala-(Kani, Kurumbar, Kurichiya) Study of various methods to collect Ethno botanical data. (brief study only); Role in modern Medicine -Plants in ethnobotanical practices (along with their habitat and morphology) a) <i>Curculigo orchioides</i> , b) <i>Emilia sonchifolia</i> c) <i>Vitex negundo</i> d) <i>Gloriosa superba</i> e)) <i>Pongamia pinnata</i> h) <i>Biophytum sensitivum</i> Role of ethnobotany in modern medicine with special example <i>Rauwolfia seperntina</i> , <i>Trichopus zeylanicus</i> (Jeevani)	
V	Modern techniques in plant systematics		15
	8	Modern trends in taxonomy; Chemotaxonomy and Molecular taxonomy – concepts and brief account.	
	9	Biosystematics- Principles and methodology (Brief account).	
	10	Phylogenetic systematics: principle, methodology and applications- brief account	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare a photo album of different leaf forms and Inflorescence. 2. field visits - to familiarise with the local flora and submit e-reports with photographs. 3. Visit a recognized herbarium, and prepare a report on the same. 4. Work out at least one genus of each family mentioned in the syllabus make suitable diagrams, and describe them in technical terms. 5. Ethnobotanical documentation of medicinal plants in and around the campus. 6. Online resources and websites like Index Herbariorum, IPNI, The Tree of Life Web Project (ToL), Plants of The World (POWO), The World Flora Online (WFO), RBGE Living collections should be accessed and familiarised. E-Flora Kerala. 	30

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course, the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Students possess the capability to recognize and distinguish different categories of foliage, flowers, inflorescence, and fruits.	R, U	PSO-1,2
CO-2	Summarize taxonomic information from available resources. Comprehend the general principles of angiosperm systematics and plant nomenclature	R, U	PSO-1,2
CO-3	Compare the morphological characters of plants belonging to different families. Construct the floral diagram and floral formula subsequent to the observation of a studied plant.	U, An	PSO-1,2
CO-4	Students will able to understand the indigenous communities in Kerala and the ethnobotanical documentation of medicinal plants.	U,An, E, C	PSO-1,4

CO-5	Execute field collections of plant specimens, scientific herbarium preparations, and maintenance. Develop skills in the techniques for the preparation of virtual herbaria and macro photography	Ap, An, C	PSO-7,8
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R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Floral Morphology, Systematic Botany and Ethnobotany

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	1	1,2	R, U	F, C	T	
CO-2	2	1,2	R, U	F, C	T	P
CO-3	3	1,2	U, An, E	F, C	T	P
CO-4	4	1,4	Ap, An, E, C	F, C,P	T	P
CO-5	5	7,8	Ap, An, C	F, C,P	T	

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

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CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK3DSCBOT203				
Course Title	BRYOPHYTES,PTERIDOPHYTES AND GYMNOSPERMS				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	III				
Academic Level	200 - 299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	UK2DSCBOT104				
Course Summary	To familiarize students with the characteristic features and evolutionary significance of Bryophytes, Pteridophytes and Gymnosperms. To generate awareness about the lifecycle of Bryophytes, Pteridophytes and Gymnosperms. To impart knowledge about ornamental ferns and gymnosperms				

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Bryophytes		09
	1	General characters, classification by Smith (1959)	
	2	Study of habit, thallus organization, vegetative and sexual reproduction, and alternation of generation of the following types (Developmental details are not required) <i>Riccia, Bryum.</i>	
II	Pteridophytes		09
	3	Introduction: General characters and classification (Bierhost - 1971); Study of habit, internal structure, reproduction, and life cycle of the following types (Developmental details not required). <i>Selaginella</i> and <i>Pteris</i> Fossil Pteridophytes- <i>Rhynia</i> stem T.S	
	4	Stelar evolution in Pteridophytes	
III	Gymnosperms		10
	5	Introduction –General characters and classification (Sporne- 1965)	
	6	Study of the habit, anatomy, reproduction, and life cycle of the following types (Developmental details are not required) <i>Cycas</i> and <i>Pinus</i> Fossil gymnosperms-- <i>Lyginopteris</i>	
IV	Economic importance		2
	7	Economic, ecological, medicinal, horticultural, culinary, and research of bryophytes, pteridophytes and Gymnosperms.	
V	Evolutionary trends		15

	9	Archegoniate Evolutionary aspects- Transition to land habit, Conservation studies.	
	10	Polyembryony in Gymnosperms, Apogamy and Apospory.	
	11	Heterospory and seed habit in Pteridophytes.	

Practicals		
	1. Riccia- Habit- Anatomy of thallus 2. Bryum- Habit, Anatomy of thallus 3. Selaginella – Habit, T.S of stem and rhizophore. 4. Pteris - Habit, Anatomy of Rachis and Sporophyll, Prothallus 5. Cycas- T.S of leaf, Micro, and megasporophyll 6. Pinus-T.S. of the needle, morphology of male and female cone. 7. Permanent slide/ images of Fossils – Rhynia, Lyginopteris 8. Identify and submit geotagged photographs of archegoniate.	30

Suggested Reading

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1. Pandey, B. P. 2006. College Botany, Vol. II: Pteridophyta, Gymnosperms and Paleobotany. S. Chand & Company Ltd, New Delhi.
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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Explain the general characters of Archegoniate and formation of fossils	R,U	PSO-1,2

CO-2	Classify archegoniate to different plant groups	R,U,	PSO-1,2
CO-3	Compare the structure of gametophyte and sporophyte of Archegoniates	U, An	PSO-1,2,
CO-4	Assess the economic and ecological significance of Archegoniates	U, An	PSO- 4,6
CO-5	Investigate aesthetic applications of archegoniates	U,Ap	PSO-7

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Bryophytes, Pteridophytes and Gymnosperms

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/ Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1,2	R,U	F, C	L,T	
2	2	1,2	R,U,	F, C	L,T	
3	3	1,2,	R,U,An	F, C	L,T	
4	4	4,6	U, An	F, p		P
5	5	4,6	U,Ap	F, C		P

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CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK3DSCBOT204				
Course Title	ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	III				
Academic Level	200 - 299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre-requisites				
Course Summary	This course equips the students to identify Natural resources and key features of ecosystems and understand the interrelationships between organisms within an ecosystem. Explains sustainable development of nature through biodiversity conservation. This course equips the students with knowledge about pollution, its causes and methods for prevention and control.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Natural Resources and Conservation		06
	1	Renewable and Non-renewable resources, natural resources - Land, Water, Forests -, Energy, Plants & Wildlife.	
	2	Degradation of natural resources (Land, water, flora and fauna), Causes – habitat fragmentation, invasive species, population explosion, over-exploitation, deforestation, agriculture mismanagement, desertification, overgrazing, soil erosion, mining, urbanization and industrialization, depletion of water resources	
	3	Conservation of Natural resources and sustainable lifestyles. Afforestation, regeneration of wasteland, rainwater harvesting, use of renewable resources, tidal and wind; biodiesel, biofuels. (brief account only)	
II	Ecosystem Ecology		12
	4	Definition, Biotic and abiotic components- Food chains, Food web & ecological Pyramids -Energy flow in an ecosystem–GPP, NPP	
	5	Biogeochemical cycles– Nitrogen, Phosphorus – biomagnification, eutrophication	
	6	Ecological succession-Definition, primary and secondary succession, climax concept - hydrosere, xerosere	
	7	Types of ecosystems (structure & functions) - Forest, Grassland, Desert, Aquatic – Marine, Freshwater, Estuaries, Mangrove forest, Salt marshes,	

III	Interactions and Adaptations		06
	8	Species interactions : Herbivory – Mechanical, Chemical defense, Competition – introduced species, Mutualism – Pollination syndromes, Dispersive mutualism, Defensive mutualism, Symbiosis (Lichens, Mycorrhizae), Parasitism – holoparasites, hemiparasites Commensalism, carnivory	
	9	Morphological, anatomical & physiological adaptations of – Hydrophytes, Xerophytes, Halophytes, Epiphytes, Parasites	
IV	Biodiversity Conservation		06
	10	Definition- genetic, species and ecosystem diversity, keystone species, indicator species, umbrella species	
	11	Hot spots – in India, Endemism – Western Ghats, IUCN, Red list – categories, Red data Book	
	12	Biodiversity Conservation: In-situ (National parks, Wildlife sanctuaries, Biosphere reserves) and Ex-situ conservation (botanical gardens, seed bank), World Heritage Sites in India, Ramsar convention	
	13	Major biodiversity conservation Movements in India - Chipko movement, Silent Valley Movement, Narmada Bachao Andolan	
V	Environmental Pollution		15
	14	Definition, causes and types – Air, Water, Soil, Noise, Thermal , Radioactive, Light. Case study : DDT	
	15	Global warming, Climate change, Ozone layer depletion,	
	16	Environmental policy in India	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study of ecological and anatomical modifications of Xerophytes, Hydrophytes, Halophytes, Epiphytes and Parasites. 2. Conduct a study tour to minimum 2 ecosystems 3. One day visit to ecologically significant location (National parks/ Botanical garden) 4. Identify and prepare a list of IUCN categorized tree/plants list in the campus or the nearest region 5. Conduct a debate/discussion on current environmental issues 6. Visit a local polluted site and report major pollutants 	30

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Define and explain natural resources. Discuss the factors affecting the availability of natural resources, their conservation and management.	R, U	PSO-1,2
CO-2	Assess the dynamics and types of ecosystems. Identify key features of ecosystems and understand the interrelationships between organisms within a simple ecosystem.	R, U,C	PSO-5
CO-3	Interpret and compare the species interactions and adaptations	U,E	PSO-5
CO-4	Analyze various threats to our biodiversity and able to suggest measures for conservation Strategies.	R,U,Ap	PSO-5
CO -5	Students are able to take part in the message of sustainable use of resources and conservation of biodiversity to the public and young generation	R,U,E	PSO-5,6,7

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Name of the Course: Environmental sciences

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1,2	R, U	F,C	L,T	

2	2	5	R, U,C	F,C	L,T	
3	3	5	U,E	F,C	L,T	P
4	4	5	R,U,Ap	C.P	L,T	
5	5	5,6,7	R,U,E	C.P	L,T	

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CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓	✓	✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK3DSCBOT205				
Course Title	BIOPHYSICS AND BIOSTATISTICS				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	III				
Academic Level	200 - 299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre-requisites				
Course Summary	Students will be able to understand the concept of bioenergetic, biophysical properties, tools, and techniques in biophysics. Students will be able to carry out data collection and statistical representation of data. Develops skills to interpret scientific data using basic statistical methods.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Bioenergetics & Biophysical properties		05
	1	Concepts of free energy, Thermodynamic principles in Biology. Entropy, Oxidation-reduction, redox potential.	
	2	Energy requirements in cell metabolism, role and structure of mitochondria, high energy phosphate bond, electron transfer phenomenon, and biological transfer.	
II	Tools and Techniques in Biophysics I		10
	3	Principles and applications of light and electron microscopy - Scanning and Transmission electron microscopy.	
	4	Principles and applications of Spectrophotometer (UV-visible)	
	5	Chromatography: Principle and types -Adsorption and partition chromatography. Thin layer chromatography, column chromatography, gas chromatography, HPLC.	
III	Tools and Techniques in Biophysics -II		07
	6	Electrophoresis: Horizontal and vertical gel electrophoresis, PAGE and AGE.	
	7	Centrifugation- Basic principles of centrifugation, RCF (relative centrifugal force), sedimentation coefficient, Ultracentrifugation, Density gradient, and Differential centrifugation.	
	8	pH meter- Principles and applications, Buffers-their functions in biological systems.	
IV	Biostatistics - Data Collection and Handling		08

	9	Nature and types of data - Typical examples, Collection, classification, and tabulation of data.	
	10	Diagrammatic and graphic representation. Line diagram, Bar diagram, Pie diagram, Histogram, Frequency curve, frequency polygon, Ogives.	
	11	Statistical terms and symbols. Measures of central tendencies for discrete data (mean, median, mode).	
	12	Measures of dispersion (range, mean deviation, variance, standard deviation, standard error)	
V	Statistical treatment of data		15
	13	Samples and sampling techniques – simple random sampling, systematic sampling, and stratified sampling., Errors.	
	14	Significance tests (chi-square test & t test). Correlation and regression analysis	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Separation of plant pigments by paper chromatography/TLC. 2. Preparation of buffer 3. Measurement of pH 4. Construct the absorption spectrum of any sample. 5. Familiarise students to equipment like Centrifuge 6. Spectrophotometer, pH meter, Electrophoresis. 7. Workout problems on frequency distribution 8. Represent data using bar diagram and histogram 9. Measures of central tendencies (Mean, Median, Mode) 10. Workout problems on measures of dispersion (range, mean, deviation, variance, standard deviation, standard error) 11. Workout problems on chi-square test. 	30

Suggested Reading

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3. Advanced Methods in Protein Microsequencing, Witmann Handbook of Molecular Biophysics (Methods & Application), 2009, HG Bohr, Wiley

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course, the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Students will be able to identify the major aspects in bioenergetics and thermodynamics of living system	R, U	PSO-3
CO-2	Students learn the fundamentals of instruments and techniques used in Biology	R, U	PSO-5
CO-3	Students will be able to conduct experiments using analytical instruments	Ap, E	PSO-7,8,9
CO-4	Students apply the statistical methods for data analysis and will be able to validate experimental hypothesis	An, AP, E	PSO-8

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Biophysics and Biostatistics

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	1	3	R, U	F, C	L,T	
CO-2	2	5	R, U	F, C	L,T	P
CO-3	3	8, 9	Ap, E	P		p
CO-4	4	8	An, AP, E	P	L,T	

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CO 4	✓	✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK4DSCBOT201				
Course Title	LOWER CRYPTOGRAMS, PHYTOPATHOLOGY AND MICROBIOLOGY				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	IV				
Academic Level	200 - 299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 hours
Pre-requisites	UK3DSCBOT201				
Course Summary	To familiarize the students with lower cryptogams (algae, fungi, and lichens) and microbes; their diversity, structure, and life cycle; and their economic and ecological significance. Students will get an idea about plant diseases and their management.				

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Phycology		11
	1	General characteristics and classification of algae (Fritch, 1935) up to class level- Thallus organization and Pigment composition- Economic importance of algae.	
	2	Significant features, thallus structure, and life cycle of algae in the following groups with special reference to the type mentioned: Cyanophyceae (<i>Nostoc</i>) Chlorophyceae (<i>Oedogonium</i>) Bacillariophyceae (<i>Pinnularia</i>) Phaeophyceae (<i>Sargassum</i>) Rhodophyceae (<i>Polysiphonia</i>)	
II	Mycology		10
	3	General characteristics and classification of Fungi (G.C. Alexopoulos, 1996); Economic importance of Fungi.	
	4	Significant features, thallus structure and life cycle of the genera mentioned in each group Zygomycetes - <i>Rhizopus</i> Ascomycetes - <i>Penicillium</i> Basidiomycetes - <i>Puccinia, Agaricus</i>	
III	Lichenology		03
	5	General account, ecological and economic importance; types of Lichen - Crustose, Foliose and Fruticose.	
	6	Morphology, anatomy, and reproduction of <i>Usnea</i>	
IV	Plant pathology		06

	7	Definition and Classification of plant diseases based on causative organisms and symptoms, Host-parasite interaction, disease triangle, and phytoalexins.	
	8	Study of the following diseases with emphasis on symptoms, disease cycle, and control measures - Leaf mosaic of Tapioca, Citrus Canker, Blast disease of Paddy	
	9	Brief account of the following Fungicides- Bordeaux mixture, Lime sulphur, Tobacco decoction, Neem cake & oil.	
V	Microbiology		15
	10	History –Contributions of Robert Hook, Antony Van Leeuwenhoek, Louis Pasteur, Robert Koch.	
	11	Bacteria: Morphology and classification- Ultrastructure, reproduction- Gram staining- Economic importance. Mycoplasma & Actinomycetes(General account)	
	12	Virus: Structure and reproduction in general. Bacteriophages: Structure and reproduction (Lytic and Lysogenic cycle)- Harmful activities of viruses.	
	13	Applied microbiology -Nitrogen fixation, Bio-fertilizers, Pasteurization, types (canning, drying), soil microorganisms – bacteria (cyanobacteria and actinobacteria), algae, fungi, and viruses (brief account only), Role of microbes in soil fertility:the rhizosphere-Phyllosphere.	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gram staining of bacteria. 2. Make micro preparations of vegetative and reproductive structures of the algal and fungal types mentioned in the syllabus. 3. Identify the algal specimens up to the generic level and make labeled sketches of the specimens observed 4. Identification of Different Lichens mentioned in the syllabus. 5. Identify the causal organism and symptoms of Leaf mosaic of Tapioca, Citrus Canker, and Blast disease of Paddy. 6. Prepare the fungicides- Bordeaux mixture & Tobacco decoction 7. Algal and fungal sample collection from different localities. 	30

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understanding the scope and contributions of Scientists to Botany students.	R,U	
CO-2	Understand the fundamental structure of microbes, Algae, Fungi, and lichens .	R,U	PSO-1
CO-3	Understand the ecological roles of algae, fungi, and lichens in various ecosystems	R,U	PSO-5
CO-4	Analyze the economic significance of microorganisms, algae, and fungi.	An, E	PSO-1, 2
CO-5	Apply Algology study to develop ways to clean up wastewater naturally by using algae.	Ap, E	PSO-5,6
CO-6	Apply knowledge of plant pathology to diagnose, prevent, and mitigate plant diseases in agricultural, horticultural, and natural ecosystems	Ap.An	PSO-4, 7
CO-7	Emphasizes the applications of microbiology to address environmental problems and provide microbial remedial measures	Ap ,C	PSO-7, 8

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyze, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Lower Cryptogams, Phytopathology and Microbiology

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1	R, U	F, C	L, T	
2	2	1	R, U	F, C	L, T	
3	3	5	R, U	F, C	L, T	P
4	4	1, 2	An, E	C, P	L, T	P
5	5	5,6	Ap, C	C, P	L, T	

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

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CO 2	✓	✓		✓
CO 3		✓		✓
CO 4	✓	✓		
CO 5	✓			



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK4DSCBOT202				
Course Title	ARCHEGONIATES AND PALEOBOTANY				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	IV				
Academic Level	200 - 299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	UK3DSCBOT201				
Course Summary	To familiarize students with the characteristic features and evolutionary significance of archegoniates. To impart knowledge about fossil formation and its significance To give a basic outlook towards the ecological and economic significance of Archegoniate.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
Bryophytes			
I	1	Bryophytes- General characters and classification by Proskauer (1957)	08
	2	Study of habit, thallus organization, vegetative and sexual reproduction and alternation of generation of the following types (Developmental details are not required) <i>Riccia, Polytrichum</i>	
	3	Economic Importance of Bryophytes.	
Pteridophytes			
II	4	Introduction: General characters. Classification as proposed by Smith(1959)	08
	5	Study of the habitat, habit, internal structure, reproduction and life cycle of the following types (Developmental details not required). <i>Selaginella</i> and <i>Pteris</i>	
	6	Economic importance of Pteridophytes	
Gymnosperms			
III	7	Introduction –General characters and classification by Sporne,(1965).	10
	8	Study of the habit, anatomy, reproduction and life cycle of the following types (Developmental details are not required) <i>Cycas, Pinus</i> and <i>Gnetum</i>	
	9	Economic importance of Gymnosperms	
Paleobotany			
IV	10	Fossil formation, types of fossils.	04
	11	Fossil Pteridophytes- <i>Rhynia</i> ,	

		Fossil gymnosperms- <i>Lyginopteris</i>	
V	Identification, collection and preservation of archegoniates		15
	12	Archegoniates,-Features, Transition to land habit, Collection and preservation methods, Conservation studies	
	13	Alternation of generations, lifecycle Patterns, eusporangiate and leptosporangiate sporangia	
	14	Field Visit to collect bryophytes, pteridophytes and gymnosperm specimens and submit a detailed report with geotagged photos for evaluation.	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Riccia</i>- Internal structure of thallus 2. <i>Polytrichum</i>- Morphology - archegonial cluster, Antheridial cluster, SporophyteV.S 3. <i>Selaginella</i> – T.S of stem and rhizophore, T.S of Strobilus, 4. <i>Pteris</i> - T.S of Rachis, T.S of Sporophyll, Prothallus 5. <i>Cycas</i>- T.S of leaf, coralloid root (morphology). Micro and megasporophyll 6. <i>Pinus</i>- spur shoot, T.S. of needle, male and female cone. 7. <i>Gnetum</i>- T.S of stem and leaf, male and female cone (morphology) 8. Permanent slide/ images of Fossils – <i>Rhynia</i>, <i>Lyginopteris</i> 	30

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
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CO-1	Explain the general characters of Archegoniates and formation of fossils	R,U	PSO-1,2
CO-2	Classify archegoniates to different plant groups	U,Ap	PSO-1,2
CO-3	Compare the structure of gametophyte and sporophyte of Archegoniates	U, An	PSO-1,2
CO-4	Assess the economic and ecological significance of Archegoniates	U, An	PSO-4, 6
CO-5	Investigate the diversity of archegoniates	Ap, An, E	PSO-1

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Archegoniates and Paleobotany

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/ Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1, 2	R, U	F, C	L, T	
2	2	1, 2	R, U	F, C	L, T	
3	3	1, 2	R, U	F, C	L, T	
4	4	4, 6	R, U	F, C	L, T	P
5	5	1, 2	R, An	F, C	L, T	P

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CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK5DSCBOT301				
Course Title	MORPHOLOGY AND PLANT SYSTEMATICS				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	V				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	UK1DSCBOT101, UK2DSCBOT101				
Course Summary	The course emphasizes the identification and classification of plants based on morphological traits. Understand various angiosperm families their morphology, distinctive features, and biology.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Morphology of Flowering Plants		08
	1	A brief account of vegetative parts of a plant - Plant habit, stem, root, leaf- morphotypes, phyllotaxy, venation.	
	2	Flower as a modified shoot: Detailed structure of floral parts-arrangements, relative position, cohesion, and adhesion of floral parts; Flower- symmetry- aestivation and placentation; Floral diagram and floral formula.	
	3	Types of inflorescence with examples- Racemose (simple raceme, spike, catkin, spadix, umbel, corymb, capitulum and panicle), Cymose (simple cyme, monochasial - helicoid and scorpioid, dichasial, polychasial) & special types - Cyathium, Verticillaster, Hypanthodium, Coenanthium and Thyrsus)	
	4	Types of fruits – Simple fruits-Fleshy& Dry – Dehiscent, Indehiscent, and Schizocarpic fruits)-Aggregate-and Multiple fruits with examples.;Seeds – Albuminous and exalbuminous-Dispersal of fruits and seeds.	
II	Nomenclature and Systems of angiosperm classification		06
	5	Basic rules of Binomial Nomenclature - International Code of Nomenclature for algae, fungi, and plants (ICN): Outline- Rule of priority and its limitations, Author citation -typification (Holotype, Isotype, Syntype, Paratype, and Lectotype), Effective and valid publication, Nomina rejected, Nomina conservenda.	
	6	Major systems of classification: Artificial (Linnaeus), Natural: (Bentham and Hooker (detailed account)), Phylogenetic- (Engler and Prantl)-APG-IV system (outline and its significance).	

III	Taxonomic aids		04
	7	Herbarium, techniques, preparation, International (Kew, K) – National (Central National Herbarium, CAL), BSI-Coimbatore(MH),JNTBGRI(TBGT), Virtual herbarium (concept and example only)- Botanical gardens and its role- important Botanic gardens: RBG, Kew; Acharya Jagadeesh Chandrabose Indian Botanic Garden-Culcutta, JNTBGRI, Thiruvananthapuram- Botanical Survey of India- Structure and organization.	
	8	Taxonomic Literature: Floras, Monographs, Revisions and Journals- Taxonomic keys: Bracketed and Indented keys (Brief account).	
IV	Systematic study of Angiosperm families		12
	9	A detailed study (Systematic position, distribution, common members, diagnostic features, vegetative, floral characters, and economic importance of the following families: 1. <i>Annonaceae</i> , 2. <i>Malvaceae</i> 3. <i>Rutaceae</i> , 4. <i>Leguminosae with sub-families</i> 5. <i>Rubiaceae</i> 6. <i>Asteraceae</i> 7. <i>Sapotaceae</i> 8. <i>Asclepiadaceae</i> 9. <i>Solanaceae</i> 10. <i>Acanthaceae</i> 11. <i>Lamiaceae</i> 12. <i>Euphorbiaceae</i> 13. <i>Orchidaceae</i> 14. <i>Liliaceae</i> 15. <i>Poaceae</i>	
V	Modern techniques in plant systematics		15
	10	Numerical Taxonomy, Chemotaxonomy, Cytotaxonomy, Molecular taxonomy – concepts and brief account.	
	11	Biosystematics-Principles and methodology(Brief account)- Phylogenetic systematics: principle, Methodology, and applications- brief account	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare a photo album of leaves and Inflorescences. 2. Identify evidence from nature for considering the flower as a modified shoot and submit the same in the form of geo-tagged photographs or herbarium sheets. 3. Conduct regular field visits to familiarise with the local flora and submit e-reports with photographs. 4. Conduct a field trip outside the Kerala -Herbarium of samples should be made from the trip, along with photographic evidence and a report should also be submitted during practical examination. 	30

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Visit to a recognized Herbarium- Report of the same with photographic evidence should be submitted for the practical examination. 6. Students should work with at least two members from each family mentioned in the syllabus and record- description of the same in technical terms should be done in the practical record. 7. Submission of not less than 15 properly identified Herbarium sheets with author citation, should be done during the practical examination. 8. Online resources and websites: Index Herbarium, IPNI, The Tree Of Life Web Project (To), Plants of The World (POWO), The world flora online (WFO), RBGE Living collections should be accessed and familiarised. E-Flora Kerala. 	
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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course, the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Students possess the capability to recognize and distinguish different categories of foliage, flowers, inflorescence, and fruits.	R, U	PSO-1,2
CO-2	Compare the morphological characters of plants belonging to different families. Construct the floral diagram and floral formula subsequent to the observation of a studied plant.	R, U	
CO-3	Execute field collections of plant specimens, scientific	An, C	

	herbarium preparations, and maintenance.		
CO-4	Learn about various modern taxonomies, software and tools and their application in plant systematics and the techniques for the preparation of virtual herbaria and macrophotography.	Ap, An, C	PSO-8,9
CO-5	Utilize the knowledge of plant systematics for the benefit of science and society.	Ap, E, C	PSO-1,6

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Name of the Course: Angiosperm Morphology and Plant Systematics

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	1	1.2	R, U	F, C	L.T	
CO-2	2		R, U	F, C	L.T	P
CO-3	3		An, C	F, C	L.T	P
CO-4	4	8,9	U, An, C	P	L.T	P
CO-5	5	1,6	Ap, E, C	P	L.T	

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CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓	✓	✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK5DSCBOT302				
Course Title	PLANT GENETICS				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	V				
Academic Level	300 – 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	4 Hours	-		4 Hours
Pre-requisites	Students have a knowledge about cytology which is the basic objective of genetics				
Course Summary	Course offers a comprehensive knowledge about the characters and its inheritance. The students gain the knowledge of history of genetics and its advancements.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Heredity and Variation		10
	1	Definition, Mendelian genetics-An account of Mendelian experiments and selection of characters, Reason behind Mendel's success, Monohybrid and Dihybrid crosses, Back cross- test cross, Mendelian ratios, Mendelian principles and laws- Principle of unit characters, Principle of dominance, Law of segregation and Law of independent assortment. Learning Activity:- Work out the problems related with monohybrid and dihybrid crosses and Test crosses.	
II	Modified Mendelian ratios		15
	2	Incomplete Dominance- Flower colour in <i>Mirabilis jalapa</i> ; co-dominance- MN blood group in man; gene interactions (non-allelic interactions)- Complementary gene action- flower colour in <i>Lathyrus odoratus</i> ; Epistasis- dominant (fruit colour in <i>Cucurbita pepo</i>) and recessive (coat colour in mice); Collaboratory gene action- comb patterns in domestic fowls; Duplicate gene action- seed shape in <i>Capsella bursa pastoris</i> ; Duplicate gene with cumulative effect- fruit shape in <i>Cucurbita pepo</i> , Inhibitory gene action- leaf colour in <i>Oryza sativa</i> . Learning Activity:- Work out the problems related with different allelic and non-allelic interactions.	
	3	Multiple allelism- ABO blood group in man, self-sterility in <i>Nicotiana tobacco</i> ; Rh factor.	

	4	Quantitative characters- General characteristics, polygenic inheritance- Skin colour in man, ear size in <i>Zea mays</i> .	
III	Role of chromosomes		10
	5	Chromosome theory of inheritance; Coupling and repulsion; Linkage- significance and types (complete and incomplete); Cis and trans heterozygote; Morgan's theory of linkage; crossing over- mechanism, types and significance. Interference and coincidence, Crossover value; Gene mapping; two point and three point test crosses. Learning Activity:- Work out the problems related with two point and three point test crosses	
IV	Sex determination and inheritance patterns		10
	6	Sex determination in organisms- Chromosome basis of sex determination (XX-XY, XX-XO types), sex determination in higher plants- <i>Melandrium album</i> ; Genic balance theory.	
	7	Sex linked inheritance- X linked (Haemophilia and eye colour in <i>Drosophila</i>), Y linked (Hypertrichosis pinnae) and XY linked (Bobbed bristles in <i>Drosophila</i>)	
	8	Extra chromosomal inheritance- Maternal effect, Plastid inheritance in <i>Mirabilis jalapa</i> , inheritance of kappa particles in <i>Paramecium</i> .	
V	Applying genetics: Analysis, disorders, and population genetics		15
	9	Karyotype and Pedigree analysis; Inborn errors of metabolism- alkaptonuria, phenylketonuria and albinism; Syndromes- Klinefelter's syndrome, Turner's syndrome and Down syndrome. Population genetics- systems of mating and their genetic effect; Hardy Weinberg law and its applications; threatening of gene frequency- migration, mutation, genetic drift, genetic polymorphism and selection.	

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Students Recognize and understand the basic concepts of genetics, Mendelian experiments and conclusions.	R, U	PSO-2
CO-2	Learn about the various allelic and non-allelic interactions.	R, U	
CO-3	Compare the qualitative and quantitative characters and their Inheritance.	U, An, E	
CO-4	Develop skills in students to integrate the heredity and variation with chromosomes.	U, An,	PSO-4
CO-5	Learn about the sex determination in organisms, inheritance of Body characters through sex chromosomes and cytoplasm.	R, U, An	

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Plant Genetics

Credits: 4:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	2	R, U	F, C	L,T	
2	2		R, U	F, C	L,T	
3	3		U, An, E	F, C	L,T	
4	4	4	U, An,	F, C	L,T	
5	5		R, U, An	C, P	L	P

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CO 3		✓	✓	✓
CO 4	✓	✓		✓
CO 5		✓	✓	✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK5DSCBOT303				
Course Title	CELL BIOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	V				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	04 Hours	-	-	04 Hours
Pre-requisites	UK3DSCBOT201				
Course Summary	This course gives the basic idea of the cell and its ultrastructure which help to establish the relationship between the structure and function of the different cell organelles/compartments. Cellular communication gives an idea about how cells communicate to function as an organism and interact with the environment. It also deals with the origin and evolution of life which explains the basic principles governing the adaptations to changes in environment.				

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Cell ultrastructure		10
	1	A brief account of the structural and functional organization of the cell and cell organelles - chloroplast, mitochondria and nucleus (detailed account)	
	2	Structure of chromosomes-Nucleosome model, structure, and function of the kinetochore, NOR, and other secondary constrictions, satellites, heterochromatic segments, and telomeres. <i>Learning Activity:</i> - Study of Cell ultrastructure and cell organelles using 3D models	
II	Cell Division, Differentiation, and Cell Death		13
	3	Cell Division- Stages in cell cycle, mitotic phases, mitotic apparatus, and cytokinesis. Meiosis – General description, synaptonemal complex, stages of meiosis I and II, molecular mechanism of crossing over. <i>Learning Activity:</i> - 1. Identification of different stages of Mitosis using Onion root tips. 2. Demonstration of Meiosis using Allium cepa Chlorophytum flowers	
	4	Cell differentiation and death - Molecular mechanism of cell differentiation, Stem cells. Apoptosis; Cancer- carcinogens, oncogenes, tumor suppressor genes.	
III	Signaling pathways in plants		10

	5	Plant hormones and signaling pathways, light signaling and photomorphogenesis, signaling in plant growth and development.	
	6	Signal perception and transduction in plant responses to environmental stimuli, crosstalk between signaling pathways in plants. Cell polarity (brief account only)	
IV	Origin and Evolution of life		12
	7	Introduction with the aspects of pre-biotic and molecular evolution; brief outlook on the classical theories of evolution, modern theory of synthesis.	
	8	Forces of evolution- Mutation, genetic drift, natural selection; speciation-allopatric, peripatric, parapatric and sympatric.	
	9	Evolution above species level: Brief account of molecular evolution citing the role of chromosome number, genome size and structure and organelle DNA; origin of new genes by gene duplication, chimeric genes and the role of viruses in directing evolution.	
V	Cellular communication		15
	10	Introduction to cell signalling, cell surface receptors and ligands, signal transduction pathways, secondary messengers, and regulation of signalling pathways.	
	11	Bacterial and two-component systems, bacterial chemotaxis and quorum sensing.	
	12	Regulation of hematopoiesis, general principles of cell communication, gap junctions, extracellular matrix, cell adhesion, and role of different adhesion molecules.	

Suggested Readings

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4. <https://evolution.berkeley.edu/evolution-101/an-introduction-to-evolution/>
5. [https://bio.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Botany/Botany_\(Ha_Morrow_and_Algers\)/](https://bio.libretexts.org/Bookshelves/Botany/Botany_(Ha_Morrow_and_Algers)/)
6. [Unit 0%3A Introduction to Botany/01%3A Introduction/1.03%3A Intro to Evolution](#)

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course, the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand the ultrastructure of cells, and the function of different cell organelles and help to correlate their structure and function.	U, An	PSO-2
CO-2	Understanding the principles regulating cell multiplication and death; helps to recognise the reason for various diseases associated with the malfunctioning of the processes.	U, An	PSO-2
CO-3	Identify different stages of cell division.	Ap	PSO-2
CO-4	Understand basic principles of cellular and extracellular communication and help to realise how cells coordinate to function as an organism and how they interact with the environment.	U, An	PSO-2
CO-5	Understand the basic principles of evolution and apply them to analyze the adaptations developed in plants	U, An	PSO-2,4

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Cell biology and Evolutionary biology

Credits: 4:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	2	U, An	F,C	L,T	

2	2	2	U, An	F,C	L,T	
3	3	2	Ap	F,C	L,T	P
4	4	2	U, An	F,C	L,T	P
5	5	2,4	U, An	F,C	L,T	

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

Assessment Rubrics:

- Quiz / Assignment/ Quiz/ Discussion / Seminar
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Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics :

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK6DSCBOT301				
Course Title	PLANT PHYSIOLOGY				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	VI				
Academic Level	300 – 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	UK5DSCBOT303				
Course Summary	The course, plant physiology explores all the vital activities of the plant kingdom which include photosynthesis, respiration, nutrient assimilation, hormone action, and stress responses. This integrated approach prepares students for advanced studies and research in plant sciences, with applications in agriculture, horticulture, environmental conservation, and biotechnology.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Water absorption and mineral nutrition		07
	1	Mechanism of water absorption: Physical forces- Imbibition, diffusion, and osmosis; water potential; Active absorption: Osmotic and non-osmotic theory; Passive absorption; Ascent of sap: Root pressure theory, Cohesion of water molecule and transpiration pull theory.	
	2	Transpiration- Types, Mechanism: opening and closing of stomata: Starch - sugar interconversion theory, potassium ion transport mechanism, the role of ABA, factors affecting transpiration and anti-transpirants.	
	3	Essential elements: Macro and micronutrients; Criteria of essentiality of elements; Role of essential elements; Transport of ions across cell membrane, passive absorption: Ion exchange, Donnan equilibrium and Active: Carrier -concept, cytochrome pump theory	
II	Carbon Assimilation		07
	4	Photosynthesis: Photosynthetic Pigments, Solar spectrum- action and absorption spectra, Red drop, Emerson enhancement effect. Photosystem I and II-Photolysis of water, Water Oxidising clock-Hill reaction, Cyclic and non-cyclic photophosphorylation, Electron	

		transport, Q cycle and mechanism of ATP synthesis. Rubisco, Carbon assimilation: Calvin cycle, Hatch Slack Pathway, CAM pathway and Photorespiration. Bacterial photosynthesis and chemosynthesis (Brief account only). Factors affecting photosynthesis - Law of limiting factor.	
III	Transport and Break down of Molecules		08
	5	Phloem transport- Composition of phloem sap, Girdling experiment; Pressure flow model; Phloem loading and unloading. P-Proteins.	
	6	Respiration: Significance and general equation, respiratory substrates. Glycolysis- anaerobic respiration (Alcoholic and lactic acid fermentation) Krebs' cycle-Electron transport system and Oxidative phosphorylation (ATP Synthesis): Glyoxylate cycle and its significance, Energy relation of respiration, R.Q, and its significance. Factors affecting respiration.	
IV	Physiological Response of Plants		08
	7	Plant Growth: Definition, different phases of growth, Sigmoid curve, Measurement of growth; Growth regulators: Physiological effect and practical applications - Auxins, Gibberellins, Cytokinins, Abscisic acid, and Ethylene (Brief account); Senescence, Programmed Cell Death and abscission.	
	8	Biological clock, Circadian Rhythms, and Stress Physiology: Abiotic (water and salt)- Biotic (pathogens), Phytoalexins.	
	9	Physiology of flowering: Phytochromes, Photoperiodism, and Vernalization (brief account)	
	10	Germination and dormancy of seeds (Brief account)	
V	Plant Physiology for Human Beings		15
	11	Nitrogen metabolism: Source of nitrogen - Biological nitrogen fixation- symbiotic and symbiotic. Nitrogen fixation by blue-green algae - rotation of crops. Nif genes – Leghaemoglobin, Nitrate, and ammonia assimilation.	
	12	Plant movements, Physiology of Fruit ripening	
	13	Growth Regulators and Biostimulants: Upcoming Opportunities.	

Practicals		
	<p>Study of the following experiments (1-7) and set up any of the experiments by students.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstration of osmosis using Osmoscope. (Thistle funnel/papaya petiole experiment) Incipient Plasmolysis using Rheo peel. Determination of water absorption and transpiration ratio. Calculation of the stomatal index and comparison of the stomatal frequency of any three mesophytes. Observe and record deficiency symptoms of plants grown in nutrient-deficient solutions (N, P, Mg, K) over a period of time. 	30

	6. Observe and record the effect of growth regulators (Auxin/Cytokinin/Gibberlin) on germinating seedlings. 7. Measurement of transpiration rate using Ganong's potometer 8. Demonstration of Oxygen evolution during Photosynthesis (Hydrilla Experiment). 9. Demonstration of the evolution of CO ₂ during aerobic respiration by conical flask method. 10. Measurement of photosynthesis using Wilmott's bubbler under different light conditions. 11. Alcoholic fermentation using Kuhn's fermentation vessel.	
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5. Pandey S.N. & Sinha B. K. (1996) Plant physiology 3rd Edition, Vikas publishing

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Students will gain a comprehensive understanding of the physiological processes and pathways that govern	R,U	PSO-1,2

	the functioning of living organisms.		
CO-2	Students will develop the ability to design, conduct, and analyze experiments in physiology, using modern laboratory techniques and instrumentation.	R, U	PSO-3,4
CO-3	Students will apply their knowledge of physiology to understand the pathophysiological basis of diseases.	Ap, An,E	
CO-4	Students will understand of the physiological processes and pathways that govern the functioning of living organisms.	Ap, An,E	PSO-4,6

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Plant Physiology

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1,2	R,U	F, C	L	
2	2	3,4	R, U	F, C	L	
3	3		Ap, An,E	F, C	L	
4	4	4,6	Ap, An,E	P	L	P

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CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK6DSCBOT302				
Course Title	ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND CONSERVATION BIOLOGY				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	VI				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	04 Hours	-	-	04 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre-requisites				
Course Summary	Fundamental concepts of ecosystems and ecosystem management are included in this course. Biodiversity management including threats, conservation strategies, legislations, and international conventions are analyzed in detail. The impact of society on the environment and the role of humans in mitigating environmental problems are also introduced..				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Ecosystems		15
	1	Ecological Hierarchy: Individual & Species, Populations & Communities, Ecosystems, Biomes and Biosphere. (Brief account). Basic Components of ecosystems: Abiotic (Sunlight, temperature, soil, water and atmosphere) and Biotic components (Producers, consumers and decomposers).	
	2	Characteristics of a community: Species diversity- richness, evenness, stratification, dominance, ecological indicators. Ecotone and Edge effect, Concepts of Ecological Niche and Guild.	
	3	Concept of ecosystem: Productivity- Gross and Net, Primary productivity, Secondary Productivity. Energy efficiency. Food chain, Foodweb. Ecological pyramids- number, biomass, energy- Energy flow, (Lindeman's "Law of 10%".) Biogeochemical cycles: Gaseous and Sedimentary cycles, Carbon cycle, Nitrogen cycle. (Detailed study of anyone). Ecological succession: Primary, Secondary, Seasonal. (Detailed study of anyone). Ecosystem goods and services: Supporting services, Provisioning services, Regulating Services, Cultural Services. UN Millenium Ecosystem Assessment (MA)2000.	

		<p>Ecosystem Types: Terrestrial: Forest, Grassland, Desert, Aquatic: Marine, Freshwater.</p> <p>Plant adaptations for survival: Morphological, anatomical & physiological adaptations - Hydrophytes, Xerophytes, Halophytes, Epiphytes, Parasites</p> <p>Biomes: Forest Biome, Grassland Biome, Desert Biome, Aquatic Biomes.</p> <p>Learning Activity:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comparison and recording ecological adaptations of different plants from different ecosystems. 2. Visit to ecologically significant locations (National parks/mangroves/estuaries). 	
II	Natural Resources		08
	4	<p>Natural Resources: Land, Water, Energy, Forests, & Wildlife. Degradation of natural resources: Land and water resources, over-exploitation, deforestation, agriculture, mismanagement, desertification, overgrazing, soil erosion, mining, urbanization, and industrialization.</p> <p>Conservation of Natural resources and sustainable lifestyles- Afforestation, Regeneration of wasteland, Rainwater harvesting, Groundwater enrichment; Promoting the use of renewable resources: solar, tidal, and wind; biofuels. Reforestation, Community forestry programs.</p>	
III	Biodiversity		10
	5	<p>Biodiversity: Definition and Significance - Levels of biodiversity: Genetic, Species and Ecosystem; Biodiversity in India - Biogeographical regions(Brief account); India as a Mega Diversity Nation- Hotspots of Biodiversity- criteria, hotspot in India, Hopespots; Endangered and endemic plant species in India- Threats to Biodiversity- (loss of habitat, poaching, man-wildlife conflict, . Over exploitation). Endangered and endemic species of India-plants: - <i>Orchid sp.</i>, <i>Nepenthes khasiana</i>. Keystone species, Umbrella species, and Flagship species.</p>	
IV	Conservation Biology		15
	6	<p>Conservation Strategies: in-situ and ex-situ conservation. In situ (on-site)- National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Biosphere reserves, World Heritage sites. RAMSAR Convention and RAMSAR sites in India.</p> <p>Ex-Situ Conservation: Seed gene bank, botanical gardens, and wildlife safari parks- CITES and 2020 Global Biodiversity Agenda. Global and National Conservation Initiatives: Stockholm Convention (2001), Aichi Biodiversity Targets(2020). NBAP 2008. Kerala State Biodiversity Board (KSBB), Peoples Biodiversity Register(PBR).</p> <p>Learning Activity:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preparation of biosphere reserve map of India. 2. Preparation of RAMSAR site map of India 3. Prepare a map of Kerala showing Protected Area Network (PAN) in it. 	

		4. Familiarisation of Green Protocol and EIA process using any Environmental Consultancy Services / NGO.	
	7	Environmental Issues: Definition of Pollution, Types: Air, Water, Soil, Noise, Radiation, and Thermal, Hazardous waste; pollution control measures- Waste reduction at source, Solid waste management, 3R's in waste management- Bharat Stage emission standards (BS 2000), Case study: Namami Ganga Project. Climate change- Global warming and Sea level rise, Desertification, Acid rain, Ozone layer depletion, Nuclear accidents. International climate change agreements-Montreal protocol(1987), Basel convention(1989) ,UNFCCC(1992), UNCCD(2007).	
V	India centric aspects of Biodiversity.		12
	8	Major forest types of India - IUCN Red Data Book Categories, Blue Flag Beaches of India- Wetlands in India- NWCP Aim and Objectives. Mangrove forests - Mangrove distribution in Kerala, Common mangrove plants, Green Coast Project, Coral Reefs in India: types, Global threats to coral reefs. CRZ norms. Biodiversity act 2002, National Clean Air Programme (NCAP).	

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Recognize different types of pollution and their impacts on natural resources.	U,R	PSO-1
CO-2	Apply techniques for studying plant communities	U,Ap	PSO-2
CO-3	Compare biodiversity between different plant communities.	An	PSO-2
CO-4	Measure the impact of environmental stress conditions on plants.	An	PSO-5
CO-5	Comprehend the scope and enforcement of environmental legislation.	Ap	PSO-6,7

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Environmental Science and Conservation Biology

Credits: 4:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1,2	U,R	F, C	L, T	
2	2	2	U,Ap	F, C	L, T	
3	3	5	An	F, C	L, T	P
4	4	5	An	C.P	L, T	
5	5	6,7	Ap	C.P	L, T	

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CO 2	✓	✓		✓
CO 3	✓	✓		✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓	✓	✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK6DSCBOT303				
Course Title	BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	VI				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	04 Hours	-	-	04 Hours
Pre-requisites	Basic knowledge of biology, including cell structure and function and Basic understanding of genetics				
Course Summary	The course is designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the fundamental molecules that make up living organisms and the molecular mechanisms that govern cellular processes. The students will explore key concepts in molecular biology, such as DNA replication, transcription, translation, and gene regulation.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Biomolecules		15
	1	Definition and classification of biomolecules – Micro and Macromolecules. Importance of biomolecules in plants	
	2	Carbohydrates : Structure and Function - Monosaccharides (Glucose, Fructose), disaccharides (maltose and sucrose) and polysaccharides (Starch and cellulose).	
	3	Lipids- Fatty acids, triglycerides, classification- simple lipis(fat and oil), complex lipids (phospholipid and glycolipid), and derived lipids (cholesterol), Function	
	4	Proteins- Amino acids, peptide bonds, and protein structure levels (primary, secondary, tertiary, and quaternary)- Function.	
	5	Enzymes – Properties – classification - nomenclature - enzyme-substrate interaction – factors influencing enzyme action: temperature, pH, and substrate concentration.	
	6	Nucleic acids – Chemical Structure –Nucleotide composition of DNA and RNA, Watson and Crick model of DNA structure, Satellite and repetitive DNA; RNA structure-properties and functions of tRNA, mRNA, and rRNA.	

	7	<p>Learning Activity:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Qualitative test of carbohydrate - Molisch's test, starch-iodine test reducing sugar - Benedict's test, 2. Qualitative test for proteins – Biuret test and Xanthoproteic test 3. Qualitative test for Lipids – Sudan test/ Translucent Oil drop test/ Solubility Test 4. Quantitative estimation of reducing sugar and protein in plant tissue 	
II	DNA Replication and Repair		15
	8	DNA as genetic material- experimental evidence- Griffith's experiment on Bacterial transformation, Avery's experiment, Hershey-Chase Experiment.	
	9	Replication of DNA in prokaryotes- An overview, General principles and features, Semi conservative model- Meselson and Stahl experiment.	
	10	Leading strand and lagging strand synthesis, Okazaki fragments, replication fork and origin of replication; Unidirectional and Bidirectional replication; Replisome.	
	11	Enzymology of replication: topoisomerase, helicase, primase, polymerase, and ligase; Speed and accuracy of replication, Proof reading- Replication of DNA in eukaryotes (brief account only).	
	12	DNA repair –photoreactivation, Base excision repair, Nucleotide Excision Repair, Mismatch repair, Nonhomologous end joining, SOS repair system.	
	13	<p>Learning Activity:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Study of semi-conservative replication of DNA through micrographs/ schematic representations 2. DNA extraction from plant tissue using CTAB method (demonstration) 	
III	Gene Expression – Transcription		08
	14	Concept of gene-Units of a gene, cistron, recon, muton; Types of genes- Housekeeping genes (constitutive genes), Luxury genes (nonconstitutive genes), overlapping genes.	
	15	Transcription; Core Promoter and Regulatory Promoter, Transcription apparatus.	
	16	RNA Processing in eukaryotes- removal of introns by spliceosome; Capping and Tailing. Reverse transcription.	
IV	Gene Expression – Translation		10
	17	Translation – ultrastructure of ribosomes, genetic code. Amino acylation of tRNA- Initiation factors, Cap dependant and independent initiation in eukaryotes- Elongation – Verification of incoming tRNA by codon-anticodon interaction in the ribosome.	
	18	Transpeptidation mediated by ribozyme activity of 50S subunit. Translocation, Release factors, and Termination.	
	19	Post-translational modifications: glycosylation, ubiquitination, proteolytic cleavage	

V	Regulation of gene expression		12
	20	Regulation of gene expression in prokaryotes – DNA binding proteins with unique motifs.	
	21	Lac operon - negative and positive control	
	22	Transcriptional regulation in eukaryotes–Chromatin structure modification, DNA methylation, Histone acetylation, Enhancers and insulators, silencers, Activators, coactivators, repressors and silencers.	
	23	RNA interference; Epigenetic Regulation	

Suggested Readings

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Identify important biomolecules and their applications in human welfare.	R,U	PSO-2
CO-2	Understand different processes of protein synthesis	R,U	PSO-2,4

CO-3	These studies will be helpful to students for a better understanding of the scientific principles and skillful implementation of the experiments.	An	PSO-6
CO-4	Able to understand the regulation of gene expression in prokaryotes.	U	PSO-2
CO-5	Apply practical techniques for the isolation, purification, and characterization of biomolecules.	Ap	PSO-4,6

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Credits: 4:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial: Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	2	R,U	F, C	L, T	
2	2	2,4	R,U	F, C	L, T	
3	3	6	An	F, C	L, T	P
4	4	2	U	F, C	L, T	P
5	5	4,6	Ap	F, C	L, T	P

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CO 5		✓	✓	✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK7DSCBOT401				
Course Title	METHODOLOGY IN BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	VII				
Academic Level	400 - 499				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	Students should be proficient in basic mathematics for understanding statistical concepts. Students should possess basic skills in scientific writing for effectively communicating research findings.				
Course Summary	Methodology in Biological research is a comprehensive course designed to provide students with the necessary skills and knowledge to conduct scientific research in the fields of biology and related disciplines. The course covers essential topics in research design, data collection, statistical analysis, and interpretation of research findings. Emphasis is placed on understanding the principles of experimental design, data analysis techniques, and the application of biostatistics in biological research.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Introduction to Biostatistics		04
	1	Biostatistics - definition - statistical methods - basic principles. Variables -measurements, functions, limitations and uses of statistics.	
	2	Collection of data primary and secondary - types and methods of data collection procedures - merits and demerits. Classification - tabulation and presentation of data – sampling methods.	
	3	Measures of central tendency - mean, median, mode (grouped & ungrouped data).	
	4	Measures of dispersion - range, standard deviation, mean deviation, standard error, Co- efficiency of variations.	
	5	Testing of Hypothesis- Null and Alternative hypotheses; Concepts of statistical errors - Type I and Type II errors	
II	Correlation patterns & statistical inference		06

	6	Correlation - types and methods of correlation, regression, simple regression equation, similarities and dissimilarities of correlation and regression	
	7	Statistical inference - hypothesis - simple hypothesis - student's test - chi-square test, F-test, ANOVA, DMRT, TUKEY's Test,	
	8	Uses of advanced software - (MS Excel, SPSS, and R) in modern biostatistics.	
III	Introduction to Research Methodology		08
	9	Introduction - Objectives and motivations in research, Characteristics, and limitations of research – Components of research work - Criteria of good research.	
	10	Research process – Types of Research, Fundamental, Pure or Theoretical Research – Applied Research –Descriptive Research – Experimental Research – Qualitative and Quantitative Research.	
	11	Research Design – definition – concepts and features of a good research design - types of research design, Basic principles of experimental designs: concept of Independent & Dependent variables	
IV	Research problem identification & Literature review		12
	12	Defining a research problem: Selection and necessity of defining the problem– problem statement formulation – formulation of hypothesis- Qualities of a good Hypothesis- Null Hypothesis and Alternative Hypothesis; Hypothesis Testing: Logic and Importance.	
	13	Experimental design: methodology - Completely Randomised Design (CRD), Randomised Block Design (RBD), Latin Square Design (LSD).	
	14	Literature review: purpose, sources, and importance - review procedure- Formulation of the research objectives.	
V	Essentials of Effective Scientific Writing		15
	15	Report Writing – Different types – Format of Research report- Contents of the report –executive summary – chapterization – contents of a chapter – final proof -the title of the report	
	16	Research Paper: Research journal, Impact factor, indexing, Writing a research paper: using biological literature, deciding on a title, presenting the methodology, drafting and revising the content according to the journal requirements, citing sources in the text, and preparing the reference section.	
	17	Common tools for reference preparation: Reference Management Software like Zotero / Mendeley; Formats and Styles (APA, Chicago, MLA); Software for paper-formatting like LaTeX / MS Office, Software for detection of Plagiarism; Quoting, Paraphrasing, and Avoiding Plagiarism.	
	18	Ethical issues in research: Code of Ethics in Research – Importance of Ethics in Research. Ethical issues related to publishing- Plagiarism, and Self-Plagiarism.	

Practicals

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To collect data on different parameters (e.g. height/weight) of plant samples and test for significance, the difference between mean, mode, and median. 2. To compute the ‘test of independence’ and ‘goodness of fit’ with samples/data provided using the Chi-square test. 3. To compute the Coefficient of Variance from data collected and measure variability. 4. To perform test/ F test (ANOVA) for given samples/data provided. 5. To learn calculation and graphical representation of data using MS Excel/SPSS/R 6. Submission of Project report based on field studies (sample collection, data analysis, and interpretation using the above statistical tests) 	30
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4. Kothari, C. R. (2004). Research Methodology: Methods and Techniques. India: New Age
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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Develop the skills to collect and represent data in tabular and graphical forms.	U,An	PSO -1
CO-2	Analyze data and interpret experimental results using, spreadsheet software and online/offline software tools.	An	PSO -6

CO-3	Acquire basic skills to set up hypotheses and design research studies	U,E	PSO-7
CO-4	Enable students to differentiate among various experimental designs and apply appropriate statistical software tools.	E,Ap	PSO -7,9
CO-5	Basic understanding and skill to develop a research plan related to critical issues in plant science.	U,An	PSO- 6

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Methodology in Biological Research

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1	U,An	P		P
2	2	4,6	An	P		P
3	3	7	U,E	F	L	
4	4	7,9	E,Ap	C	L	P
5	5	6	U,An	F	L	

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

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CO 5		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK7DSCBOT402				
Course Title	PLANT INTERACTION AND DEFENCE MECHANISM				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	VII				
Academic Level	400- 499				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	UK6DSCBOT301, UK6DSCBOT303				
Course Summary	The course provides a understanding of different levels of plant interactions and defence mechanism seen in plants. Students will learn effectiveness of plant defense strategies and developing critical thinking skills to evaluate the significance of plant defense mechanism in agriculture, ecology etc				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Plant interaction and the factors triggering interaction		08
	1	Plant interaction: Plant - Plant, allelopathy, competition & parasitism.	
	2	Factors influencing interactions – light & volatile organic compounds, root exudates, nutrient availability (Pi, NO ₃ -) - Effect of the interaction in the environment.	
	3	Role of protein -STOP 1, ALMT 1 or NRTs in triggering systemic movement.	
II	Plant microbial interaction		08
	4	Parasitic, endophytic, epiphytic, competition, commensalism, mutualism.	
	5	Symbiotic association with root nodule (NOD factor- lipochito oligosaccharide signalling).	
	6	Arbuscular mycorrhizal association - Role of Strigolactone in stimulating spore germination.	
	7	Rhizoplane, phyllosphere, spermosphere, plant growth promoting rhizobacteria (PGPR), root- root interaction.	
III	Plant – pest interaction and resistance responses		08
	8	Plant Defense against Pathogens and Herbivores, Principles, and concepts of host-parasite interaction.	
	9	Mediation of host-parasite specificity; Discriminatory events before and during penetration into plants.	

	10	Cytological changes in host and parasite after infection- Cross-protection and induced resistance.	
	11	Microbe associated molecular factors (MAMPs), Pathogen associated molecular factors (PAMPs), Plant Dynammin- Related Proteins (DRPs), Pathogenesis-related proteins (PRPs).	
IV	Acquired and Induced systemic Resistance		06
	12	Pre-existing and post-existing structural defense mechanisms in plants.	
	13	Systemic Acquired Resistance and Induced Systemic Resistance and Hypersensitive reaction	
	14	Major signaling pathways of plant defense mechanism- Jasmonic acid Pathway.	
	15	Role of phytoalexins and other phenolic compounds in defense mechanisms, their induced formation, and biosynthesis.	
V	Defence Mechanism in Plants		15
	16	Physical defense barriers- Structural defense – Epidermal structures - Cuticle, wax, Trichomes, Stinging cells, Thorns, spines.	
	17	Chemical defense- primary metabolites (Carbohydrate, Lipids, amino acids, proteins); Secondary metabolites- Terpenoids, Phenolics flavonoids, anthocyanins, tannin, lignin, furanocoumarins-Nitrogen compounds (alkaloids, cyanogenic glycosides).	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Detection of ROS by NBT (nitroazolium blue tetrazolium) staining and submission of the result with photographs. Ninhydrin staining of filter paper imprints to detect amino acids in root exudates and submission of the result with photographs.e Cotton blue staining of root sections for detecting fungal endophytes and submission of the result with photographs. Staining with phloroglucinol in monocot plants (Curcuma, Ginger, etc) after induction of defense by Salicylic acid (aspirin tablet) spray and submission of the result with photographs. Germination of green gram in different leaf extracts to demonstrate allelopathic effect and submission of the result with photographs. 	30

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- John .A. Bailey.(2022) Biology and Molecular Biology of Plant- Pathogen interactions. NATO ASI Series. Series H: Cell Biology. Vol.1
- Gary Stacey, Noel. T. Keen.(1996) Plant- Microbe Interations. Volume. 1. Chapman and Hall.
- Michel Nicole , Vivienne Gianinazzi- Pearson.(2022). Histology, Ultra structure and Molecular Cytology of Plant- Microorganism Interactions. Kluwer Academic Publishers.

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	To understand the significance of different interactions and defense mechanisms in plants.	U	PSO- 1
CO-2	To analyze the various defense mechanisms using laboratory techniques.	An	PSO- 2,3
CO-3	To evaluate the impact of various plant interactions	U,R	PSO -1,3,4
CO-4	To interpret the effect of plant interaction.	E	PSO- 4
CO-5	To acquire the skill of identifying different defense mechanisms in plants using laboratory techniques.	U,Ap	PSO- 2, 4

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Name of the Course: Plant interaction and defense mechanism

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1	U	F,C	L	-
2	2	2,3	An	F,C	L	-
3	3	1,3,4	U,R	F,C	L	P
4	4	4	E	F,C		P
5	5	2, 4	U,Ap	P		

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CO 3	✓	✓	✓	✓
CO 4	✓	✓		✓
CO 5	✓	✓	✓	✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK7DSCBOT301				
Course Title	GENETIC ENGINEERING				
Type of Course	DSC (For Minors)				
Semester	VII				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	Basic knowledge of biology, including cell structure and function and Basic understanding of genetics				
Course Summary	This course introduces students to foundational concepts in molecular genetics and genetic engineering. Students trace the historical journey of molecular biology and explore the structure and composition of DNA. They delve into gene structure, replication, and transcription mechanisms, advancing to gene regulation in prokaryotes and eukaryotes. The course delivers an understanding of biotechnological applications, ethical considerations, and entrepreneurship opportunities in the field.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Foundation of Molecular Genetics		06
	1	"Tracing Molecular Biology's Journey: From DNA's Double Helix to Modern Breakthroughs"- Structure and composition of Double Helical Model of DNA, Compare B-DNA with A, Z, and cruciform types.	
	2	Basic structure and function of genes, units of a gene, types of gene, gene transfer within and between organisms	
	3	Overview of DNA replication, enzymes involved in DNA replication, errors in DNA replication and repair.	
II	Recombinant DNA Technology		04
	4	Processes of Recombinant DNA Technology: Isolation of DNA - Cutting of DNA at specific location - Amplification of gene of interest using PCR - Insertion of Recombinant DNA into Host- Obtaining the foreign gene product	
III	Tools for Genetic Engineering		12
	5	Important Tools for Genetic Engineering: Restriction enzymes- Discovery, types, and function- Ligation- mode of action of ligase- Vectors- Properties, and types. Cloning vectors- BR 322, pUC 19, Bacteriophage vector, Cosmids, YAC, and BAC- Suitable Host.	

	6	vectors for higher plants- Agrobacterium-mediated gene transfer mechanism.	
	7	Transformation in bacterial cells- Recombinant selection & Screening -use of chromogenic substrates, Insertional inactivation, Nucleic acid hybridization (Brief study only).	
	8	PCR amplification techniques- The key requirements for the PCR - DNA template- a pair of primers- DNA polymerase.RT-PCR, Nested PCR (Brief study only).	
IV	Analysis of Cloned gene		08
	10	Construction of cDNA library and Colony Hybridization, Nucleic acid probes (Radioactive and non-radioactive), Hybridization techniques: FISH, Northern, Southern, and Western blot techniques.	
	11	Applications–Pharmaceuticals: recombinant Insulin, Vaccine-Hepatitis-B)- Agriculture- Plants make their insecticide (Bt-brinjal), Herbicide-resistant crop (Roundup Ready) - Antisense RNA technology(fruit ripening in Tomato)- Forensic science – DNA profiling (Crime suspects, Kinship study)- Gene editing- CRISPR-Cas9, TALENs, and zinc finger nucleases- Gene therapy. (Brief study only)	
V	Controversies and Future Prospects of Genetic Engineering		15
	12	Ethical issues-GM-Plants, gene therapy, Terminator technology, Legal, and Social Implications (ELSI) of genetic engineering, Regulatory Frameworks and Biosafety, Role of Artificial intelligence in genomic data analysis, Drug designing, and personalized medicine. Biotechnological entrepreneurship.	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Isolate DNA from Plant tissue/ microbial culture 2. Find ORF and design PCR primer for a given DNA sequence using online softwares (BioEdit or EMBOSS or ORF finder- NCBI for ORF finding ,Primer-BLAST-NCBI or OligoAnalyzer-IDT or Oligo design tools- ThermoFisher for designing primers for PCR 3. Demonstration of PCR amplification of DNA 4. Perform an insilico restriction digestion experiment using online tools (NEBcutter or ApE plasmid editor or SMS sequence manipulation tool) 5. Demonstration of Restriction digestion of Genomic DNA/PCR product using Restriction Enzyme 6. Agarose Gel Electrophoresis of Genomic DNA/PCR product/digested DNA 7. Use NCBI tools to download nucleotide and protein sequences for genetic engineering- BLASTn, BLASTp 8. Visit a biotechnology research center or biotechnology startup facility. 	30

Suggested Readings

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3. Gerald Karp 2002 Cell and Molecular Biology. John Wiley & Sons, NY.
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6. Principles and Applications of Recombinant DNA

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2. <https://www.britannica.com/science/molecular-biology>
3. <https://www.yourgenome.org/facts/what-is-genetic-engineering/>

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand the Historical Development of Molecular Biology	U	PSO-2
CO-2	Comprehend the Structure and Composition of DNA	R, U	PSO-2
CO-3	Apply knowledge of gene expression regulation to interpret experiment data	Ap	PSO-6,7
CO-4	Compare expression levels of cloned genes in heterologous systems	An	PSO
CO-5	Design binary vectors using online tools for specific research goals	C	PSO

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Name of the Course: Genetic Engineering

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial: Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	2	U	F	L,T	
2	2	2	R, U	C	L,T	
3	3	6, 7	Ap	P	L,T	
4	4	2	An	P	L,T	P
5	5	3	C	M	L,T	P

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CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓	✓	✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK7DSCBOT302				
Course Title	PLANT METABOLIC PROCESSES				
Type of Course	DSC (For Minors)				
Semester	VII				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	Basic knowledge of cell biology and biochemistry				
Course Summary	Students should have a basic knowledge of the various physiological processes in plants, structure and function of various biomolecules in plants				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Concept of Metabolism		02
	1	Introduction, anabolic and catabolic pathways, amphibolic pathways, and anapleurotic reactions.	
II	Carbon assimilation		10
	2	Concept of light-action and absorption spectra, photosynthetic pigments, the role of photosynthetic pigments (chlorophyll and accessory pigments (no structural details), antenna molecules, and reaction centers- Red drop and Emerson's enhancement effect.	
	3	Photochemical and chemical phases of photosynthesis- Two pigment systems - PSI, PSII- photophosphorylation-Q cycle, Z-scheme- CO ₂ reduction.	
	4	C ₃ cycle- C ₄ pathways, CAM (in brief, no pathway)- Photorespiration- factors affecting CO ₂ reduction.	
III	Carbon Oxidation		10
	5	Aerobic respiration - glycolysis, Krebs's cycle- anaerobic respiration -fermentation- mitochondrial electron transport, oxidative phosphorylation, factors affecting respiration.	
	6	ATP Synthesis: Mechanism of ATP synthesis, substrate level phosphorylation- The chemiosmotic mechanism, ATP synthase, the role of uncouplers, P/O ratio	
IV	Nitrogen and Lipid Metabolism		08
	7	Nitrate assimilation, biological nitrogen fixation, Physiology and biochemistry of nitrogen fixation.	
	8	Ammonia assimilation (GS-GOGAT), reductive amination and transamination.	

	9	Lipids: Synthesis and breakdown of triglycerides, beta-oxidation.	
	10	Glyoxylate cycle, gluconeogenesis, and its role in the mobilization of lipids during seed germination.	
V	Sensory Photobiology		15
	11	Sensory photobiology - Introduction- light receptors in plants- phytochrome, cryptochrome and phototropin- structure and function.	
	12	Mechanism: phytochromes - photomorphogenesis and flowering- Cryptochrome- hypocotyl elongation- phototropins- stomatal movement; chloroplast orientation -- photo movement (brief study).	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Separation of chlorophyll pigments by chromatographic technique 2. Construct absorption spectrum of photosynthetic pigments. 3. Estimation of chlorophyll by colorimetric method 4. Hill activity by DCPIP/ ferricyanide reduction. 5. Physiological identification of CAM in plant species. Differentiation of CAM and non-CAM plants by titration. 6. Setting up of Plant Physiology experiments to measure Photosynthesis, and Respiration 7. To study the activity of amylases in germinating seeds. 	30

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3. <https://learn.careers360.com/biology/plant-physiology-chapter/>
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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand the regulation and integration of metabolic processes in plants with reference to crop productivity.	U	PSO -1
CO-2	Gain knowledge of physiological and biochemical processes in the plant system	U	PSO -1
CO-3	Analyze and interpret metabolic pathways in plants, including the identification of key intermediates, enzymes, and regulatory mechanisms involved in metabolic reactions	An	PSO-1,2
CO-4	Design and conduct experiments to investigate plant metabolic processes, including the selection of appropriate experimental techniques, data collection, analysis, and interpretation.	C	PSO -3
CO-5	Students will explore innovative approaches and technologies in plant metabolism research, including metabolic engineering, synthetic biology, and biotechnological applications.	C	PSO -4

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Name of the Course: Plant metabolic processes

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial: Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1	U	C	L	
2	2	1	U	F	L	
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University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK7DSCBOT303				
Course Title	HEREDITARY SCIENCE				
Type of Course	DSC (For Minors)				
Semester	VII				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	Basic knowledge of cell biology and genetics				
Course Summary	Hereditary Science is a comprehensive study of the principles, mechanisms, and applications of genetics beyond the introductory level. The course delves into advanced topics in cytogenetics, population genetics, developmental genetics, biochemical & quantitative genetics and microbial genetics. Emphasis is placed on understanding the intricate mechanisms underlying genetic phenomena and exploring the practical applications of genetic knowledge in various fields.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Classical Genetics		06
	1	Mendelian principles – Brief account and critical evaluation.	
	2	Linkage, recombination, and linkage maps – Bateson’s concept of coupling and repulsion. Morgan’s concept of linkage, linear arrangement of genes, linkage groups, complete and partial linkage, recombination linkage maps, three-point test crosses, interference, coefficient of coincidence, and negative interference	
	3	Sex determination and Dosage Compensation: Sex determination patterns in flowering plants-A detailed account of the following chromosomal mechanisms- XX-XY, XX-XO, ZZ-ZW. Lyon’s hypothesis.	
II	Cytogenetics		08
	4	Chromosome morphology, Chromosome Variation – Structural and Numerical variations in chromosomes –Structural: Deletions, Duplications, Inversions and translocations. Meiotic behavior of structural variants. Numerical: Euploids and aneuploids. Meiotic behavior of numerical variants. chromosome banding.	
	5	Human genetics: Pedigree analysis, Abnormal karyotypes, genetic disorders.	
III	Population & Evolutionary Genetics		10

	6	Allele frequencies, genotype frequencies, Hardy- Weinberg law, the role of natural selection, mutation, genetic drift, genetic variation, and speciation(modes of speciation and genetics of speciation).	
	7	Genetic control of development in plants with stress to developmental genes in <i>Arabidopsis</i> . Role of cytoplasm in development.	
IV	Biochemical & Quantitative Genetics		06
	7	Inborn errors of metabolism- Major types of metabolic errors in man: Phenylketonuria, Alkaptonuria, Albinism, Tyrosinosis, and Goitrous cretinism.	
	8	Nature and inheritance of continuous traits, Quantitative Genetic Analysis, Heritability, Response to Selection, Genetic Correlations, Quantitative Trait Loci, QTL analysis.	
V	Microbial Genetics		15
	9	Genetic recombination in viruses – lysogenic and lytic cycles in bacteriophages. Retroviruses, reverse transcriptase, onco viruses, and oncogenes.	
	10	Bacterial recombination-transformation experiment of Griffith, Avery <i>et al.</i> Conjugation – F+, F-, and Hfr F- conjugations. Conjugation mapping – F- duction (sexduction)- Transduction-generalized and specialized. Recombination in fungi (tetrad analysis in <i>Neurospora</i>), Complementation tests.	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work out problems in linkage 2. Two-point and three-point test crosses. 3. Construction of chromosome map from a given progeny data by analyzing the linkage relationship and determining the correct gene orders, computing coefficient of coincidence, and interference 4. Work out problems in population genetics 5. Work out problems in microbial genetics 	30

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	demonstrate a thorough understanding of genetic linkage, and the relationship between linkage and physical distance along chromosomes	U	PSO -1,4
CO-2	Analyze pedigrees to infer patterns of inheritance and recognize the presence of genetic disorders within families.	An	PSO -1,4
CO-3	Analyze and interpret karyotypes to identify chromosomal abnormalities	An	PSO -1
CO-4	Analyze genetic data using population genetic tools	An	PSO -5,2
CO-5	Evaluate the impact of evolutionary forces on population dynamics, adaptation, speciation, and the formation of biodiversity.	E	2

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Hereditary science

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial: Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1,4	U	C		P
2	2	1,4	An	F	L	
3	3	1	An	P	L	
4	4	5,2	An	P		P

5	5	2	E	M	L	
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F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

Assessment Rubrics:

- Quiz / Assignment/ Quiz/ Discussion / Seminar
- Midterm Exam
- Programming Assignments
- Final Exam

Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics :

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓	✓	✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK7DSCBOT304				
Course Title	BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION				
Type of Course	DSC (For Minors)				
Semester	VII				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	Students from any stream who had an immense interest in environment protection and conservation of biodiversity				
Course Summary	The course enables the students to understand the significance of biodiversity conservation in the current scenario and to analyse the threats in the depletion of biodiversity. It provides the skill to evaluate the measures for conserving the biodiversity for ecosystem balance. Also it allows to understand the concepts and acquire the skills in using geospatial techniques like remote sensing and GIS in the assessment of biodiversity to interpret the biodiversity status of a region.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Principles and concepts in Biodiversity Conservation		08
	1	Biodiversity – definition, Types of biodiversity, Measuring biodiversity, Mapping of biodiversity - Extremes of low and high diversity, Geospatial techniques in biodiversity assessment – Remote sensing & GIS – Principles and applications (Brief account).	
	2	Mega biodiversity centres, Biodiversity hotspots. Threats to biodiversity - Human impacts & invasive species. Species extinctions.	
II	Conservation strategies		07
	3	Conservation of biodiversity- General measures for conservation and sustainable use.	
	4	Conservation strategies: In-situ conservation -Ex-situ conservation, eco-restoration,-Sustainable use of components of biological diversity	
	5	Biosphere reserves, wildlife sanctuaries, national parks in India (with special reference to Kerala), Wetlands – Ramsar sites, <i>Myristica</i> swamp, management and protection.	
III	Green resources for sustainable utilization of biodiversity		08
	6	Plants as a source of renewable energy.	

	7	Agriculture and conservation of resources – nitrification inhibitors, windmills for irrigation, solar energy for drawing groundwater, biogas for cooking, and slurry left to be used as fertilizers.	
	8	Urbanization and conservation – planning for environmentally compatible human settlements and strategy for sustainable industrial development.	
IV	Environmental awareness and the role of organizations		07
	9	Environmental awareness - Role of governments and NGOs, media, World Environment Day, WWF, UNEP, IBP	
	19	Wild life preservation act (1972), Indian forest conservation act (1980), Environment protection act (1986), Biodiversity act (2002) and rules (2004).	
	11	Role of organizations in biodiversity conservation – NBPGR, IARI, CIMAP, JNTBGRI, KFRI, KSBB- PBR (People’s biodiversity register). Convention on biological diversity (CBD), Role of IUCN - Red data book (color codes), Threatened categories of plants, MAB, iCUBE (International Consortium of Universities for the Study of Biodiversity and Environment).	
V	Trends of conservation and biodiversity		15
	12	Sustainable goals of UNEP, Green technologies for the conservation of biodiversity. CITES, EIA.	
	13	Indian case studies on conservation/management strategy (Project Tiger, Biosphere reserves)- Ecotourism – principles, types, advantages, examples.	
	14	Urbanization and Conservation – Planning for environmentally- compatible human settlements- afforestation – social forestry, agroforestry.	
	15	Conservation and energy – Causes of energy crisis, Conventional and Non-conventional energy sources.	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Field trip to ecologically significant sites (National parks/ Mangrove site/ ramsar site/ <i>Myristica</i> swamp) and submit a detailed report with geotagged photos for evaluation. Plant and maintain at least three plants of IUCN category in the campus. Participation in community awareness programmes in the conservation of biodiversity in the locality and create an audio-visual document of the same. 	30

Suggested Readings

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand the significance of biodiversity conservation in the current scenario.	U	PSO -1,4
CO-2	Analyse the threats in the depletion of biodiversity.	An	PSO -1,4
CO-3	Evaluate the measures for protection of biodiversity and conserving the biodiversity of our region for ecosystem balance.	E	PSO -1
CO-4	Understand the concepts and acquire the skills in using geospatial techniques like remote sensing and GIS in the assessment of biodiversity.	U, Ap	PSO -5,2
CO-5	Interpret the biodiversity status of a region and suggest the remedial measures for protection of the same.	An, Ap	2

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Biodiversity and Conservation

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial: Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1,4	U	C		P

2	2	1,4	An	F	L	
3	3	1	E	P	L	
4	4	5,2	U, Ap	P		P
5	5	2	An, Ap	M	L	

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

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CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓	✓	✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK8DSCBOT401				
Course Title	ADVANCES AND APPLIED ASPECTS OF THALLOPHYTES				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	VIII				
Academic Level	400 - 499				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	Basics about the classification and general characters of thallophytes.				
Course Summary	The course enables the students to understand the recent classification and phylogeny of thallophytes and thus interpret the significance of thallophytes in the evolution of higher plant groups. They will be able to evaluate the ecological role and economically important products obtained from thallophytes and their uses. Also, they can apply their views and conclusions on latest research in potential thallophytes.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Advances and applied aspects of Algae		08
	1	Polyphyletic origin of algae and its evolution (with emphasis on endosymbiosis).	
	2	Gene sequencing in algal systematics (18SrRNA).	
	3	Molecular mechanism of nitrogen fixation by blue-green algae.	
	4	Molecular genetic techniques for algal bioengineering – <i>Chlorella</i>	
	5	Phylogenomics in algal research - Current trends, Allelopathy in algae.	
II	Industrial and biotechnological applications of algae		07
	6	Algal culture: Scope- isolation and culturing techniques- Isolation, purification and sterilization of algae; Freshwater and marine culture media (BG-11 and Provasoli ES medium).	
	7	Photobioreactors and large-scale production of microalgae-upstream and downstream processes.	
	8	Microalgae biotechnology, Seaweed farming, microalgae for aquaculture.	
	9	Bioluminescent forms; Algae in nanotechnology.	
III	Advancing the frontiers in Mycology & Mycotechnology		08
	10	Fungi as a model organism in genetic experiments (<i>Neurospora</i>).	

	11	Mycotechnology: Recent research trends in fungi – role in sustainable environments and in alleviating stress in plants, advances in fungal interactions research - PGP (plant growth promoting) endophytic fungi – Methods of identification- molecular phylogeny with emphasis on ITS, and BLAST.	
	12	Fungal elicitors in secondary metabolite production, biocontrol (Nematophagus only), and bioluminescence.	
IV	Advances and applied aspects of Lichens		07
	13	Lichens– Ecological role, Nature of associations of algal and fungal partners, Identification- morphological and chemical methods.	
	14	Advancements in methods used for identification of lichens: Chemotyping, DNA Barcoding, PCR Genotyping. <i>In vitro</i> culture of lichen partners.	
	15	Key mechanisms involved in desiccation tolerance in lichens - polyols, LEA proteins, HSPs, antioxidant system, thylakoidal oligogalactolipids (Brief account).	
	16	Impact of climate change on lichens and ecosystem services of lichen diversity.	
V	Potential thallophytes and applied aspects		15
	17	Bioprospecting of Thallophytes (General account).	
	18	Detailed study of the structure and reproduction of the algal types - <i>Chlorella</i> , <i>Spirulina</i> , <i>Haematococcus</i> and <i>Dunaliella</i> . Fungi in Mycotechnology: Yeasts, Mucorales, <i>Aspergillus</i> , <i>Penicillium</i> , <i>Monascus</i> .	
	19	Benefits for the environment and humans – Nutrient cycling- human health- environment protection -food industry- agriculture- fungal mycotoxins (Aflatoxins, Amatoxin, Ergot, Fusarin), Commercial production of Organic acids (Citric acid), Enzymes (Cellulase), Plant hormones, Mycoproteins, alcohol, Antibiotics, Volatile organic compounds, Pigments (<i>Monascus</i> pigments).	
	20	Synthesis of nanoparticles from thallophytes (Brief account).	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Algal culture - <i>Chlorella</i> culture 2. Isolation of fungi from rotten vegetables and culturing the same on PDA 3. Fungal mycelium staining using lactophenol cotton blue. 4. Colour spot test to detect lichens (Demonstration) 5. Prepare a review article in any selected research area in thallophytes. 	30

Suggested Reading

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10. Awasthi DD. 2007. A Compendium of the Macrolichens from India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka ISBN-13: 978-81-211-0600-9.

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand the recent classification and phylogeny of thallophytes.	U	1,2
CO-2	Evaluate the ecological role of thallophytes and economically important products obtained from thallophytes and their uses.	R, U	1, 4
CO-3	Interpret the significance of thallophytes in the evolution of higher plant groups.	An, Ap	6
CO-4	Apply the views and conclusions of the latest research in thallophytes.	Ap, C	2,6
CO-5	Acquire skills related to entrepreneurial ideas related to thallophytes	C	7,8

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Applied aspects of Thallophytes

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1,2	U	F	L	
2	2	1, 4	R, U	C	L	
3	3	6	An, Ap	P	L	
4	4	2,6	Ap, C	P	L	
	5	7,8	C	M	L	P

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CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK8DSCBOT402				
Course Title	ADVANCES AND APPLIED ASPECTS OF ARCHEGONIATES				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	VIII				
Academic Level	400- 499				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	Basics about the general characters about archegoniates				
Course Summary	The course enables the students to understand the recent classification and phylogeny of archegoniates and interpret their significance of in the evolution of higher plant groups. They will be able to evaluate the ecological role and economically important products obtained and their uses. Also, they can apply their views and conclusions on a latest research in potential archegoniates.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Advances and applied aspects of Bryophytes		09
	1	Origin and evolution of sporophyte and gametophyte in Bryophytes (General account).	
	2	Evolutionary insights and recent discoveries in Bryophytes - latest advances in the ecological, biological, physiological, metabolomic, and transcriptomic studies.	
	3	Exploration of bioactive molecules in Bryophytes.	
	4	Conservation of Bryophytes (conventional and <i>in vitro</i> methods). The ecological and economic significance of Bryophytes.	
II	Advances and applied aspects of Pteridophytes		08
	5	Trends and concepts in classification of Pteridophytes with emphasis on PPG- Evolutionary trends in Pteridophytes.	
	6	The ecological and economic significance of Pteridophytes - Ecological indicators - Role of pteridophytes in ecophysiological studies - Fungal associations in pteridophytes.	
	7	Bioprospecting using pteridophytes - Pteridophytes for treating human ailments.	
	8	Endemic pteridophytes- Conservation of pteridophytes- Contributions of Indian Pteridologists.	
9	DNA barcoding in Pteridophytes (Brief account).		
III	Advances and applied aspects of Gymnosperms		09

	10	Classification by Christenhusz and Byng (2016)- Evolutionary significance of gymnosperms towards angiosperm evolution. Evolution of pollen and seed -the key reproductive evolutionary mechanisms for Life on Land.	
	11	Relationships among gymnosperms - molecular phylogeny - Gene families.	
	12	Phytochemicals from gymnosperms and their exploitation.	
	13	The ecological and economic significance of gymnosperms – Economically important products from gymnosperms (mentioning the taxa also)	
IV	Fossil archegoniates		04
	14	Applied aspects of fossil archegoniates – A multi-disciplinary approach.	
	15	Recent research on paleobotany of gymnosperms.	
V	India centric aspects of Biodiversity.		15
	16	Detailed study of the structure and reproduction of potential archegoniate members: <i>Marchantia</i> , <i>Sphagnum</i> , <i>Asplenium</i> , <i>Azolla</i> , <i>Araucaria</i> , <i>Cedrus</i> ,	
	17	General account on the applied aspects of archegoniates - Economic utility and application in human welfare.	
	18	Bioactive phyto-constituents from archegoniates and their exploration.	
	19	Extant and extinct forms of gymnosperms- Threat status of gymnosperms- need and methods of conservation.	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Techniques for the experimental culture of any bryophytes (Demonstration only) 2. Construction of a pilot-level plant for <i>Azolla</i> cultivation. 3. Ecophysiological behavior measurement of any Pteridophyte species by: steady-state porometry (stomatal conductance)/ thermocouple psychrometry (water potential)/ chlorophyll fluorescence. 4. Conduct a case study to summarize the reasons for the fast extinction of gymnosperms and submit a report based on your findings. 5. Preparation of a review article on- Any potential archegoniate group and their applied aspects/ Applied aspects of fossil archegoniate – A multi-disciplinary approach. 	30

Suggested Readings

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3. Shaw J & Goffinet B. 2000. Bryophyte Biology, Cambridge University Press.
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2. <https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/what-is-the-economic-importance-of-algae.html>
3. <https://www.thoughtco.com/what-are-gymnosperms-4164250>
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5. <https://palaeobotany.org>

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand the recent classification and phylogeny of different groups of archegoniates.	R,U	PSO-1,2
CO-2	Interpret the significance of archegoniates in the evolution of higher plant groups.	R,U	PSO-1,2
CO-3	Apply the views and conclusions of the latest research in archegoniates.	Ap	PSO-1,6
CO-4	Acquire an entrepreneurial idea related to	C	PSO-1,3

	archegoniates.		
CO-5	Analyze the ecological role and economically important products obtained from archegoniates and their uses.	An	PSO-1,2

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Applied aspects of Archegoniates

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1,2	U,R	F, C	L,T	
2	2	1,2	U,R	F, C	L,T	
3	3	1,6	Ap	F, C	L,T	
4	4	1,3	C	F, C		P
5	5	1,2	An	P		P

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CO 3	✓	✓	✓	✓
CO 4	✓	✓		✓
CO 5	✓	✓	✓	✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK8DSCBOT403				
Course Title	BIOINFORMATICS				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	VIII				
Academic Level	400- 499				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	Understanding fundamental biological concepts in genetics, molecular biology, biochemistry, and cell biology. Basics of computers and internet				
Course Summary	Basics of Bioinformatics provides students with a solid foundation in bioinformatics principles and techniques, preparing them for further studies or careers in fields such as computational biology, biotechnology, and biomedical research. Through a combination of theoretical learning and hands-on practice, students develop the skills necessary to tackle complex biological problems using computational approaches.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Introduction to Bioinformatics		05
	1	Definition, scope, aims, and history of Bioinformatics- Branches of Bioinformatics.	
	2	Basics of Internet- Web lab, wet lab	
	3	Computational Biology and Systems Biology (Brief account).	
	4	Research areas in Bioinformatics.	
II	Biological databases		10
	5	Biological databases: Types of data and databases- Primary, secondary, and composite – Biomolecular - Model organism and Biodiversity databases.	
	6	Nucleotide sequence databases- (EMBL, GENBANK, DDBJ)	
	7	Protein sequence databases (PIR, SWISS - PROT, TrEMBEL) - Secondary Databases (PROSITE, PRINTS, BLOCKS) - Protein Structure Database (PDB).	
	8	Information retrieval from databases – Search concepts- tools for searching, homology searching.	
III	Structural Bioinformatics		07
	9	Structural Bioinformatics –Molecular visualisation. Molecular Structure viewing tool – Rasmol.	

	10	Protein Structure Prediction – Secondary and Tertiary structure-Comparative modelling, Abinitio prediction, Homology modelling.	
	11	Bioinformatics tools for Protein Structure Prediction -GOLD, AlphaFold (brief account only)	
IV	Sequence Analysis and Molecular Phylogeny		08
	12	Sequence alignment-Global and Local Alignment, pairwise & Multiple sequence alignment	
	13	Scoring Matrices, Analysis tools- BLAST, Clustal X, Clustal W.	
	14	Molecular Phylogeny – Gene and Species tree- Molecular evolution	
	15	Phylogenetic Trees, Terminology in Phylogenetic tree. Cladogram and Phylogram.	
	16	Significance of Molecular Phylogeny. Software used in Phylogeny-MEGA X, PHYLIP	
V	Genomics, proteomics, Metabolomics, and Applications of Bioinformatics		15
	17	Basics of Genomics - Types (Structural and Functional), Comparative genomics - Proteomics, Metabolomics. (Brief account only)	
	18	Applications of Bioinformatics – (Detailed account)- Transcriptomics, Metabolomics, Pharmacogenomics (Brief Accounts). Structural bioinformatics in Drug discovery.	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Retrieve information from different biological databases. 2. Molecular visualisation using RasMol 3. Blast search with Protein Sequence. 4. Blast search with Nucleic Acid Sequence. 5. Phylogenetic tree creation with CLUSTAL X/W 6. Molecular docking (using either Free or commercial Software) (Demonstration only) 7. Visit to a Bioinformatics laboratory . 	30

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand the principles of bioinformatics: Students will demonstrate knowledge of the fundamental principles and concepts underlying bioinformatics, including sequence analysis, structural biology, and systems biology.	U	PSO-1,2
CO-2	Proficiency in bioinformatics tools and software: Students will be able to use a variety of bioinformatics tools and software packages for tasks such as sequence alignment, homology modeling, and phylogenetic analysis.	U, Ap	PSO-2,3,4
CO-3	Sequence analysis: Students will understand the algorithms and methods used for sequence analysis, including sequence alignment, motif discovery, and gene prediction.	U, An	PSO-3, 5
CO-4	Structural biology: Students will be able to analyze and interpret protein structures using bioinformatics techniques, including protein structure prediction, modeling, and docking.	An, C	PSO-7,9

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Bioinformatics

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive	Knowledge	Lecture	Practical
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			Level	Category	(L)/Tutorial (T)	(P)
1	1	1.2	U	F,C	L,T	
2	2	2.3.4	U, Ap	F,C	L,T	
3	3	3,5	U, An	F, P		P
4	4	7,9	An, C	F, P		P

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

Assessment Rubrics:

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- Final Exam

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CO 2	✓	✓	✓	✓
CO 3	✓	✓	✓	✓
CO 4	✓	✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK8DSCBOT404				
Course Title	DEVELOPMENTAL BOTANY				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	VIII				
Academic Level	400- 499				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	Fundamental knowledge about cell, tissues and basic anatomy and knowledge about reproductive parts of flower, and their structure and function.				
Course Summary	This course provides a detailed account of growth and development, morphogenesis and differentiation, factors influencing growth and development and reproductive biology. A brief account of tumerogenesis in plant was also included				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Embryonic and post-embryonic development		05
	1	Embryonic and post-embryonic development: Structure and development of the zygote, embryo development-Dicot embryo (<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>) and Monocot embryo (Najas).	
	2	Endosperm – Development of Free nuclear endosperm (<i>Cocos nucifera</i>) - cellular endosperm (<i>Cucumis</i>) - helobial endosperm-Ruminant endosperm	
II	Morphogenesis and Differentiation		09
	3	Cell differentiation growth and development: Basic concepts of development (potency, commitment, specification, determination-molecular basis of determination and cytoplasmic determinants, and differentiation- brief account); Cell polarity- Origin, structure, and function of shoot apical meristem (SAM) - Ultrastructure and cytohistological zonation of the meristem.	
	4	Root differentiation and vascular development: -Organization and maintenance of root apical meristem, radial patterning during vascular development, Root branching; lateral root development, genetic control of pattern formation	
III	Growth and Development		09
	5	Seed development and organogenesis - A general account of seed germination and development- hormonal regulation of germination,	

		Gene expression regulating meristem function; Organogenesis-Differentiation of root, stem, leaf, and axillary buds.	
	6	Mechanism of Leaf primordium initiation- development and Phyllotaxis (Diversity in size and shape of leaves) - regulation of stomatal patterning in plants - plastochrone index - transition from vegetative apex into the reproductive apex.	
	7	Evolution of developmental complexity from algae to angiosperm (mention chloroplast evolution).	
IV	Factors Controlling Growth and Sex determination in plants		07
	8	Hormonal control of growth: mode of action of auxin, gibberellin, cytokinin & ethylene, abscisic acid, bassinosteroids, salicylic acid and jasmonic acid-Photomorphogenesis.	
	9	Developmental patterns at flowering apex: ABC model specification of floral organs. Molecular regulation of flowering in Arabidopsis.	
	10	Sex differentiation in plants- factors influencing sex differentiation in monoecious and dioecious plants - environmental, hormonal, and ploidy- Micro RNAs in growth and development.	
	11	Senescence- cellular and molecular changes during senescence, Programmed cell death.	
V	Factors influencing development and tumorogenesis in plants		15
	12	Factors influencing development- Effects of nuclear and cytoplasmic factors in development-environmental effects, maternal effects. Nuclear cytoplasmic interactions with particular reference to Acetabularia.- Patterns of growth and differentiation in plants, Gene expression, and mutations regulating meristem function, embryogenesis, seedling, root, leaf, and flower development.	
	13	Tumorigenesis in plants- Crown Gall -Tumour (CGT) cells - crown gall and plant transformation - Interaction between wound cell and bacteria - Leaf gall- morpho-histological changes in galled leaf.	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Familiarising types of meristem and their organization by observing permanent slides 2. Seed viability test- tetrazolium test 3. Seed germination study and role of exogenous hormone in germination 4. Study of stages of embryo development (Pea, Tridax) 5. Histochemical localization of proteins and carbohydrates during seed germination 6. Micropreparation of galled leaves –(Hydnocarpus/Mangifera/Alstonia leaf) 	30

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4. www.mdpi.com
5. <http://advances.sciencemag.org>
6. <http://mcb.asm.org>
7. www.dnalc.org
8. <https://swayam.gov.in>
9. <https://epgp.inflibnet.ac.in/>

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understanding various levels of organization in a plant body with an outlook in the correlation between the structure and function	U	PSO-1
CO-2	Analyze different angiosperm embryos and the stages of embryological development.	U,An	PSO-2
CO-3	Understanding various levels of organization in a plant body with an outlook in the relationship between the structure and function through comparative studies	U,An	PSO-2,4
CO-4	Analyze and Apply the knowledge of hormonal influence in plant propagation and growth.	An, Ap	PSO-1,4

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Developmental Botany

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1,2	U	F, C	L	

2	2	2	An	C,P	L	P
3	3	2,4	S	P	L	P
4	4	1,4	Ap An	P	L	P

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CO 1	✓	✓		✓
CO 2	✓	✓		✓
CO 3	✓	✓		✓
CO 4		✓	✓	✓

Discipline Specific Elective Courses



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK3DSEBOT201				
Course Title	ETHNOBOTANY AND IPR				
Type of Course	DSE				
Semester	III				
Academic Level	200 - 299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	04 Hours	-		04 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre-requisites				
Course Summary	Appreciate the need to conserve the floristic and cultural diversity of the region. Rescue and document Ethnobotanicals for sustainable use of plant resources. Understand the need for development of new drugs for the safe and more rational use of herbal preparations. Recognition of intellectual property rights and its benefit to people and society who share their knowledge and wisdom.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Ethnobotany		10
	1	Ethnobotany: Introduction, concept, scope, and objectives. Ethnic groups in Kerala - Kurichiya, Cholanaikan, Kani, Ulladan.	
	2	Traditional and indigenous knowledge and its importance. Traditional systems of medicine in India- Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani & Homeopathy. Role of ethnomedicine and its scope in modern times.	
	3	Role of Ethnobotany in conservation and sustainable development. Plants used by ethnic groups as food, medicines beverages, fodder, fiber, resins, oils, and fragrances (two plants from each category).	
	4	NTFP (Non-Timber Forest Produces), animal products, minerals, and artifacts, used by Tribal and Folk Communities of Kerala.	
II	Methods and Techniques used in Ethnobotany		10
	5	Ethnobotanical data collection- Audio, Video recording, Photographs, Interview-Methods, Questionnaire, and Datasheet, Consent forms, Field book and Herbarium preparation, Preparation of Data Sheet and Data Base (Excel/MS Access); Peoples Biodiversity Register (PBR).	
	6	Centres of Ethnobotanical studies in India, AICRP E-All India Coordinated Research Project on Ethnobiology,	

	7	FRLHT- Foundation for the Revitalisation of Local Health Traditions. Contributions of AICRPE and FRLHT to ethnobiology of India.	
III	Introduction to Intellectual Property Rights		10
	8	Origin Development and Objectives and its different forms. Farmer's Rights, Animal and Plant breeders' rights.	
	9	Intellectual Property Rights – Types- Patents, Copyright, Trademark, Industrial Design, Geographical Indications, Sui generis rights, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmer's Rights, Indigenous Traditional Knowledge. Patent system in India.	
IV	Procedures of Patenting		15
	10	Basic requirements of patentability, Discovery and Invention, patentable subject matters, novelty, utility, and the Public Domain; Product and process.	
	11	Patent Laws in Indian and International Perspective. Indian Patent Act 1970 (Patent Amendment Acts-1999, 2002 and 2005).	
	12	Patent filing procedures: Time frame and cost; Status of the patent applications filed; Precautions while patenting–disclosure/non-disclosure	
	13	Financial assistance for patenting-introduction to existing schemes, Patent licensing, and agreement, Patent infringement-meaning, scope, litigation, Patent Case study: Basmati Case, Neem Controversy, Turmeric Case	
V	International Agreements and Treaties Related to IPR		15
	14	General Agreement on Trade and Tariff (GATT), Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS)	
	15	WTO agreement- Indian Position on WTO Regime, Establishment of WIPO – Mission and Activities, Budapest treaty	

Suggested Reading

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2. Jain, S. K. 1995. A manual of Ethnobotany. Scientific Publishers, Jodhpur.
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4. Faulks, P.J. (1958). An introduction to Ethnobotany, Moredale Publ. London.
5. Jain, S. K. 1981. Glimpses of Indian Ethnobotany. Oxford & IBH publishing Co. Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi

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2. Taraporevala V J2013. Law of Intellectual Property (2nd Edition) Thomson Reuters,
3. Irini A. Stamatoudi & Paul L.C.. Torremans.2000. Copyright in the New Digital

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Students will identify ethnobotanically significant plants during ethnobotanical field surveys.	R	PSO-1
CO-2	Students recognize regionally and locally important plants and practice field collection and identification methods.	R, Ap	PSO-8
CO-3	Students will explore the general principles of ethnobotany, including its history and importance in traditional and modern culture.	U	PSO-2
CO-4	Students will appreciate the need to conserve floristic and cultural diversity of the region.	An	PSO-5
CO-5	Students will understand and recognise the concept of IPR and different subject matter of IPR like trademark, copyright, trade secret, Patent and geographical indication. and its benefit to people and society who share their knowledge and wisdom.	R, U	PSO-4

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Ethnobotany & IPR

Credits: 4:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical:)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	1	1	R,U	F, C	L	
CO-2	2	8	R, Ap	C	L	
CO-3	3	2	U	F, C, M	L	
CO-4	4	5	An	F, C	L	
CO-5	5	4	R, U	F, C	L	

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CO 2	✓	✓		✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4	✓			✓
CO 5	✓			✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK3DSEBOT202				
Course Title	FORESTRY				
Type of Course	DSE				
Semester	III				
Academic Level	200-299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	04 Hours	-	-	04 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre-requisites				
Course Summary	The course provides an overview of forestry, such as forest ecology, management practices, conservation, sustainable development and agroforestry. The students will gain an understanding of the principles and practices of forestry and their role in environmental conservation and resource management				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Introduction		15
	1	General introduction, definition and scope of forestry	
	2	Types of Forest- Natural and Manmade	
	3	Classification of forest- Tropical, temperate, evergreen semi-evergreen, deciduous. Learning Activity:- 1. Field trips should be organized to different forest types 2. Hands-on training on navigation and map reading 3. Identification of forest Trees by Seeds / Bark (10 trees) 4. Examination of Microscopic Features of Wood 5. Analysis of Forest Vegetation- Density, Frequency and Abundance 6. Preparation of seedlings of forest tree species and planting.	
	4	Deforestation, reforestation and Afforestation	
II	Forest Management		12
	5	Silviculture- concept and scope of study - natural and artificial regeneration of forests- Monoculture, multipurpose.	
	6	Clear felling, uniform shelter, wood selection, coppice and conservation systems.	
	7	Silviculture practices (Brief outline only) of some of the economically important species in India such as, <i>Tectona grandis</i> , <i>Eucalyptus indica</i> , <i>Swietenia mahagoni</i> , <i>Dalbergia sisso</i> , <i>Santalum album</i> .	

III	Forestry practices		08
	8	Social and agroforestry. Selection of species and role of multipurpose trees. Food, fodder and energy.	
	9	Farm forestry, urban forestry, joint forest management - concepts, objectives and programmes, Avenue plantation.	
	10	Sacred groves- conservation and importance	
IV	Forest Economics and Valuation		10
	11	Forest resources and utilization. Forest products- timber, pulp wood, secondary timbers. Non timber forest products (NTFPs)-Gums, resins, fibers, oil seeds, nuts, rubber, canes and bamboos, medicinal plants, charcoal. Lac collection and marketing	
	12	Ecosystem services provided by forests	
V	Forest Policy and Governance		15
	13	Forest laws- necessity, General principles, Indian forest act	
	14	Community-based forestry and participatory approaches	
	15	Forest governance: stakeholders, institutions, and decision-making processes	

Suggested Reading

1. A Hand book of Kerala Timbers- KFRI, Trichur.
2. B.S. Chundawat and S.K.Gautham. (1996). Text book of Agroforestry. Oxford and IBH Publishing House , NewDelhi
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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand the structure, composition, and function of forest ecosystems, including the interactions between biotic and abiotic components.	R, U	PSO-1,2
CO-2	Explain the principles and practices of forest management, including silviculture, timber harvesting, and forest regeneration.	An, U	PSO-1,2
CO-3	Develop skills in conducting forest inventories and assessing forest resources.	Ap, C	PSO-1,2
CO-4	Gain an understanding of forest economics, including the economic value of forests, sustainable forest management practices, and the role of forests in supporting local economies and livelihoods	E, C	PSO-1,2
CO-5	Students understand the various Forest Policy and Governance	U,R	PSO-1,2

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Forestry

Credits: 4:0:0 (Lecture:TutorialPractical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1,2	R, U	F, C	L, T	
2	2	1,2	An, U	P	L, T	
3	3	1,2	Ap, C	E, C	L, T	P
4	4	1,2	E, C	F, C	L, T	P
5	5	1,2	U,R	F	L, T	

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CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK4DSEBOT201				
Course Title	HERBAL TECHNOLOGY				
Type of Course	DSE				
Semester	IV				
Academic Level	200 - 299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre-requisites				
Course Summary	This course gives the student the knowledge of basic understanding of herbal drug industry, the quality of raw material, guidelines for quality of herbal drugs, herbal cosmetics, natural sweeteners, nutraceutical etc. The subject also emphasizes on Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP).				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Herbs & Industrial Application		08
	1	Definition of herb, herbal medicine, herbal medicinal product, herbal drug preparation, Selection, identification and authentication of herbal materials, Processing of herbal raw material.	
	2	Indian Systems of Medicines- Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homeopathy (Basic principles), Ayurvedic formulations viz Aristas and Asawas, Ghutika, Churna, Lehya and Bhasma.	
	3	General Introduction - Herbal Industry- Herbal drugs industry: Present scope and prospects.	
	4	A brief account of plant-based industries and institutions involved in work on medicinal and aromatic plants in India	
II	Cultivation of Medicinal plants		07
	5	Agricultural practices for the cultivation of medicinal plants- <i>Aloe vera</i> , <i>Centella asiatica</i> , <i>Curcuma longa</i> .	
	6	Pest and Pest management in medicinal plants: Biopesticides/Bioinsecticides	
III	Herbal Nutraceuticals & Cosmetics		08
	7	General aspects, Market, growth, scope, and types of products available in the market.	
	8	Health benefits and role of herbal nutraceuticals in ailments like Diabetes, Cardiovascular diseases, Cancer, Gastrointestinal diseases.	
	9	Study of herbs as health food: Ginger, Fenugreek, Garlic, Amla, Ashwagandha, Turmeric, Pepper.	

	10	Sources and description of raw materials of herbal origin used via, fixed oils, waxes, gums, colors, perfumes, protective agents, bleaching agents, and antioxidants in products such as skin care, hair care, and oral hygiene products	
IV	Herbal excipients & formulations		07
	11	Herbal Excipients – Significance of substances of natural origin as excipients – colorants, sweeteners, binders, diluents, viscosity builders, disintegrants, flavours & perfumes.	
	12	Conventional herbal formulations like syrups, mixtures and tablets and Novel dosage forms like phytosomes	
V	Evaluation of Drugs		15
	13	WHO & ICH guidelines for the assessment of herbal drugs. Stability testing of herbal drugs.	
	14	Components of Good Manufacturing Practices (Schedule – T) and its objectives.	
	15	Infrastructural requirements, working space, storage area, machinery and equipment, standard operating procedures, health and hygiene, documentation and records	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify herbal drug sources based on morphological characters. 2. Perform preliminary phytochemical screening (Qualitative) of crude drug formulations (Aristas, Asawas, Ghutika, Churna, Lehya and Bhasma)- Saponins, flavonoids, alkaloids, phenols, steroids, terpenoids, glycosides. 3. Preparation of herbal cosmetics- Aloe vera gel, face cream, face pack, herbal shampoo & hair oil 4. Quantification of flavonoids, Phenol and total alkaloid content in herbal samples (Demonstration only) 5. Monograph analysis and documentation of herbal drugs from recent Pharmacopoeias 	30

Suggested Reading

1. Trease & Evans. Textbook of Pharmacognosy
2. Tyler, Brady & Robber. Textbook of Pharmacognosy
3. Purohit and Gokhale. Pharmacognosy by Kokate.
4. Dr.S.H.Ansari Essential of Pharmacognosy
5. V.D.Rangari. Pharmacognosy & Phytochemistry
6. Pharmacopoeal standards for Ayurvedic Formulation (Council of Research in
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9. Botanicals. Business Horizons Publishers, New Delhi, India, 2002.

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course, the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Students will be able to understand the herbal raw material as a source of herbal drugs	U	PSO-3
CO-2	Students will practice the cultivation of herbs and the development of drug products.	U, Ap	PSO-3
CO3-	The student will analyze herbal cosmetics, natural sweeteners, nutraceuticals, and other aspects related to herbal technology	An	PSO-4, 6
CO-4	Students will be able to perform preliminary phytochemical screening of crude drugs	An, Ap, E	PSO-7
CO-5	Student will understand the WHO and ICH guidelines for evaluation of herbal drugs.	R,U	PSO-8

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Herbal Technology

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial: 0 Practical:)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	1	3	U	F, C	L	
CO-2	2	3	U, Ap	P	L	P
CO3-	3	4,6	An	M	L	P
CO-4	4	7	An, Ap, E	P	L	P
CO-5	5	8	R, U	F	L	

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CO 5	✓	✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK4DSEBOT202				
Course Title	FOOD SCIENCE AND QUALITY CONTROL				
Type of Course	DSE				
Semester	IV				
Academic Level	200 - 299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre-requisites				
Course Summary	This course is designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the principles and practices involved, and maintaining quality control standards in food production. The course covers topics ranging from sources of nutrients in nature to food safety regulations and quality assurance techniques. Students will gain practical skills through laboratory sessions and case studies, preparing them for roles in food production, quality control, and regulatory compliance.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	The food – Composition and constituents		06
	1	Introduction and scope of Food Science	
	2	Composition of food: Carbohydrates- Major sources and functions. Proteins-Majorsources and functions. Lipids-Saturated and unsaturated fatty acids- Dietary functions of fats.	
	3	Minerals- Calcium, Phosphorus, Magnesium, Sodium, Potassium, Zinc Vitamins- fat soluble and water soluble- Enzymes- Amylase, Protease, Lipoxxygenase, Pectic enzymes, Lipase - Pigments- Chlorophylls, Carotenoids, Anthocyanin.	
II	Classification of foods, food additives and food-borne health complications		07
	4	Types of food- Nutraceuticals, Probiotics, Prebiotics, GM food, Organic food, Traditional foods, Fermented foods	
	5	Food additives: Food colours, Sweeteners, Gelling agents, Flavour enhancers, Surface acting agents, Bleaching agents, Stabilizers, and thickeners	
	6	Foodborne illness and diseases: Food poisoning, Botulism, Ergotism, Staphylococcal intoxication, Mycotoxicosis	
		Food adulteration	06

III	7	Food adulteration: Definition, Common adulterations in food, Reasons for adulteration.	
	8	Testing adulteration: in milk, ghee, tea, coffee, chilly powder, turmeric powder, Honey-Harmful effects of food adulteration.	
IV	Food preservation techniques		11
	9	Food spoilage: reasons for food spoilage, Physical and Chemical changes in food that affect texture, flavour, odour, stability and nutritive value during processing and storage.	
	10	Food preservation methods: Asepsis, Removal of microorganisms, Drying, Smoking, Low temperature, High temperature, Canning, Vacuum filling, UV radiation, Lyophilization, Nitrogen packaging.	
	11	Food Preservatives: Salt, Vinegar, Sugar, Benzoates, Sorbates, Nitrates, Propionates, Antioxidants, Antibiotics, Antifungal preservatives	
V	Quality control in mechanisms in Food industries		15
	12	Quality control (QC) in the food industry, major concepts of QC, Significance	
	13	Food safety Standards and Regulations-ISO 22000, HACCP, FSSAI, GMP, AGMARK	
	14	Quality control activities and Inspection, Certification, and Testing laboratories	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Activity: Carry out a market survey of additives used in different types of foods, classify them based on their role, and present your findings as ppt (p) 2. Hands-on training on Adulteration testing of milk, chilly powder, and tea: Brands available in the market. Prepare a report (p) 3. Activity: Familiarize with different preservation methods employed for the preservation of vegetables, fruits, cereals, and pulses- Submission of the report (p) 4. Visit any Food industry/Food processing unit that follows food safety standards and regulations and submit a report (p) 	30

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Identify the food components and issues relevant to food processing and food quality management systems.	U	PSO-1,2
CO-2	Discuss the spoilage and deterioration mechanisms in foods and methods to control spoilage.	R, U	
CO3	Classify the food preservatives based on risk and benefit basis	An	
CO4	Employ the principles of food science in practical, real-world situations and Predict the consequences of excess use of additives.	E	
CO5	Budget the cost of implementing food safety standards and regulations for a small-scale unit.	C	PSO-6,8

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Food Science and Quality control

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical:)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1,2	U	F, C	L, T	
2	2		R, U	P	L, T	P
3	3		An	F, C	L, T	p
4	4		E	P	L, T	
5	5	6,8	C	P	L, T	

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

Assessment Rubrics:

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- Programming Assignments
- Final Exam

Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics :

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK5DSEBOT301				
Course Title	ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUES IN PLANT SCIENCE				
Type of Course	DSE				
Semester	V				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	Basics about physical principals and biomolecules				
Course Summary	This is a course designed to develop various skills in the analytical techniques used in plant science. Students will get a basic understanding of the principles and applications and practical knowledge in a few of the methods listed. The technical skill intended may be useful for doing the research project prescribed for Semester VI and VII or for developing a research career or as a prerequisite for industry related jobs.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Imaging and related techniques		05
	1	Principles of microscopy- Light microscopy- Fluorescence microscopy; Confocal microscopy- SEM and TEM -Transmission and Scanning electron microscopy – sample preparation for electron microscopy.	
II	Cell Fractionation and Chromatography		09
	2	Centrifugation: Differential and density gradient centrifugation, sucrose density gradient, CsCl ₂ gradient analytical centrifugation, ultracentrifugation.	
	3	Chromatography: Principle; Paper chromatography; Column chromatography, TLC, GLC, HPLC, Ion exchange chromatography; Affinity chromatography- HPTLC, Gas chromatography, GCMS-Head space analysis, HPLC, LC-MS.	
III	Spectrometry		10
	4	Introduction-Principle- application in biological research Electromagnetic spectrum- Colorimetry-UV/visible spectrophotometry-fluorescence spectroscopy, IR spectroscopy, NMR, X-ray diffraction, and Circular dichroism/Optical Rotatory Dispersion.	
IV	Electrophoresis		06
	5	Vertical and horizontal, paper electrophoresis, capillary electrophoresis- SDS-PAGE, 2D gel electrophoresis, pulsed-field gel electrophoresis, and isoelectric focusing. UV-trans illuminator, gel documentation system.	

V		Elemental Analysis	
	6	Flame photometry, Atomic emission spectroscopy, Atomic absorption spectroscopy, X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy, Energy dispersive x-ray spectroscopy.	15

Practicals			
	1. Pigment separation using TLC/Paper chromatography/Column chromatography		30
	2. Spectrophotometric quantification of Chlorophyll pigment.		
	3. Agarose gel electrophoresis of DNA and UV detection. (Demonstration)		
	4. FTIR-Spectral analysis of any plant sample. (Demonstration)		
	5. SDS-PAGE (Demonstration)		
	6. Visit to a research lab and submit a report.		

Suggested Readings

1. Daniel M. (2011). Basic Biophysics for Biologists. CBS Publishers, New Delhi.
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3. Ian Campbell (2012) Biophysical techniques. Cambridge University Press.
4. Elizabeth M. Slayter and Henry S. Slayter (1992) Light and Electron microscopy. Cambridge University Press
5. Narayanan P (2010) Essentials of Biophysics. New Age International Publishers, New Delhi.
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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand the principles of various types of microscopes used in biology and distinguish their application according to the aims of designed experiments.	U, An	PSO-4,6
CO-2	Understand the principle of colorimetry and spectrophotometry and can use the technique for detection and quantification of various biomolecules.	U, Ap	PSO-4,6

CO-3	Understand the principles of fluorescence, IR, NMR and CD and recognises the context where the techniques can be used for analysing different biomolecules	U, An	PSO-4,6
CO-4	Prepare different solutions and buffers used in biology and apply various fractionation techniques for extraction of different biomolecules.	U, Ap	PSO-4,7
CO-5	Understand the principles of precipitation, filtration, dialysis and centrifugation and recognises their usage in the separation of biomolecules.	U, Ap	PSO-6,7

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course:

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledg Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	4,6	U	F,C	L,T	
2	2	4,6	U, Ap	F,C	L,T	P
3.	3	4,6	U	P	L,T	
4.	4	4,7	U	P		P
5.	5	6,7	U, Ap	P		P

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CO 2		✓		✓
CO 3	✓	✓		✓
CO 4	✓	✓	✓	✓
CO 5		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK5DSEBOT302				
Course Title	HORTICULTURE AND NURSERY MANAGEMENT				
Type of Course	DSE				
Semester	V				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	Basic understanding in botany and Basic principles of horticulture or gardening				
Course Summary	The course "Fundamentals of Horticulture and Propagation Techniques" provides students with a comprehensive understanding of essential horticultural principles, including soil management, irrigation techniques, and plant propagation methods such as cutting, layering, budding, and grafting. Through practical exercises and theoretical knowledge, students learn to apply these fundamentals in garden design, nursery management, and sustainable horticulture practices, preparing them for careers in the diverse field of horticulture and agriculture.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Fundamentals of Horticulture and Propagation Techniques		05
	1	Fundamentals of Horticulture: Definition and scope- importance of horticulture in modern society- divisions of horticulture.	
	2	Soil, Fertility, and Irrigation Management: Understanding soil composition and soil types; Preparation of potting mixtures; Irrigation methods: surface sprinkler, and drip systems.	
	3	Vegetative Propagation Methods: Cutting; Layering- Air layering, Ground layering (Tip, Trench and Compound); Budding- T-budding; Grafting: Approach grafting, Bridge grafting, whip and tongue grafting.	
II	Nutrient Management and Garden Design		09
	4	Manures, Fertilizers: Types- Application methods, Timing and frequency of application, Soil amendments and pH management, Integrated nutrient management.	
	5	Components of Garden: Design ,Principles, Plant Selection, Site, Planting Techniques, Maintenance Practices, Hard Landscaping Elements, Soft Landscaping Elements, Specialty Gardens.	
II	Nursery Management		10
	6	Introduction to Nursery Management: Definition and Significance, Role of Nurseries in Horticultural Production; Types of Nursery enterprises	

	7	Infrastructure and Facilities: Essential Infrastructure for Nursery Operations: Greenhouses, Shade Structures, Propagation Areas; Equipment and Tools for Nursery Management.	
	8	Nursery Stock Selection and Management: Selection Criteria -Ornamentals, Fruit Trees, Shrubs; Procurement and Maintenance of Mother Plants; Inventory Management Techniques for Nursery Stock. Biopesticides, Pest and disease management.	
IV	Entrepreneurship in Nursery Management		06
	9	Business planning and development: Budgeting, Financial Management and Record-keeping, Regulatory requirements and Permits: Legal and Regulatory Requirements for Nursery Operations	
	10	Marketing and Sales Strategies: Market analysis and identification of target customers, Branding, packaging, and product presentation; Effective Marketing Techniques: Advertising, Promotion, and Social Media	
V	Advanced Horticulture Practices and Sustainable Management		15
	11	Advances in Horticulture and Nursery Management: Precision Nursery Management-Remote Sensing, Sensor Networks, Drones; Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA)- Aquaponics, Hydroponics. Vertical Nursery Production: Vertical Growing Systems, Multi-level Shelving, Stacked Container Systems.,	
	12	Sustainable Horticulture Practices- Organic Farming, Crop Rotation, Sequential Cropping, Polyculture, Agroforestry, Soilless cultivation,	

Practicals			
	1. Study the vegetative propagation techniques described in the syllabus. 2. Visit a Horticultural Nursery to understand its operational procedures, enlist the various components of capital investment and submit a report. 3. Visit a farm practicing sustainable horticulture techniques like organic farming/agroforestry/ hydroponics		30

Suggested Readings

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7. Venkatesha, H. and Natarajan, K.(2015).Handbook of Horticulture. New India Publishing Agency

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Analyze the fundamental principles of garden design to enable students to create aesthetically pleasing and functional outdoor spaces.	U, An	PSO-1
CO2	Understand soil composition, potting mix preparation, and irrigation methods to enhance theoretical understanding of plant growth in horticulture	U	PSO-3
CO-3	Understand various fertilizers and their Role in Crop Production, Develop skills in vegetative propagation methods	U, Ap	PSO-3
CO-4	Master flower arrangement techniques	U, Ap	PSO-3,6
CO-5	Demonstrate understanding of nursery operational procedures and capital investment components, showcasing proficiency in nursery management principles and financial considerations in horticultural enterprises.	An, Ap	PSO-3,8

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Horticulture and Nursery management

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	1	U, AN	C	L	
2	2	3	U	C	L	
3	3	3	U, AP	P		P
4	4	3,6	U	C	L	
5	5	3,8	U, AP	P		P

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CO 2		✓		✓
CO 3	✓	✓		✓
CO 4	✓	✓	✓	✓
CO 5		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK5DSEBOT303				
Course Title	GREEN TECHNOLOGY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT				
Type of Course	DSE				
Semester	V				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	04 Hours	-	-	04 Hours
Pre-requisites	Basic understanding in environmental botany and ecological issues.				
Course Summary	The course on Green Technology and Sustainable Development aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of sustainable development principles, environmental challenges, and the role of technology in promoting environmental conservation and sustainable practices. Through lectures, case studies, discussions, students will explore various green technologies, renewable energy sources, sustainable design principles, and strategies for mitigating environmental impact				

Detailed Syllabus

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Introduction to green technology		10
	1	Scope And Significance of Green Technology- Past and Present Perspective.	
	2	Green Energy, Green Infrastructure, Green Economy and Green Chemistry and principles	
	3	Green Planning- Concept of green cities.	
4	Key Components of Green Technology-Introduction to renewable energy technologies. Solar energy-Photovoltaic, Wind energy- Wind turbines and wind farms. Hydroelectric power, biomass, geothermal, and tidal energy		
II	Green techniques		10
	5	Successful Green Technologies- blending of fossil fuels with bioethanol, LED, green refrigerant, biodegradable plastic. Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) (brief account only).	
	6	Technologies to reduce Greenhouse emissions. Carbon Capture and storage.	
7	5 R's of green technology: Recycle, Reuse, Reduce, Recover, Refuse.		
III	Implementation of Green Technology		08
	8	Role of government and institutions in implementing green technology.	

	9	Green policy and protocol, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED). Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment (GRIHA)	
	10	Green initiatives in Industrial Policy, Funding, Subsidies and tax rebates, Energy saving initiative	
IV	Successful Green Initiatives		20
	11	Solar panels, Rainwater harvesting, Biogas plant, Vermicomposting, Well recharging, Solid waste management, Electric vehicles	
	12	Employee Green training, Plant-based packaging, vertical gardens.	
	13	Case Study on Haritha Karma sena. A case study on green initiatives in Kumarakomon Rural Sustainable development for tourism	
	14	Learning Activity:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waste and energy audit of an institution/organisation 2. Life cycle assessment of a product 3. Determination of ecological footprint of individuals 4. Vermicomposting and its utilization 5. Hydroponics in buildings (Demonstration) 6. Extraction of bio-oil - chemical and physical methods and its characterization 7. Anaerobic digestion of biomass for biogas production 	
V	Sustainability, Auditing, and Entrepreneurship for Greener Tomorrow		12
	15	Waste auditing of the institution, Energy auditing, estimation of the ecological footprint of an individual, steps to do green audit on campus- Land Use System - Biodiversity Status-Climatic Conditions- Air Quality- Noise Pollution- Water Resources and Management- Waste disposal and management- Environmental Awareness-Mitigation and Management practices.	
	16	Case studies and entrepreneurship of successful Green Startups. Case study- Agritech – Startup - CropIn, Ninjacart.	

Suggested Readings

1. Jairam Ramesh Green Signals: Ecology, Growth, and Democracy in India"
2. Sivasankar. B "Green Chemistry: Environmentally Benign Approaches" b
3. Rajeev. B. R. Green Cities of India: Pioneering Approaches to Urban Sustainability"
4. "Renewable Energy Sources and Emerging Technologies: Solar Energy, Wind Energy, Biomass, and Geothermal Energy" by H. P. Garg and J. Prakash "Green Chemistry and Engineering: A Practical Design Approach" by S. S. Bhagat
5. "Carbon Capture and Storage Technologies: Advances in CO2 Capture, Sequestration, and Conversion" by Rajesh Kumar

References

1. "Waste Management: Principles and Practices" by A. K. Bhatia - "Sustainable Development in India: Strategies, Initiatives, and Challenges" edited by A. K. Mukherjee and R. S. Kumar
2. "Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment (GRIHA): An Introduction" by Sanjay Seth
3. "Industrial Policies and Practices for Sustainable Development in India" edited by P. S. Sundararajan and A. K. Dhingra

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Summarize the objectives of green planning and its implications for urban development.	R	PSO-3
CO-2	Recognize successful green technologies and their applications in reducing environmental impact	U	PSO-3
CO-3	Knowledge of green techniques to identify opportunities for their implementation.	AP	PSO-2,3
CO-4	Analyze the effectiveness of government and institutional efforts in promoting green technology adoption.	AN	PSO-5,7
CO-5	Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of policies and protocols in achieving sustainability goals. Develop strategies for implementing techniques to reduce greenhouse emissions in different sectors	E	PSO-6,8

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Green technology for Sustainable Development.

Credits: 4:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	3	R	C	L	
2	2	3	U	C	L	
3	3	2, 3	AP	P		P
4	4	5, 7	AN	C	L	
5	5	6, 8	E	P		P

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Mapping of COs with PSOs and POs :

	PSO 1	PSO 2	PSO 3	PSO 4	PSO 5	PSO 6	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6
CO 1	1		3									
CO 2	1		3									
CO 3			3									
CO 4			3			6			3		5	6
CO 5			3						3			

Correlation Levels:

Level	Correlation
-	Nil
1	Slightly / Low
2	Moderate / Medium
3	Substantial / High

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CO 2		✓		✓
CO 3	✓	✓		✓
CO 4	✓	✓	✓	✓
CO 5		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK5DSEBOT304				
Course Title	PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY				
Type of Course	DSE				
Semester	V				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	04 Hours	-	-	04 Hours
Pre-requisites	Basic knowledge about the various aspects of plants, concept of totipotency, genetic material				
Course Summary	This course provides a detailed account of the requirements of a tissue culture lab and covers the major procedures and events in plant tissue culture and recombinant DNA technology with special attention to its scope and application. An outlook on functional genomics and conservation biotechnology was also incorporated.				

Detailed Syllabus

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Introduction and Techniques in tissue culture		15
	1	Introduction to plant Biotechnology- Tissue culture- Basic principles, Totipotency of cells, differentiation and dedifferentiation. (brief account)	
	2	Requirements of tissue culture laboratory: culture vessels, instruments (pH meter, autoclave, weighing balance, refrigerator, distillation unit, microscope, Laminar air flow hood) (general account).	
	3	Medium composition and preparation: MS media- brief mentioning of different types of media- plant growth regulators; Procedures in tissue cultures- sterilization (dry, wet), aseptic techniques- explants in tissue culture.	
	4	Types of culture- Tissue and cell culture- callus culture- Cytodifferentiation, organogenesis- direct and indirect- <i>In vitro</i> techniques of micropropagation- axillary bud proliferation- meristem and shoot tip culture- production of virus-free plants and its applications; Somatic embryogenesis: Principle and concept- factors affecting embryo formation.	
5	Cell Suspension Culture: Types- batch culture- continuous culture-open continuous-closed continuous, semi-continuous; Growth patterns in cell suspension culture- growth measurements- techniques for single cell culture. Root and hairy root culture. Learning Activity:- 1. Preparation of stock solution of MS media 2. Sterilization of tissue culture utensils 3. Preparation and sterilization of culture media		

		4. Techniques of culture- inoculation, sub culture etc.	
II	Protoplast culture & Somatic hybridization		5
	6	Protoplast culture and somatic hybridization- Significance, Problems and limitations; Protoplast isolation: methods- mechanical and enzymatic - production of protoplasts, osmoticum- protoplast viability and density- protoplast purification. Culture of Protoplast: Culture techniques- culture medium and environmental factors- cell wall formation, growth, division, and regeneration of plants.	
	7	Protoplast fusion and somatic hybridization- types- spontaneous fusion, induced fusion- types of fusogen- identification, and selection of hybrid cells-verification and characterization of somatic hybrids,-Cybrids.	
III	Applications of Plant Tissue Culture		13
	8	Clonal propagation, production of genetically variable plants. Crop improvement through tissue culture, scope, and application of tissue culture in forestry.	
	9	Production of secondary metabolites- method of production – factors affecting yield. Immobilized cell systems, bioreactors.	
	10	Application of somatic embryogenesis- Production of synthetic seed-encapsulation- Embryo rescue recovery of interspecific hybrids.	
	11	In vitro production of Haploids: Androgenic haploids and cyanogenic haploids- endosperm and embryo culture- Significance of haploids.	
	12	Application of plant biotechnology in agriculture horticulture and forestry: Improvement of cereals, vegetable crops, oil-yielding plants, ornamentals and forest trees. Learning Activity:- 1. Direct and indirect organogenesis 2. Preparation of artificial seeds	
IV	Somaclones and Transgenics		15
	13	Somaclonal variation- Origin and causes of somaclonal variants- applications, achievements, and limitations.	
	14	Recombinant DNA techniques- vectors, enzymes, PCR, Gene transfer mechanisms- Vector-mediated and vectorless gene transfer, Ti plasmid-mediated DNA delivery methods- Direct genetic transformation of DNA, particle bombardment, transformation of protoplast by electroporation, microinjection. Learning Activity:- 1. Isolation of DNA 2. Plasmid isolation 3. PCR amplification (demonstration only) 4. Agarose gel electrophoresis	
	15	Transgenic plants- GM crops-BT crops, Golden rice, Flavr -saver Tomato Current status and prospects of GM crops in India-New products - pharmaceuticals, bioremediation, edible vaccines, antiviral proteins.	
V	Conservation Biotechnology & Functional Genomics		12

16	Germplasm Storage and Cryopreservation - Conservation Biotechnology –techniques of cryopreservation, choice of material, pre-culture, cryoprotection, freezing, thawing, reculture, vitrification, encapsulation applications of cryopreservation.
17	Analytical tools in Biotechnology: Molecular markers- RFLP, RAPD, microsatellites, NGS, Blotting techniques.
18	Innovations in plant biotechnology- Gene silencing, Antisense technology, Molecular pharming, Genome editing tools- CRISPR-Cas 9- Biosafety and bioethics in plant biotechnology.

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand the core concepts and fundamentals of plant biotechnology	<u>U</u>	PSO-2
CO-2	students will be able to the function of cells in molecular – cellular totipotency	<u>Ap</u>	PSO-2

CO-3	Equip the students to carry out plant tissue culture. Analyse and evaluate secondary metabolite production from cultures	An, E	PSO-4
CO-4	The students will be able to understand the knowledge of the production of biologically important secondary metabolites through tissue culture.	AP	PSO-6,8
CO-5	Understand the current developments in the field of Biotechnology-strategy of conservation, artificial seeds, somaclonal variation	Ap	PSO-8

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Plant Biotechnology

Credits: 4:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	2	U	F, C	L	P
2	2	2	Ap	P	L	P
3	3	4	An, E	P	L	P
4	4	6,8	Ap	P	L	P
5	5	8	Ap	F, C,P	L	

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

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CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK6DSEBOT301				
Course Title	PLANT PROPAGATION AND CROP IMPROVEMENT				
Type of Course	DSE				
Semester	VI				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	Basic understanding of plant biology and Genetics and gardening				
Course Summary	This course offers a comprehensive exploration of plant propagation methods, including seed and vegetative propagation, along with advanced techniques such as tissue culture. Additionally, it delves into crop improvement strategies encompassing traditional breeding methods, biotechnological approaches, and sustainable agricultural practices, providing students with a holistic understanding of enhancing crop productivity and agricultural sustainability.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Plant Propagation		08
	1	Introduction to plant propagation: Importance and objectives- Asexual and Sexual methods of propagation.	
	2	Seed Propagation: Methods of Seed Propagation- Direct Seeding, Nursery Bed- Broad Casting-Dibbing- Drilling.	
	3	Vegetative Propagation - cutting, layering (Air layering) ground layering (Tip, Trench, and Compound), Budding (T- budding) Grafting (approach grafting, Bridge grafting, whip, and tongue grafting).	
	4	Environmental factors influencing propagation success: Light, temperature, humidity, and substrate; Hormonal regulation in plant propagation: Role of auxins, cytokinins, and other growth regulators.	
	5	Propagation Facilities: Mist Chamber-humidifiers, Green houses, Glass houses, Cold Frames,-Hotbeds, Poly-houses, Phytotrons.	
II	Micropropagation		07
	6	Introduction to tissue culture- Totipotency- definition and importance, dedifferentiation, redifferentiation, and Cytodifferentiation. Plant tissue culture techniques: sterilization, medium preparation (MS medium), and culture initiation, Equipment, and other requirements in tissue culture laboratory. Procedure for Tissue Culture - Selection of Explants, Sterilization,	

		Inoculation, Subculture, Organogenesis, hardening, and establishment (Restrict to meristem culture).	
III	Crop Improvement		06
	7	Introduction; Goals, significance and objectives- Plant Genetic Resources, their conservation and utilization in Crop Improvement, Importance of crop improvement in food security and agricultural sustainability.	
	8	Case Studies in Crop Enhancement and Sustainability: Impact and significance - Green Revolution - Golden Rice: Alleviating Vitamin A deficiency, Kalyan Sona: A Milestone in Wheat Cultivation and the Green Revolution in India.	
IV	Methods of Crop Improvement		09
	9	Traditional Breeding Methods: Plant Introduction: Definition, types, and procedure; Selection: mass selection, pure line selection, clonal selection; Hybridization: objectives, procedure, major achievements, Types of Hybridization: interspecific and intergeneric; Mutation and polyploidy breeding.	
	10	Biotechnological approaches for Crop Improvement: Genetic Engineering (Transgenic crops and Genome Editing), Marker-Assisted Selection (MAS).	
V	Sustainable Crop Improvement Strategies		15
	11	Agroecology and Agroforestry- Conservation Agriculture-Precision Agriculture-Climate-Resilient Crop Varieties, Biofortification: Organic Farming and Sustainable Intensification; Water-Efficient Irrigation Systems; Biopesticides, Biofertilizers and Biological Control; Integrated pest management (IPM).	
	12	Agriculture in India: Challenges and Innovations, Breeding techniques and achievements with reference to the following crops in India: (a) Rice (b) Wheat (c) Potato (d) Coconut.	
	13	Centres of crop breeding: International and National (with special reference to Kerala)	
	14	E-resources for Farmers: Digital Tools for Crop Management-Mobile Applications, Online Portals and Websites, Market Information Systems, Online Training and Extension Services; Community Forums and Discussion Platforms; E-Marketplaces and Agri-Tech Platforms.	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learn Vegetative Propagation techniques - Layering (Air Layering) Grafting (Whip and Tongue), Budding (T Budding) 2. Study the techniques of Emasculation and Hybridization of any bisexual flower 3. Study the impact of any chemical mutagens in onion root tip 4. Document the diversity and significance of any one crop variety cultivated in your area 5. Conduct a survey to study the importance of improved crop varieties over traditional varieties 6. Outline the cultivation practices associated with a specific crop variety 7. Visit to an ICAR institution/ organization. 	30

Suggested Readings

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7. Razdan M. K. (2016) An introduction to Plant Tissue Culture, Oxford and I B Publishers
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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course, the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand the concept of plant propagation and its significance in horticulture and agriculture	U	PSO-2
CO-2	Develop skills in different propagation methods	U, Ap	PSO-7
CO-3	Understand different plant breeding procedures	U	
CO-4	Develop skills in emasculation and hybridization techniques	U, Ap	
CO-5	Demonstrate and analyse chromosomal aberrations in onion root tips using chemical mutagens	U, Ap, An	

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Plant Propagation and Crop improvement

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	2	U	C	L	
2	2	2,7	U, Ap	C,P		P

3.	3.		U	C	L	
4.	4.		U	C	L	
5.	5.		U, Ap	C, P		P

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CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5	✓	✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK6DSEBOT302				
Course Title	PHYTOCHEMISTRY AND DRUG DEVELOPMENT				
Type of Course	DSE				
Semester	VI				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	Basic knowledge of biology, including cell structure and biomolecules				
Course Summary	The discipline Provides information on different pathways of primary and secondary metabolism in plants and naturally occurring secondary metabolites such as Alkaloids, terpenoids, phenolics, flavonoids, and tannins, that are important in medicinal plants. The chemical structures, natural distribution, biological function, and therapeutic activities of these compounds are used in the pharmaceutical industry for drug discovery and standardization				

Detailed Syllabus

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Phytochemistry		10
	1	Introduction- Phytochemicals, Primary and secondary metabolites, sources, classification, and Function (General account only).	
	2	Phytochemicals: Alkaloids, terpenoids, phenolics, flavonoids, and tannins. Role of phytochemicals in the plant defense mechanism.	
	3	Functions of phytochemicals in the living organism - antioxidants, antimicrobial agents, wound healing, antihypertension, stimulation of the immune system, anti-inflammatory functions (brief study only)	
	4	Brief study of basic metabolic pathways and formation of different secondary metabolites through these pathways- Shikimic acid pathway, and Amino acid pathway.	
	5	Biosources - therapeutic uses, and commercial applications of the following secondary metabolites: (brief study only). Alkaloids: Rauwolfia, Belladonna, Opium; Flavonoids: Tea, Ruta Tannins: Catechu, Pterocarpus; Resins: Asafoetida, Myrrh,	
II	Extraction, Separation, and Structural Analysis of Phytochemicals		09
	6	Extraction: Solvent extraction- Polar and non-polar solvents-Cold extraction- Hot extraction (Soxhlet & Clevenger).	
	7	Separation: Chromatography-Paper Chromatography- Thin Layer Chromatography-Column Chromatography- High-Performance	

		Liquid Chromatography (HPLC, GC-MS, LC-MS (Brief account-discuss with a representative graph/data).	
	8	Characterization: Ultraviolet and visible spectrophotometry (UV-Vis), Brief account of Infrared Spectroscopy (IR), Mass Spectrometry (MS), Nuclear Magnetic Resonance spectroscopy (NMR).	
III	Drug Development		06
	9	General introduction to drug discovery research, Examples of few drug discovery in old days and recent times.	
	10	Bioactivity Screening and mechanism of action using various assays: (Brief account of Cell culture assays, Reporter gene assays, Enzyme activity assay).	
IV	Standardization of Phytoformulations		05
	11	Standardization and Quality Control: Isolate, Purify and characterize using various methods. Establish reference standards, validation protocols, and quality control measures for herbal medicines and natural product formulations (WHO guidelines).	
	12	Biotechnological Approaches: Plant Tissue Culture, Genetic Engineering and Bioreactor Systems-cell cultures for the sustainable production of high-value phytochemicals.	
	13	Drug Delivery and Formulation Development: Techniques such as Nanoformulation, Solid dispersion, Complexation, Polymer-based delivery.	
	14	Clinical Evaluation and Translation: Study Protocol Development, Ethical Approval and Regulatory Compliance, Study Implementation and Monitoring, Safety Monitoring and Adverse Event Reporting.	
V	Sustainable Phytochemical Innovation: Case Studies and Practical Applications		15
	15	Case studies of innovative products like Jeevani, Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), Market research. Challenges and considerations in large-scale production. Visit a Pharmaceutical Industry or Research Facility. Interaction with industry professionals.	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Qualitative test for reducing sugar : Benedict's test. Molisch's test, Lugol's Iodine test. 2. Test for proteins : Biuret test. Xanthoprotein test, Translucent Oil drop test, Solubility Test. 3. Preparation of buffers. Phosphate, carbonate, Tris HCl. 4. Estimation of reducing sugars. 5. Extraction and estimation of soluble proteins by Lowry's/ Bradford method. 6. Subject any one of the given plant to Soxhlet extraction/hydrodistillation/Cold extraction -<i>Curcuma longa</i> rhizome powder, 	30

	<p><i>Piper nigrum</i> fruits powder, <i>Syzygium aromaticum</i> , <i>Cinnamomum malabatram</i> (avoid the plants which need conservation)</p> <p>7. Test the presence of the following: Terpenoids/Steroids by Lieberman- Burchard test, Flavonoids by Shinodas test, Coumarins by Borntragers test and Alkaloids by Mayers test or Dragendorfs test</p> <p>8. Demonstrate the separation of a phytochemical mixture using TLC or Column chromatography.</p>	
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2. Lubert Stryer (2019) 8th Edition)Biochemistry" by
3. Victor W. Rodwell, David Bender, et al. (2020).Harper's Illustrated Biochemistry.
4. Kurt Hostettmann and Marianne Hostettmann (2016)Textbook of Phytochemistry.
5. Kelsey Springer (2019).Natural Products: Phytochemistry, Botany, and Metabolism of Alkaloids, Phenolics, and Terpenes.
6. Paul M. Dewick (2009).Medicinal Natural Products: A Biosynthetic Approach.

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2. William Charles Evans (2009).Introduction to Pharmacognosy.
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4. Mark S. Meskin, Wayne R. Bidlack, et al. (2004).Phytochemicals: Mechanisms of Action.

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course, the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Identify important phytochemicals and their applications in human welfare	U	PSO-4
CO-2	Recognize the diverse approaches to healthcare, including classical, modern, and oral/non-codified systems	R, U	PSO-4,6
CO-3	Analyze chromatographic data to separate and identify phytochemical compounds	An	PSO-7,8
CO-4	Evaluate bioactivity screening methods and their mechanisms of action using various assays	E	PSO-8
CO-5	Apply pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic tests to assess the behavior of phytochemicals in the body	Ap	PSO-7

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Phytochemistry and Drug Discovery

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	4	U	F,C	L.T	
2	2	4,6	R, U	F,C	L.T	
3	3	7,8	An	F,C	L.T	
4	4	8	E	F,C,P		P
5	5	7	Ap	P		P

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CO 3	✓	✓	✓	✓
CO 4	✓	✓	✓	✓
CO 5	✓	✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK6DSEBOT303				
Course Title	MODERN TRENDS IN PLANT SYSTEMATICS				
Type of Course	DSE				
Semester	VI				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	04 Hours	-	-	04 Hours
Pre-requisites	UK3DSCBOT202/UK5DSCBOT301				
Course Summary	The course provides a clear out look to students regarding the new approaches in taxonomy and its applications.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Taxonomy and systematics		09
	1	Introduction to classical and modern approaches in classification	
	2	Micro taxonomy and macro taxonomy; Stages of taxonomy - Alpha, beta and gamma taxonomy.	
	3	Taxonomic hierarchy- infra specific and supra specific categories- Hierarchy of categories and higher taxa.	
	4	Concept of Species- Biological species, Recognition species, Evolutionary species, Cohesion species, taxonomic or morphological species, Phylogenetic species, Genealogical species, Cryptic species.	
II	Taxonomy, types and concepts		16
	5	Phylogenetic systematics-Cladistics – Introduction, principles and features Apomorphy, plesiomorphy, symplesiomorphy and synapomorphy.	
	6	Methodology and applications of Phylogenetic systematics Phylogenetic trees: Cladogram, phenogram, phylogram, dendrogram. Rooted vs unrooted. consensus	
	7	Cladogram construction-Parsimony, Maximum likelihood and Bayesian analysis (Brief account only). Tools for cladistic analysis - MEGA X	
	8	APG IV classification	
III	Trends in taxonomy		8
	9	Chemotaxonomy, Cytotaxonomy, Numerical taxonomy.	
	12	Molecular taxonomy. Sources of molecular data-mitochondrial, nuclear, chloroplast loci. Molecular markers - RAPD, AFLP, RFLP, SSRs, SNPs (very brief overview) Usefulness of Internal Transcribed Spacer (ITS 1 & ITS 2), rbcL, matK-Application of DNA barcoding in species identification, The Barcode of Life Data system (BOLD).	

IV	23	Learning Activity:-	15
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Download the nucleotide sequence of five species from a genus and construct a phylogenetic tree. 2. Identify plants on the campus using online tools mentioned in the syllabus and compare them with authentic information 3. Debate on the user-friendliness of online systematic tools for plant identification and comparison. 4. Survey the plant diversity in the campus/locality and create a database. 	
V	Automated taxon identification		12
	24	Tools for Web-based techniques in plant taxonomy- Online plant identification tools - PlantNet, Plant.id, Google lens, Naturalist Picturethis.	
	25	Geographic Information System (GIS) -Application of GIS in plant taxonomy.	
	26	Online resources in taxonomy. Virtual e herbarium, Virtual Gardens, Index Herbariorum. Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI). Taxonomy tools and resources recommended by convention on biological diversity Taxonomic Tools (cbd.int) .	
	27	Application of Artificial Intelligence in Taxonomy.	

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2. <https://open.lib.umn.edu/horticulture/chapter/2-1-plant-taxonomy/>
3. <https://botanicalsociety.org.za/the-science-of-names-an-introduction-to-plant-taxonomy/>

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course, the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Know the concept of classification and different systems of classification	U	PSO-3

CO-2	Understand the taxonomic hierarchy	R, U	PSO-3
CO-3	Understand the various new branches of taxonomy	U	PSO-3
CO-4	Experience the application of information technology in taxonomy problem-solving	A	PSO-10
CO-5	Experiment with the use of phylogeny analysis tools	E	PSO-10

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Modern trends in Plant Systematics

Credits: 4:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	1	3	U	F, C	L	
CO-2	2	3	R, U	F, C	L	
CO-3	3	3	U	F, C	L	
CO-4	4	10	A	P	L	P
CO-5	5	PSO-10	E	P	L	P

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CO 5		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK6DSEBOT304				
Course Title	CLIMATIC CHANGE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT				
Type of Course	DSE				
Semester	VI				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	04 Hours	-	-	04 Hours
Pre-requisites	Basic understanding in environmental botany and ecological issues.				
Course Summary	Understanding of the Earth's climate system, including the natural greenhouse effect and dark heating. Students learn about international organizations and agreements addressing climate change. The concepts of hazards, vulnerability, and disasters, along with risk evaluation and climate change risks outlined in IPCC reports. Classification of disasters and management strategies and measures				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Climate change		12
	1	Climate system- The Earth's natural greenhouse Effect and Dark Heating, radiation balance, Climates of the past. Natural versus anthropogenic causes of climate change, enhanced greenhouse effect, climate forcing, climate forcing agents- greenhouse gases, aerosols, clouds, land use etc; global warming: role of CO ₂ , CH ₄ , water vapor etc., importance of monsoons, El-Nino	
II	International response to climate change		12
	2	IPCC -UNEP, WMO, Structure, IPCC bureau, Task Groups, Principles and procedures, UNFCCC-The convention, Sites and Platforms, Montreal protocol, Kyoto Protocol, Paris agreement, 2020 ambition, Talanoa, Documents and decisions, National and local government responses: NAPCC, Glasgow Climate Agreement 2021	
III	Introduction to Disasters		12
	3	Understanding of Hazard, Vulnerability & Disasters. Concept of Risks, Evaluation of Risks. Climate change Risk (IPCC Report): Natural & man-made factors. Driving forces of Vulnerability of cities. Landforms Developing forces- Exogenic and endogenic . Concept of on-site Disasters. Disaster Mitigation – Emerging Trends in Disaster Management - UN Draft.	
IV	Types of Disasters		12

	4	Classification of Disasters: (Natural & man-made)- Natural Disasters: climatic disasters (wind & water related)-tropical cyclone-floods & drought; Earth related Disasters (Geological Disaster): earthquake, tsunami, landslides & volcano eruption- Man-made Disasters: industrial (on-site) Disasters: toxic gas leak, explosion, nuclear- Chemical and Technological Disasters (BLEVE-boiling liquid expanding vapor explosion); Accidental Disasters: rail, road, air and sea. Ecological Disasters: pollution, soil degradation, loss of biodiversity & Global warming. Epidemics: cholera, typhoid; Biological Disasters: COVID-19 global environmental problems- ozone depletion, greenhouse effect, global warming, acid rain, nuclear hazards – Climate change, Eutrophication.	
V	Disaster Management		12
	5	Disaster management- Basic measures for Disaster management: preventive measures, preparedness measures (Disaster mapping profile),redictability, forecasting & warning- Response and Relief measures. - recovery& rehabilitation measures. Disaster Management Bill, 2005- Institutional Framework for Disaster Management- Role of Media in Disaster Management.Basic Safety Measures (Pre and During): Earthquake & Floods. Case studies - Different disaster management in different counties with different disaster situation.	

Suggested Readings

1. IPCC, 2001: Impacts Adaptation and Vulnerability, GRID, Aewndal.
2. Natural Hazards, Bryant Edwards (2005), Cambridge University Press, U.K.
3. Space Technology for Disaster management: A Remote Sensing & GIS Perspective, Roy, P.S. (2000), Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (NRSA), Dehradun.
4. Natural Disaster, Sharma, R.K. & Sharma, G. (2005), (ed) APH Publishing Corporation, New Delhi.
5. Disaster Management : A disaster Manager’s Handbook, Carter, N W. (1992), Asian Development Bank, Manila.

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Summarize the differences between natural and anthropogenic causes of climate change.	U	PSO-5
CO-2	Analyze the effectiveness of international climate agreements in addressing climate change.	An	PSO-5
CO-3	Apply knowledge of disaster mitigation strategies to evaluate emerging trends in disaster management.	Ap	PSO-5,4

CO-4	Apply knowledge of disaster management frameworks to analyze case studies of disaster situations in different countries.	AP	PSO-8
CO-5	Interpret the role of greenhouse gases in the enhanced greenhouse effect.	U	PSO-5

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Name of the Course: Climate Change and Disaster Management

Credits: 4:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	5	U	F, C	L	
2	2	5	An	F, C	L	
3	3	5,4	Ap	F, C	L	
4	4	8	AP	P	L	P
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University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK7DSEBOT401				
Course Title	PLANT METABOLISM				
Type of Course	DSE				
Semester	VII				
Academic Level	400 - 499				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	Students should have a basic knowledge of the various physiological processes in plants, structure and function of various biomolecules in plants				
Course Summary	The course provides a understanding of different biochemical pathways and regulatory mechanisms involved in plant metabolism. Students will learn biochemical and hormonal regulation of seed germination, floral organ development, and fruit ripening processes, as well as their significance in plant growth, development, and agricultural practices.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Metabolic process		02
	1	Introduction, anabolic and catabolic pathways, regulation of metabolism, role of regulatory enzymes (allosteric, covalent modulation, and Isozymes).	
II	Carbon assimilation		10
	2	Organization of photosynthetic apparatus -PSI and PSII, photosynthetic mechanism- C ₄ and Crassulacean acid metabolism-photorespiration-factors affecting CO ₂ reduction.	
III	Carbon oxidation		08
	3	Metabolic regulation of glycolysis, acetyl CoA synthesis- and citric acid cycle- Mitochondrial electron-transport complexes-- ATP synthesis- chemiosmotic mechanism.	
IV	Nitrogen and Lipid metabolism		10
	4	Biological nitrogen fixation- physiology and biochemistry of nitrogen fixation, Ammonia assimilation (GS-GOGAT), reductive amination, and transamination.	
	5	Synthesis and breakdown of triglycerides- beta-oxidation, glyoxylate cycle-gluconeogenesis, and its role in the mobilization of lipids during seed germination.	
V	Metabolic processes in seed germination, flowering, and fruit ripening		15
	5	Metabolic processes during seed germination- the role of hydrolytic enzymes- phytohormones (abscisic acid, salicylic acid,	

		jasmonates, ethylene- respiratory reactivation, glyoxylate cycle in oil seed germination.	
	6	Floral organ development in flower induction - primary metabolites (carbohydrates, lipids, and proteins) - Secondary metabolites (polyamines, phenols), Stress-induced flowering pathway.	
	7	Fruit ripening - factors affecting fruit ripening (internal & external)- Changes associated with ripening (rate of respiration, hormonal changes (ethylene), chlorophyll loss, carotenoid accumulation, enzyme activity, synthesis of volatile compounds, synthesis of simple sugar.	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Estimation of total chlorophyll content from different chronologically aged leaves (young, mature, and senescence) by Arnon method. 2. Hill activity by DCPIP/ ferricyanide reduction. 3. Physiological identification of CAM in plant species. Differentiation of CAM and non-CAM plants by titration. 4. To study the activity of amylase in germinating seeds 5. Estimation of Anthocyanin pigment from floweres. 6. Estimation of Protein from fruit by Lowry's method 	30

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course, the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand the process and regulation of metabolic processes	U	2

CO-2	Gain knowledge of physiological and biochemical processes in the plant system and compare it with other type of systems	U	1,4
CO-3	Understand the molecular mechanisms underlying ATP synthesis and cellular energy metabolism and analyze complex biological systems at the molecular level.	U, An	1,4
CO-4	understand the physiological, biochemical, and molecular mechanisms underlying nitrogen and lipid metabolism, offering insights into fundamental biological processes and their applications in agriculture, biotechnology, and medicine.	Ap	2,4
CO-5	Understand the intricate metabolic processes governing seed germination, floral organ development, and fruit ripening in plants, and also gain insights into the regulatory mechanisms and environmental factors influencing these developmental stages, providing a foundation for further research and applications in agriculture, horticulture, and plant biotechnology.	Ap	1,5

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Plant metabolism

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	2	U	C	L	
2	2	1,4	U	C	L	
3	3	1,4	U, An	P	L	
4	4	2,4	Ap	P		P
5	5	1,2,5	Ap	P		P

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

Assessment Rubrics:

- Quiz / Assignment/ Quiz/ Discussion / Seminar
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- Final Exam

Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics :

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CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK7DSEBOT402				
Course Title	INDUSTRIAL TISSUE CULTURE				
Type of Course	DSE				
Semester	VII				
Academic Level	400 – 499				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre-requisites	Students should have basics knowledge about plant biology and tissue culture.				
Course Summary	The course will make the student capable to become an entrepreneur. It deals with the opportunities of plant tissue culture especially ‘micropropagation’ as a business in the Indian context. It addresses areas of how one can start the tissue culture lab – the requirements like infrastructure, steps in micropropagation and problems faced at industrial level operations. It also deals with the certification system for quality assurance, virus indexing, logistics and marketing of tissue cultured plants. Also, the course will give an outline on costing of TC plants, cost benefit analysis and cost reduction measures.				

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Introduction to plant Tissue culture		06
	1	Tissue culture – as a biotechnological tool – clonal propagation – advantages- organogenesis- Somatic embryogenesis- Synthetic seeds- somaclonal variations.	
	2	History of commercial plant tissue culture in India.	
	3	Major Commercial tissue culture ventures in India and their annual production capacity	
II	Laboratory organization and Instrumentation		06
	4	Model layout of a commercial tissue culture laboratory- Glassware wash area, chemical storage, media preparation, sterilization and media storage room, air showers, air curtains, foot bath, inoculation room, culture room, observation/data collection area.	
	5	Instrumentation: Purpose, maintenance and management of - Laminar air flow cabinet, Electronic balance, Autoclave, Water purification system, pH meter, Orbital shaker, Magnetic stirrer, microscope, Refrigerator, deep freezer, growth chamber, Tools for aseptic operations – forceps, Scalpel holder, surgical blade, Glass bead sterilizer.	
III	Tissue culture media		06

	6	MS media: composition, preparation of stocks- Optimal pH and its significance in media; Plant Growth regulators - role in photomorphogenesis,-Combination of PGR for synergistic action Carbon source: Sucrose – different grades used in commercial labs. Gelling agent: Agar Agar – different grades used in commercial labs; gelrite, Phytigel, and other low-cost alternatives. Additives:– Antioxidants, Organic supplements – Inositol, amino acids, coconut water, yeast extract; Adsorbents: PVP, activated charcoal.	
	7	Preparation of MS Media, Methods of sterilization of equipment and culture media.	
	Micropropagation		
IV	8	Micropropagation- Stages of Micropropagation. Advantages and applications over conventional propagation.	12
	9	Culture Initiation : Explant selection, disease indexing, surface sterilization and explant preparation, and inoculation.	
	10	Shoot multiplication – Multiplication ratio, Duration of multiplication cycles, Necessity of limiting multiplication cycles,	
	11	Rooting and Hardening of TC plants: primary and secondary – Green house – poly house – Shade house- Shade nets – pots for tissue cultured plants – Media for hardening – management practices for tissue cultured plants	
	12	Commercial micropropagation of – Trees – Teak; Crops – Banana, Coccinia; Flower crops – Orchids, Anthuriums	
	Commercial Operations		
V	13	Commercial Operations – Production planning. Problems in operations – Availability of trained manpower - Training, Efficiency enhancement in aseptic operations. Contamination of cultures affecting supply targets – micro-arthropods mediated contamination, measures to reduce contamination. Quality Control in tissue culture labs.	15
	14	Certification system for tissue cultured plants. Virus indexing of tissue cultured plants – Importance - ELISA, PCR based indexing (brief account) with examples.	
	15	Logistics of TC plant distribution – hardening centres – transportation of TC plants – in agar – ex agar – primary and secondary hardened plants.	
	16	Marketing of tissue cultured plants. Farmer’s acceptance of tissue culture plants - Lab to land awareness.	
	17	Costing of TC plants. Cost benefit analysis – Cost reduction measures – power, water, Chemicals and other items, Manpower.	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MS Media Preparation and Sterilization. 2. Surface Sterilization, explant preparation, inoculation, and incubation. 3. Micropropagation, multiplication, rooting hardening of any commercially important plants <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ornamental plants (Orchids/ Anthuriums/ any available sps) OR b. Fruits/ Vegetables (Banana/ Papaya or any other species) 	30

	4. Visit to a commercial tissue culture firm and submit a report. 5. Preparation of a project proposal for the establishment of a commercial tissue culture lab	
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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand the principles of plant tissue culture - Students will demonstrate knowledge of the basic principles and concepts underlying plant tissue culture, including Media requirements explant selection, and nutrient requirements.	U	PSO-8

CO-2	Perform aseptic techniques - Students will be able to effectively sterilize plant material, culture vessels, and media, and maintain sterile conditions throughout the tissue culture process.	Ap, U	PSO-9
CO-3	The students will be exposed to industrial level operations, analyze problems, and evaluate the reasons for the success and failure of plant tissue culture industries	An	PSO-4
CO-4	The students will analyse the need for certification of tissue-cultured products.	U, An	PSO-7
CO-5	The students will be able to do the costing of tissue culture products and can do a cost-benefit analysis of an industry	Ap, An	PSO-10
CO-6	The course will make the student capable of becoming and entrepreneur	Ap, C	PSO 4

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Industrial Tissue Culture

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	8	U	F	L	-
2	2	9	Ap, U	FC	L	P
3	3	4	An	M	L	-
4	4	7	U, An	FCM	L	-
5	5	10	Ap, An	CM	L T	-
6	6	4	Ap, C	CM	L T	-

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CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓		✓
CO 6			✓	



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK7DSEBOT403				
Course Title	AQUATIC BOTANY				
Type of Course	DSE				
Semester	VII				
Academic Level	400 -499				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	04	03 Hours	-	02 Hours	05 Hours
Pre requisites	Basic understanding in aquatic environment and ecosystems				
Course Summary	The course provides a understanding various aspects of aquatic life. Through this course, students able to learn different types of aquatic ecosystems and the physiological adaptations of aquatic plants to their environment, as well as their ecological roles in aquatic ecosystems, including nutrient cycling, habitat provision, and interactions with other organisms.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Aquatic ecosystems		08
	1	Aquatic ecosystems: Definition, features, types, and functions of aquatic ecosystems- marine ecosystems (ocean, coastal) and freshwater ecosystems (lotic, lentic, and wetlands).	
	2	Freshwater/Inland ecosystems: Origin, classification, and distribution of rivers, lakes, and ponds, major river systems of India. Riparian flora.	
II	Marine ecosystem		05
	3	Marine ecosystem: Origin of the ocean floor, classification of marine ecosystem.	
	4	Seas bottom topography: Abyssal, canyons, trenches. main physical (density, viscosity, surface tension, temperature) and chemical (major and minor constituents) properties of seawater,	
	5	Tides, currents, and waves, and their effects in estuaries and coastal area.	
III	Aquatic plant resources: Lower plants		10
	6	Aquatic plant resources: marine plant groups- Introduction and classification- brief idea of Plankton, Nekton, Benthos.	
	7	Marine Phytoplankton- Dinoflagellates, nano-plankton, ultra-plankton, coccoliths. marine Fungi, Actinomycetes, Lichens and Bacteria in brief.	

	8	Algae in Aquatic Environments: Microalgae and macroalgae, fresh water and marine algae- Uses of <i>Spirulina</i> , <i>Chlorella</i> , <i>Dunaliella</i> and <i>Haematococcus</i> . Use of microalgae as food, food supplements, Biofuel, and bioremediation.	
	9	Seaweeds and seagrasses: Structure and types of Seaweeds - Indian Seaweed resources- Seagrasses: diversity, distribution, and importance - Economic importance of seaweeds.	
	10	Physical factors affecting growth: light, temperature, space, etc- Chemical factors affecting growth: nutrients, salinity- Biological factors affecting growth: perennation, herbivory, allelopathy.	
IV	Aquatic plant resources - Higher plants		07
	11	Plant adaptations to the aquatic environment.	
	12	Plant decomposition and the role of aquatic fungi. trophic interactions between algae, macrophytes, and fauna in aquatic environments.	
	13	Mangroves- definition, distribution-adaptation, biogeography of Indian Mangroves- need for the conservation of Mangroves- role of institutions and NGOs in India- Mangroves of Kerala.	
	14	Salt marshes, sea grasses, and sand dune vegetation.	
V	Major Threats to Freshwater ecosystems		15
	15	Major threats to freshwater systems and aquatic plants: pollution and sand mining- climate change implications on freshwater systems. Biomonitoring- future of freshwater ecosystems.	
	16	Invasive plant species and their effect on aquatic ecosystem, aquatic invasive species management.	
	17	Impact of large dams and fragmentation on river ecology and fishery. River continuum concept- Environmental flow -Pollution and eutrophication.	
	18	Climate change implications on freshwater systems. Biomonitoring. Future of freshwater ecosystems. Aquarium plants- Java Moss, (<i>Taxiphyllum barberi</i> , <i>Anubias sp.</i> , <i>Vallisneria</i> , <i>Lemna minor</i> , <i>Rotala</i> , <i>Echinodorus</i> .)	
	19	Conservation of freshwater ecosystems. Restoration of freshwater wetlands. Ramsar Convention, Ramsar sites, Role of Pollution Control Board (PCB)	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water quality analysis - Estimation of pH, dissolved oxygen, alkalinity, hardness, carbon dioxide, and nutrients. 2. Study of ecological characteristics of a stream/ pond/ lake/reservoir/marsh. 3. Collect common aquatic plants and set up a natural aquarium. 4. Mapping of a wetland/stream using GIS 5. Conduct a water quality analysis between two aquatic ecosystems using the Titrimetric method. (a. Dissolved oxygen, b) Alkalinity, c) Chloride of water) 6. Visit any one of the Ramsar wetland sites in Kerala and prepare a field report 	30

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	The students are able to define, identify features, list types, and recognize functions of aquatic ecosystems	R, U	PSO-1,2
CO-2	The students can elaborate on the idea of aquatic plant resources	R, U	PSO 1,2
CO-3	The students can investigate the major threats to freshwater systems and aquatic plants, including pollution, sand mining, and climate change	Ap	
CO-4	The student is able to create a natural aquarium and develop a sense of conserving freshwater ecosystems	C	

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Aquatic Botany

Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)

1	1	1, 2	R, U	F, C		
2	2		R, U	P		
3	3		Ap			
4	4		C			

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CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓

Multidisciplinary Courses



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK1MDCBOT101				
Course Title	LANDSCAPING AND GARDENING				
Type of Course	MDC				
Semester	I				
Academic Level	100 - 199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	03	03 Hours	-	-	03 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre-requisites				
Course Summary	Through this course, students will acquire knowledge about gardening and landscaping as a growing business venture. They will understand the growing demand in the present day. The course may motivate the students to get into gardening and landscaping startups.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Introduction to Landscaping and Gardening		08
	1	Importance, Scope, and prospects of landscaping and gardening.	
	2	Designing and Preparation of Landscapes and Gardens. Outdoor and Indoor concept – Functional uses of plants for different purposes.	
	3	Landscape- Principles, Elements, Designs; Types of Landscape– Landscaping Highways, City Parks and Home. (brief study only)	
11	Lawns - preparation and maintenance		08
	4	Lawn – Types of lawn grasses, methods of establishing lawn – Land preparation, planting, mowing, rolling,	
	5	Application of manures and fertilizers, irrigation, weed control, plant protection, and rejuvenation of lawns.	
III	History of gardening trends		08
	6	Types of gardens – Styles in gardening- Characteristics and components of English gardens, Mughal gardens, Japanese gardens, Persian, French and Italian gardens- Popular gardens in India.	
	7	Garden Components – Living components – Non-living components – Enrichment items- Description and uses. Garden enclosures, surfacing materials, roads, and paths, advantages and disadvantages- examples	
Selection of plants for gardens			12

IV	8	Annuals and herbaceous perennials — Types ,colour schemes, planting designs – Season and methods of planting – Cultural practices.	
	9	Shrubs and Trees – Types, planting, pruning, maintenance, rejuvenation – Trees for landscapes, avenue planting.	
	10	Climber and Creepers – Cacti, succulents – Ferns and palms – planting, care, and management. Learning Activity: 1. Field visit to a well-established nursery to study the techniques of gardening. 2. Virtual visits to two important gardens in the world and submit a report, highlighting its Significance	
V	Specialized Gardens		09
	11	Specialized gardening techniques – Roof Garden, sunken garden, water garden, rock garden. Special requirements, establishment, and maintenance	
	12	Indoor gardening of plants – Function, selection, designs, types of indoor plants- Bonsai (brief account) environmental requirements – Containers and media, method of growing, special care for indoor plants, vertical garden, tray garden, terrarium, etc.	

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Students will understand the different components of a Garden and the requirement of landscaping.	U	PSO-4

CO-2	Students will familiarise with the important various styles types of Gardens in India and abroad	R, U	PSO-4
CO-3	Students will understand the preparation of Lawn and its maintenance and can apply in home garden	U, Ap	PSO-4
CO-4	Students will be understand the aesthetic significance of various types of plants in landscapes and gardens	U, An	PSO-4
CO-5	Students will be able to understand the aesthetic significance of various special types of gardens and the procedures involved in designing them and based on these information he/she will be able to create new garden designs.	U, Ap, C	PSO-8
CO-6	The course may generate interest in the students to become entrepreneurs in the business of landscaping and gardening	Ap,	PSO-4

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Landscaping and Gardening

Credits: 3:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/P SO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	4	U	FC	L,T	
2	2	4	R, U	FC	L,T	
3	3	4	U, Ap	FP		P
4	4	4	U, An	FC		P
5	5	8	U, Ap, C	FC	T	
6	6	4	Ap,	M	T	P

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CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4	✓			✓
CO 5	✓	✓		✓
CO 6	✓		✓	



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK1MDCBOT102				
Course Title	FLORICULTURE				
Type of Course	MDC				
Semester	I				
Academic Level	100 – 199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	03	03 Hours	-	-	03 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre-requisites				
Course Summary	Through this MDC, students will acquire knowledge about floriculture as it is a growing business venture. The course may motivate the students to get into gardening and landscaping startups.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Introduction to Floriculture		06
	1	Present status of the cut flower industry in India and abroad	
	2	Constraints and prospects of commercial floriculture in India with special reference to Kerala. Greenhouse and shade house for cultivation of floricultural crops.	
	3	Flower Business– Grower, Wholesale, Retail, and specialty shops, Studio operations. Careers in the floriculture business as - shop owners, designers, Service personnel, packaging, and logistic personnel.	
II	Major Floricultural crops		10
	4	Marketing of loose flowers, cut flowers, and perfumery roses, protected cultivation for export.	
	5	Importance, uses distribution, classification, varieties, soil and climate, propagation, planting; special cultural techniques – nutrition, plant protection, harvesting, and marketing with special reference to Chrysanthemum, Rose, Orchids, and Anthurium.	
III	Minor Floricultural crops		10
	6	Bulbous plants – classification, uses, commercial value, propagation, soil, and climate – planting – Care and management – harvesting, storage of planting materials - Gladiolus, Tuberose, Alpinia, Heliconia, Dahlia, Amaryllis.	
	7	Minor commercial flowers – Marigold, Crossandra, Gomphrena, Aster, Celosia. – Uses, classification, propagation, soil and climate, planting, care and management, harvesting, marketing.	
IV	Basics of Flower Arrangement		10

	8	Principles – Balance, Focal Point, Rhythm, Harmony. Design elements – Line, Form, texture, color.	
	9	Selection of cut flowers and greens – Line flowers, Mass flowers, filler flowers, form flowers. Conditioning and storing of flowers and greens – reasons for deterioration, use of antitranspirants.	
	10	Mechanics and supplies in floral design – containers, floral foam, adhesive materials, cutting tools, picks, wires and wiring, floral taping, ribbons and bows.	
V	Specialty Flower Arrangements		09
	11	Flower Arrangement- Western and Eastern	
	12	Basic arrangements - Bud vases – flowers, foliages, and accessories for bud vases, Design of bud vases. Circular arrangements, Triangular arrangements, Line arrangements	
	13	Constructing Wreaths, Holiday arrangements, Wedding flowers – Corsages. Ceremonial decorations, Dry flower preparation Arranging permanent flowers – Silk flowers, paper flowers, Dried and preserved flowers.	

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Students will get an overview of the scenario of the	U	4

	floriculture industry – its scope and limitations		
4CO-2	Awareness of various floriculture crops in India, their cultivation practices, and marketing	U	4
CO-3	Students will understand the basics of flower arrangements and the opportunities in the area of flower arrangements in large functions like weddings.	U	8
CO-4	The course may generate interest in the students to become entrepreneurs in the business of floriculture	Ap	4, 12

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Floriculture

Credits: 3:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	4	U	F,C	L,T	
2	2	4	U	F,C	L,T	
3	3	8	U	F,C	L,T	
4	4	4, 12	Ap	F,C		P

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

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CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓	✓		✓
CO 4			✓	✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK1MDCBOT103				
Course Title	BOTANY IN FORENSIC SCIENCE				
Type of Course	MDC				
Semester	I				
Academic Level	100-199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	03	02 Hours	-	02 Hours	04 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre-requisites				
Course Summary	Forensic botany is an integration of botany and forensics. The botanical aspect is primarily associated with the anatomy and taxonomy that helps to identify particular plant species. The forensic aspect deals with recognizing plant-based evidence at the crime scene, its collection, and proper processing to be admissible in a court of law.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Introduction		01
	1	Forensic botany- Introduction and its importance	
II	Branches of Botany in Forensic Study		02
	2	Branches of Botany in Forensic Study: morphology, anatomy, palynology, dendrochronology, algology, limnology, mycology, plant systematics, Plant Molecular Biology and ecology, and applications. The Lindbergh Case.	
II	Botanical evidences		05
	3	Plant evidence collection, analysis, and documentation - Types of plants (General plant classification schemes) Algae, Bryophytes, Pteridophytes, Gymnosperms, and Angiosperms. Non-plant groups - Fungi and lichens.	
	4	Basic plant characteristics for the forensic investigator. Plant architecture- roots, stems, leaves, flowers, and fruits. Plant dispersal. Practical plant classification schemes: - vegetables and herbs, fruits bearing trees, landscaping plants: trees, shrubs and vines, grasses.	
III	Analyses of Samples		06
	5	Plant anatomy- cell structure and functions. Basic plant tissues (a very brief overview only).	
	6	Microscopy in Forensic botany: uses and applications - hand lens, compound microscope, stereo microscope, scanning electron microscope. (Working, principles are not required).	
	7	Various types of woods and timbers (a brief overview). Identification of wood-physical properties: color, fluorescence, hardness, weight, odour, lustre, texture, anatomical features, pore/vessel distribution,	

		size and arrangement, pore numbers, pore arrangements, inclusions, coloured deposits.	
	8	Types of fibers- man-made and natural fibers. Forensic aspects of fiber examination- fluorescent, optical properties, refractive index, birefringence, dye analysis.	
	9	Identification of starch grains, powder, and stains of spices.	
	10	Paper and Paper Pulp identification, Microscopic and biochemical examination of pulp material.	
	11	Forensic palynology: Study and identification of pollen grains. Case study: War crimes investigations by International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.	
VI	Algae in forensic science		04
	12	Algal diversity (brief outline). Forensic Limnology: Methods of identification and comparison of various types of Planktons and diatoms and their forensic importance. Diatoms types and morphology. Extraction methods. Diatom testing. Case study: State of Connecticut (USA) vs. John C. Hoepfner	
	13	Forensic mycology- a general account. Fungi as agents of poisoning and hallucinations	
V	Poisonous plants and their toxins		12
	14	Study of Various types of poisonous plants- <i>Abrus precatorius</i> , <i>Anacardium occidentale</i> , <i>Argemone mexicana</i> , <i>Calotropis</i> , <i>Cannabis sativa</i> , <i>Cinchona</i> , <i>Croton tiglium</i> , <i>Atropa belladonna</i> , <i>Gloriosa superba</i> , <i>Jatropha curcas</i> , <i>Lathyrus sativus</i> , <i>Manihot utilissima</i> , <i>Nerium indicum</i> , <i>Nicotiana tabacum</i> , <i>Plumbago</i> , <i>Ricinus communis</i> , <i>Semicarpus anacardium</i> , <i>Strychnos nux-vomica</i> , <i>Thevetia nerifolia</i> , <i>Cerbera odollum</i> .	
	15	Types of plants yielding drugs of abuse – Opium, <i>Cannabis</i> , <i>Coco</i> , <i>Tobacco</i> , <i>Datura</i>	
	16	How to become a forensic botanist?	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct a visit to a natural place and identify plant and non-plant groups mentioned in the syllabus. 2. Documentation of forensic evidence through photographs and charts. 3. Light microscopic examination of different paper samples. 4. Examine the physical properties and anatomical differences of common wood types in Kerala (any three). 5. Microscopic examination of natural and manmade fibers. 6. Study of poisonous plants mentioned in the syllabus. 7. Visit an aquatic ecosystem and identify diatoms by microscopic examination. 8. Microscopic examination of pollen grains and spores 9. Identify appropriate case studies using botanical evidence from literature (other than mentioned in the syllabus) and document (at least five cases) 	30

Suggested Readings

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2. Bock, Jane H., and David O. Norris. 2015. *Forensic plant science*. Academic Press,
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4. Coyle, Heather Miller. 2004. *Forensic botany: principles and applications to criminal casework*. CRC press,
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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Evaluate the nature of plant-based evidence	R, U	PSO-1,2
CO-2	Observe how plant-based evidence has been used in forensic investigations.	R, U	PSO-4
CO-3	Apply logical analysis of plant-based evidence to crime solving	Ap	PSO-4
CO-4	Describe the techniques used to identify and evaluate plant-based evidence including microscopy	R, U	PSO-6
CO-5	Identify and able to name sources for poisonous plants and fungi	R	PSO-1
CO-6	Master an appropriate range of knowledge on plant structure including morphology, wood anatomy, palynology	R, U, Ap	PSO-2

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Botany in Forensic Science**Credits: 2:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)**

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/ Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	1		R, U	F	L, T	
CO-2	2		R, U	F	L	
CO-3	3		Ap	C	L	P
CO-4	4		R, U	F, C		P
CO-5	5		R	C	L	P
CO-6	6		R, U, Ap	M	T	P

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CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓		✓
CO 6			✓	



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK2MDCBOT101				
Course Title	PLANTS AND HUMAN WELFARE				
Type of Course	MDC				
Semester	II				
Academic Level	100 - 199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	03	02 Hours	-	02 Hours	04 Hours
Pre-requisites	Basic understanding of plant biology at the high/secondary school level.				
Course Summary	This course explores the relationship between plants and human society, covering topics such as medicinal plants, food crops, and economic significance, as well as their importance in maintaining biodiversity and ecosystem services.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Plant relation to humans		02
	1	Origin of Cultivated Plants: Vavilov's Concept of Centers of Origin of cultivated crop plants -Introduction, Domestication, the evolution of new crop varieties of rice, wheat, and potato.	
	2	Role of plants: Air purifier (Photosynthesis); plants used in rituals/festivals; pollution removal (Phytoremediation and its types), pollution indicator (lichens), and nutrient source (litter manure).	
II	Food crops		08
	3	Cereals: Wheat & Rice (With special reference to indigenous rice varieties- Pokkali, Navara and Jeerakasala rice) a. Millets: Ragi, Jowar, and Bajra-(Brief account of nutritional importance) b. Legumes: Chick pea, Pigeon pea. c. Vegetable Crops: Cabbage, Brinjal, Carrot. d. Fruits: Apple, Orange. e. Narcotics: Poppy, Cannabis. f. Masticatory: Areca nut, Tobacco.	
	4	Cash crops - Beverages- Tea (Morphology uses and processing). Natural Rubber - (Morphology, Tapping and processing)	

	5	Plants in Medicine- Plant-based medicinal systems – Ayurveda, Siddha, unani and folk medicine (brief account). Herbal basket: Following plants to be studied for botanical source, part of the plant used, and medicinal uses: <i>Ocimum sanctum</i> , <i>Adhatoda</i> , <i>Ginger</i> , <i>Curcuma longa</i> , <i>Aloe</i> , <i>Andrographis</i> <i>Coleus</i> , <i>Acorus</i> , <i>Boerhavia</i> and <i>Oldenlandia</i> Nature of active principles of <i>Rauwolfia</i> , <i>Cinchona</i> , and <i>Vinca</i> .	
III	Lower plants in Economic Botany		04
	6	Algae- <i>Ulva</i> , <i>Codium</i> Food, <i>Chondrus</i> (Carrageenan- gelling agent) Fungi- <i>Agaricus</i> , <i>Lycoperdon</i> , <i>Morchella</i> . Lichen- <i>Parmelia</i> (spice), <i>Peltigera</i> (food).	
IV	Plants Role in Human Prospects		04
	7	Biofuel from Starchy crops- (Tapioca/Sweet potato)-Starch to sugars, sugar to alcohol and product recovery) Brief description only)	
V	Management of Plant Biodiversity		12
	8	Conservation of Plants in Protected Areas, <i>In situ</i> and <i>Ex-situ</i> Plant Conservation: Principles and practices- Conventional methods and Biotechnological methods. Concept of RET plants, Organizations associated with biodiversity-IUCN, UNEP, UNESCO, WWF, NBPGR, PBR: Biodiversity legislation and conservations, Biodiversity information management and communication.	

Practicals		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Collect and properly preserve the economically used plants or plant products. 2. Study of exotic species- Identification and morphological characteristics. 3. Homestead Biodiversity documentation. 4. Submission of geotagged photos of plants of RET. 5. Identification of common plants used in daily life, including herbs, vegetables, and ornamentals. 6. Visit to local ecosystem to study the plants. 7. Visit to plantation crop research institute. 	30

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2. Kochhar S.L.(1998). Economic Botany of Tropics, Macmillan India Publishers. New Delhi
3. Susil Kumar Mukharjee(2004). College Botany Vol-III. New Central Book agency, London
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3. Billings, W.B. (1965): Plants and the Ecosystem Wadsworth Publishing Co., Inc., Belmont.
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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand the role and scope of Plant Diversity for human welfare	U	PSO-1,2
CO-2	Apply the methods of conservation of Biodiversity	R, U, Ap	PSO-1,6
CO-3	Understand the role of plants in providing food, medicine and other resources essential for human survival	R,U	PSO-1,2
CO-4	Creates awareness on economic importance of various plant groups	U,C	PSO-1

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Plants and Human welfare.

Credits: 2:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	1		U	F	L	
CO-2	2		R, U, Ap	C	L	P
CO-3	3		R,U	C	L	
CO-4	4		U, C	P	L	P

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CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK2MDCBOT102				
Course Title	ECOTOURISM				
Type of Course	MDC				
Semester	II				
Academic Level	100 - 199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	03	03 Hours	-		03 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre-requisites				
Course Summary	The students will understand the basic concepts of ecological balance of life and non-living environment on earth and factors that deteriorate this balance and the requirement of sustainable activities in every sphere of life. Students will appreciate the importance of ecotourism as the potential area for making awareness among the masses which indirectly helps in conserving nature.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Fundamentals of Ecology		09
	1	Fundamentals of Ecology- Basic Concepts in Ecology	
	2	Biodiversity and its Conservation - Management of Ecosystem	
	3	Pollution-Ecological Foot Prints	
	4	Relationship between Tourism and Ecology.	
II	Principles of Ecotourism		10
	5	Evolution of ecotourism, Principles, Trends and Functions of Ecotourism	
	6	Mass Tourism Vs Ecotourism -Typology of Eco-tourists	
	7	Sustainable Ecotourism - Resource Management, Socio-economic Development	
	8	Ecotourism Activities and Impacts -Western Views of Ecotourism - Quebec Declaration 2002 - Kyoto Protocol 1997 - Oslo Declaration 2007	
III	Ecotourism Policies		08
	9	Ecotourism Policies, Planning and Implementation	
	10	Eco-friendly Facilities and Amenities - Carrying Capacity	
	11	Alternative Tourism -Responsible ecotourism- Ecotourism Programming	
IV	Conservation through Ecotourism		09
	12	Protected Area Management through Ecotourism - Stakeholder Engagement - Community Participation Types of Participation, Issues and Challenges	

	13	Ecotourism Projects Case Studies on Periyar National Park, Thenmala Eco-Project, Similipal. Ecotourism Project, Sunderban Ecotourism Project, Kaziranga National Park, Run of Kutch, Nandadevi Biosphere Reserve	
V	Agencies Concerned with Ecotourism promotion		09
	14	<p>Role of agencies concerned with Ecotourism - International Ecotourism Society, UNWTO, UNDP, WWF - Department of Forest and Environment - Government of India, ATREE, EQUATIONS.</p> <p>Learning Activity</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nature walks /Hikes: Guided tours through natural habitats, focusing on flora, fauna, and ecological balances and disturbances and submit reports. / Bird watching: Learning about the local bird species, their habitats and conservation. / Wildlife Safari and Responsible wildlife viewing to observe animals in their natural habitats while minimizing disturbances. 2. Nature Photography: Exploring photography techniques while capturing the beauty of nature, promoting appreciation and conservation. / Nature camps: 1-2 days camps to understand the nature with a focus on minimal environmental impact and appreciation of natural beauty 3. Tree planting: Participating in reforestation projects to understand the importance of trees in the ecosystem./ Planting of endangered tree species in the campus. / Beach cleanup: Contributing to coastal conservation by removing litter and learning about marine ecosystems 4. Local community engagement: Visit a tribal settlement and interact with indigenous or local communities to understand their relationship with nature and conservation efforts. 5. Group discussions: on issues like conservation, man-wildlife conflict, eco-friendly practices and responsible tourism issues etc. / Debates: Debates on conventional practices /sustainable practices, renewable energy/nonrenewable energy, conventional tourism/ecotourism, Tourism a Boon/Curse to biodiversity, etc. 	

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3. Fennel, D. A. (2002), Ecotourism Policy and Planning, CABI Publishing, USA
4. Ralf Buckley (2004), Environment Impacts of Ecotourism, CABI, London
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6. Sukanta K Chaudhury, Cultural, Ecology and Sustainable Development, Mittal, Delhi.

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand the significance of ecotourism	U	PSO-3
CO-2	Comprehend the theories and practices of ecotourism through group discussions/debates	U, An	PSO-3
CO-3	Become aware of the ecotourism projects in Kerala and India	U	PSO-3,6
CO-4	Apply the theoretical knowledge to manage ecotourism ventures.	Ap	PSO-8
CO-5	Create awareness among local communities on ecological balances and sustainable living	An, Ap	PSO-5

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Ecotourism

Credits: 4:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial: Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	3	R, U	F,C	L,T	
2	2	3	U, An	F, C	L,T	
3	3	3,6	U	F, C	L,T	
4	4	8	Ap	P		P
5	5	5	An, Ap	P		P

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CO 2	✓	✓	✓	✓
CO 3	✓	✓	✓	✓
CO 4	✓	✓	✓	✓
CO 5	✓			



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK2MDCBOT103				
Course Title	ORGANIC FARMING				
Type of Course	MDC				
Semester	II				
Academic Level	100 – 199				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	03	03 Hours	-	-	03 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre-requisites				
Course Summary	Students will understand and analyse the ill effects of conventional agricultural practices and appreciate the benefits of organic agriculture. They will apply the knowledge of methodology of organic farming in their home gardens. They will understand the global demand and premium price organic products fetch in the market. The course may motivate the students to get into Organic Farming and Marketing business ventures.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Introduction to Agriculture		03
	1	Introduction to Agriculture: Domestication of plants – early agricultural practices– intercropping and crop rotation, Green Revolution	
	2	Major cultivated crops and vegetables in India (Brief description about Rice, wheat, Maize, Brinjal, Ladies finger, Vigna, and Tomato).	
II	Organic farming		06
	3	Organic farming- definition, Principles and practices of organic farming. Need for organic farming.	
	4	Types - Integrated organic farming, Pure organic farming. Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF), Advantages and disadvantages of organic farming Learning Activity: <i>Student may grow any short-duration vegetable by organic farming in their home and submit a report with geotagged photographs</i>	
III	Importance of Soil in Agriculture		12
	5	Definition; Soil formation; Composition and characteristics; Types of soil according to composition; Acidic, Alkaline and Saline soils; Effect of soil types on Agriculture; Method of reclamation.	
	6	Soil productivity: Meaning and Concept. Difference between Soil Fertility and Productivity; Method of Increasing productivity and fertility, importance of microbes in the enrichment of soil fertility.	

		Role of VAM as growth regulator. Drip irrigation. Relationship between soil fertility and soil pH.	
	7	Organic matter management in agricultural fields , Organic manures (cow dung, cow urine , leaves, coir pith, bone dust , etc), – plant health – sustainable agriculture– supplementation of NPK as bioresource – vermicomposting –mulching, green manure	
	8	Biogas slurry- Organic content. Status of Biogas Usage, benefits, and significance. Pipe compost- installation and benefits	
IV	Biofertilizers and Biopesticides		12
	9	Scope, application, types – mass cultivation of biological nitrogen fixers – Blue-green algae, Rhizobium, Azolla – Phosphate solubilizing bacteria – Mycorrhiza – cost-benefit analysis and Protection Measures: Integrated pest and disease management.	
	10	Organic pesticides, bio-pesticides- Types and benefits. Microbial biopesticides, and its advantages (<i>Trichoderma</i> , <i>Pseudomonas fluorescence</i> , <i>Bacillus thuringiensis</i>) Inorganic pesticides, disadvantages of their use. Seed, seedling, and soil Treatment measures. Learning Activity: <i>Preparation of tobacco decoction</i> (a plant-based pesticide)	
V	Feasibility and Economics of Organic Farming		12
	11	Feasibility of complete dependence on organic sources. Organic Agri-Horticulture in Urban and rural areas, terrace and kitchen garden. Value addition in organic products – government policies	
	12	Economics of organic products- cost of production and financial benefits to cultivator. Good Harvesting Practices; Storage; Transportation; Supply Chain. Need of certification and quality assessment of organic produce. Agencies involved in Organic certification in India.	
	13	National Programme for Organic Production. Organic Farming Mission of Kerala.	

Suggested Reading

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2. Lakshmana, H.C. and Channabasava, A., 2014. Biofertilizers and biopesticides. Pointer publishers, Jaipur.
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5. Biogas fundamentals 2018, Meisam Tabatabaei, Springer.
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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Students will understand the conventional agricultural practices that damage the health of people as well as the environment from the avaricious anthropogenic onslaughts due to the indiscriminate use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides.	U, Ap	PSO-3,4
CO-2	Students can assess the advantages of organic farming means and practices as an alternative to conventional agriculture.	U, An	PSO-3,4
CO-3	Students can analyze the various forms of microbes as suppliers of organic nutrients, including nitrates, and phosphates enriching the soil that would eventually have a bearing on the methods of cultivation with enhanced nitrogen supply.	An	PSO-3
CO-4	Students apply the knowledge of using biopesticides without harming the co- living microbiota and life forms in the ecosystem and understand that the use of crop protection chemicals can be avoided to safeguard environment.	Ap, An	PSO-5
CO-5	Students will use the acquired knowledge needed to prepare eco-friendly commercial formulations meeting national and international standards and regulations and float newer entrepreneurial ventures	U, C	PSO-3,8

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Organic Farming

Credits: 3:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1	3,4	U, An	F,C	L,T	

2	2	3,4	An	F,C	L,T	
3	3	3	Ap, An	C,P	L,T	
4	4	5	U, C	C,P		P
5	5	3,8	U, An	P		P

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

Assessment Rubrics:

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- Midterm Exam
- Programming Assignments
- Final Exam

Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics :

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CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓	✓	✓

Value Addition Courses



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK3VACBOT201				
Course Title	GREEN INITIATIVES FOR SUSTAINABILITY				
Type of Course	VAC				
Semester	III				
Academic Level	200 - 299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	03	03 Hours	-	-	03 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre-requisites				
Course Summary	Students will be able to learn about green initiatives, water and waste management & air pollution. Students will learn about energy management, Afforestation, and mangrove conservation. Students know about biodiversity documentation and green audits.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Green Initiatives -Introduction		09
	1	Green initiatives - Scope and importance for sustainability, Green initiative strategies for schools and higher education institutes, UN Sustainable Development Goals- 2030	
	2	Gardens and Conservatories: Botanic gardens, Zoological gardens, Ponds, Aquariums, Field gene banks, Butterfly parks, orchards.	
	3	Sustainable Agriculture: Definition, Principles and practices, Biological control, Biofertilizers and Biopesticides, Composting, Vermiculture, Farm tourism.	
II	Water, Waste Management & Air Pollution		09
	4	Irrigation and Water Management: Natural sources of water, Hydrological cycle, Irrigation methods- drip irrigation, Sprinkler method, Water conservation water harvesting.	
	5	Waste Management: Sources of waste, Types-Biodegradable, non-biodegradable, waste minimization, Solid waste management - Collection, Storage, Transport and Disposal of Wastes. Waste management methods- Recycling, incineration, landfill, Importance of 3Rs in waste management.	
	6	Air Pollution Reduction: Sources of air pollution, Air pollutants, Greenhouse gases, greenhouse effect and global warming, carbon footprint, Carbon sequestration - Biological, Air pollution - Control measures	
	7	Swachh Bharath Abhiyan: Gandhian philosophy of Cleanliness, Hygiene & Sanitation, Different phases of the SBA and its evaluation, Citizens' Responsibilities, Role of Swachagrahi.	

III	Energy Management:		09
	8	Energy resources - Renewable and Non-renewable, Conventional - Thermal, Hydro, Nuclear fission, Non-conventional – Solar, Wind, Biomass, Energy from waste, Energy plantation.	
	9	Energy Audit – Types and Procedure, Energy Conservation Measures – Optimum performance of existing facilities, Energy Conservation opportunities in residential and commercial buildings-	
IV	Afforestation & Mangrove Conservation		09
	10	Afforestation: Techniques and practices, strategies- species selection, density and arrangement, Common plants for afforestation in Kerala, Agroforestry, Social forestry, Miyawaki forest.	
	11	Mangrove ecosystem – structure and function, floral and faunal diversity, mangroves and climate change, coastal defense, mangrove restoration, economic importance of mangroves.	
V	Biodiversity documentation & Green audit		09
	12	Biodiversity documentation: Assessment and monitoring of biodiversity, Methodology of assessment and analysis of different species groups, plant communities- Survey method, field study. Conservation strategies – In situ and Ex situ conservation, Peoples Biodiversity Register	
	13	Green Audit: Green Audit: Definition; Objectives; Scope, Coverage. GOI notification on Environmental Audit - Benefits to Industry. Reporting Environmental Audit Findings -Importance of Environmental Audit Reports to industry, the public, and the governments.	

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Students will be able to understand the various aspect on afforestation, conservation and importance of trees for sustainable lifestyle.	U, R	PSO-5
CO-2	Students will be able detect the polluted sites, its major pollutants and recognize the need to mitigate pollution.	An, E	PSO-6
CO-3	Students will Identify and apply the basics of waste management towards sustainable development.	R, Ap	PSO-6
CO-4	The students will gain an understanding of the impact of energy on society, the need for sustainable energy various techniques of energy management and conservation and gained the basic ideas of conducting an energy audit.	U, An, Ap	PSO-5,9
CO-5	Students will be able to plan and execute species documentation field study and will be able to assist in the preparation of PBR and campus flora	Ap, E, C	PSO-6,7
CO-6	Students can develop attitudes toward research and undertake actions to execute green initiatives.	Ap, C	PSO-7,
CO-7	Students will be able to understand the significance of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, will gain the ability to analyze and predict the sanitation challenges of India, determine the link between sanitation and development, and contribute to the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan through real-time projects/fieldwork.	U, Ap, E	PSO-6

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Green initiatives for Sustainability

Credits: 3:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	1	6	U, r	F, C	L	
CO-2	2	6	An, E	C, M	L	
CO-3	3	5,9	R, Ap	C, P	L	

CO-4	4	6,7	U, An, Ap	F, C	L	
CO-5	5	7	Ap, E, C	P	L	
CO-6	6	6	Ap, C	M	L	
CO-7	7	6	U, Ap, E	F, C, M	L	

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CO 4	✓			✓
CO 5	✓	✓	✓	✓
CO 6	✓			
CO 7	✓			



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK3VACBOT202				
Course Title	BIOETHICS AND IPR				
Type of Course	VAC				
Semester	III				
Academic Level	200 - 299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	03	03 Hours	-	-	03 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre requisites				
Course Summary	Students will be able to understand the concepts related to bioethics, biopiracy and IPR and analyse the current norms relating to bioethics in the context of patenting				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Bioethics & Biopiracy		09
	1	Nature, Concept and Relevance of Bioethics, Basic Principles of Bioethics; Necessity of Bioethics, Legal, Bioethics in Plants, Animals and Microbial Genetic Engineering, Ethical issues in Healthcare.	
	2	Biopiracy, Access to Biological Resources, Benefit Sharing and Informed Consent, Different paradigms of Bioethics – National & International. Social and ethical implications of biological weapons.	
II	Intellectual Property Right		09
	3	Introduction to Intellectual Property-Origin Development and Objectives and its different forms. Farmer's Rights, Animal and Plant breeders' rights.	
	4	Classification of Intellectual Property - Patents, Copyright, Trademark, Industrial Design, Geographical Indications, Sui generis rights, Protection of Plant Varieties and Traditional Knowledge, Development of patent system in India.	
III	International agreements and Treaties relating to Intellectual Property		09
	5	International agreements and Treaties relating to Intellectual Property: General Agreement on Trade and Tariff (GATT),	
	6	Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS)	
	7	WTO agreement- Indian Position on WTO Regime; Establishment of WIPO – Mission and Activities- Budapest treaty	
IV	Essentials of Patents		09
	8	Basic requirements of patentability, Discovery and Invention	

	9	Patentable subject matters, novelty, utility and the Public Domain;	
	10	Product and process. Patent Laws in Indian Perspective.	
	11	Indian Patent Act 1970 (Patent Amendment Acts-1999, 2002 and 2005)	
V	Patent filing procedures		09
	12	Patent infringement- meaning, scope, litigation; Time frame and cost; Status of the patent applications filed; Precautions while patenting–disclosure/non-disclosure;	
	13	Financial assistance for patenting-introduction to existing schemes, Patent licensing, and agreement.	
	14	Patent Case study: Basmati Case, Neem Controversy, Turmeric Case	

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Students will be able to understand the concepts related to bioethics, biopiracy, IPR and different subject matter of IPR like trademark, copyright, trade secret, Patent and geographical indication.	R, U	PSO-4
CO-2	Students will develop and apply a personal understanding of patent and bioethics, and their impact on day to day life.	An, Ap	PSO-4, 6

CO-3	Student will analyze the current norms relating to bioethics in the context of patenting	An	PSO-5
CO-4	Students will compare and contrast between intellectual property and bioethics	U	PSO-5

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Bioethics and IPR

Credits: 3:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	1	5	R, U	F, C	L	
CO-2	2	5, 6	An, Ap	C, P	L	
CO-3	3	5	An	C	L	
CO-4	4	5	U	F, C	L	

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CO 4	✓			✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK4VACBOT201				
Course Title	ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN PLANT SCIENCE				
Type of Course	VAC				
Semester	IV				
Academic Level	200 - 299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	03	03 Hours	-	-	03 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre-requisites				
Course Summary	This course aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of plant biology alongside the development of entrepreneurial skills necessary for creating, managing, and sustaining ventures in the botanical industry. Students will be equipped to identify opportunities, innovate, and establish successful businesses in various sectors related to plants, agriculture, and environmental conservation.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Introduction to Entrepreneurship		09
	1	Types and Characterization of Botanical Entrepreneurship-agribusiness, bio ventures, and aesthetics - characterizing ventures based on botanical products.	
	2	Need, Entrepreneurial Values, Motivation, and Barriers- Analyzing the socio-economic factors driving entrepreneurial endeavours in Botany- Identifying values- motivation factors- and overcoming barriers	
	3	Entrepreneurship as Innovation, Risk Assessment, and Solutions - Examining the role of innovation in botanical entrepreneurship. Assessing risks specific to botanical ventures and proposing strategic solutions.	
II	Bio ventures in the context of Kerala		09
	4	Overview of Key Botanical Industries in Kerala- Commercial uses of <i>Spirulina</i> , <i>Pleurotus sajor- caju</i> , <i>Ganoderma</i> , <i>Lentinus edodes</i> , <i>Moringa oliefera</i> , and Coconut industries within the Kerala context.	
	5	Case studies on successful ventures like Jackfruit 365 and Vegrow. Biotech startups and support mechanisms Zaara Biotech, KDISC, Bio 360 Life Sciences Park, BioNest.	
	6	Aesthetics in Kerala Botanical Entrepreneurship- Exploring the market for ornamental plants and flowers in Kerala. Opportunities and challenges specific to the aesthetics industry in the state.	
III	Business planning and case studies		09

	7	Preservation and processing- Canning and Processing of Fruits in Kerala -Overview of fruit canning processes and equipment, with a focus on Kerala's fruit varieties - Jack fruit, Pineapple, and Mango-Adapting processes to meet the unique demands of the Kerala fruit market.	
	8	Fruit and vegetable-based products- production of juices, squashes, and other fruit-based products considering Kerala's agricultural landscape.	
	9	Bamboo and cane-based products, Nutraceuticals, and oils- Herbal medicines and cosmetics.	
	10	Educational Business ventures- risks and possibilities - Udemy, Business Based learning.	
	11	MUDRA Yojana - Overview, its role in funding micro-enterprises. Practical insights into the application process and eligibility criteria.	
	12	Stand Up India- Exploring the Stand Up India scheme and its focus on promoting entrepreneurship among women and SC/ST communities.	
	13	SC/ST Hub: Understanding the SC/ST Hub initiative and its role in supporting entrepreneurs from marginalized communities. Examining how the SC/ST Hub facilitates access to finance, markets, and capacity building.	
	14	Schemes for women entrepreneurs -Mahila Samridhi Yojana, Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP), Trade Related Entrepreneurship Assistance and Development (TREAD) Kudumba Shree/ Mahila Udhyami Yojana-Nai Roshni- Scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women- Mahila Shakti Kendra	
IV	Government initiatives and support scheme for Entrepreneurial Ventures		09
	15	Navigating Government Support- Practical guidance on how entrepreneurs can navigate and access the above-mentioned government schemes	
	16	Analyzing real world success stories of entrepreneurs who have benefited from the mentioned government initiatives: BIRAC schemes, YIP, Atal innovation missions- Extracting key lessons and best practices.	
	17	Entrepreneurial Impact Assessment: Evaluating the impact of government schemes on entrepreneurial ventures. Discussing challenges faced and proposing solutions for improvement.	
V	Success Stories		09
	18	Develop a comprehensive business plan integrating one or more government schemes and do presentations.	
	19	Each student presents an analysis of a chosen success story related to government support schemes- Propose an entrepreneurial idea based on plant and plant products.	
	20	Make an audio-visual document of an interview with an entrepreneur.	

Suggested Reading

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Demonstrate knowledge of diverse botanical entrepreneurship	R, U	
CO-2	Develop comprehensive business acumen for botanical ventures incorporating innovation, risk assessment, and strategic solutions	R, U	PSO-4,6
CO-3	Navigate and integrate government initiatives and support schemes in entrepreneurial endeavors in botanical sector.	U, AP,	
CO-4	Analyze and evaluate real-world success stories of entrepreneurs from government initiatives	Ap, An, E	PSO-7,8

CO-5	Propose entrepreneurial ideas based on plant and plant-based products conducting preliminary research	Ap, An, C	PSO-6,8
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Name of the Course: Entrepreneurship in Plant Science

Credits: 3:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1		R, U	F, C	L, T	
2	2	4,6	R, U	P	L, T	
3	3		U, AP,	F, C, P	L, T	P
4	4	7,8	Ap, An, E	F, C	L, T	
5	5	6,8	Ap, An, C	F, C, P	L, T	P

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CO 4			✓	✓
CO 5		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK4VACBOT202				
Course Title	BIODEGRADABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT				
Type of Course	VAC				
Semester	IV				
Academic Level	200-299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	03	03 Hours	-	-	03 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre-requisites				
Course Summary	To provide fundamental knowledge about biodegradable waste and their management, analysis of problems associated with wastes and finding out solutions and to Educate people about environmental sustainability for a better future.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Understanding Biodegradable Wastes		06
	1	Introduction to biodegradable wastes- Definition and Significance	
	2	Source – kitchen, green, Leaf litter, food, wood, textile, biodegradable plastics.	
	3	Importance of Managing Biodegradable Wastes.	
II	Challenges of Biodegradable Wastes Management		10
	4	Inefficient waste disposal practices, Costly transportation to landfill sites, Underutilized bio-methanation potential- Pathogen detection and odour, production in composting, balancing Biodegradable Plastics and Recycling, Circular Economy Challenges, Education and Awareness, Inconsistent Regulations and Policies	
III	Strategies, Solutions, and Importance		10
	5	Composting - simple and vermicomposting, Anaerobic digestion, Landfill management, Waste-to-Energy Conversion	
	6	Segregation of waste at the source, community-based composting Promoting bio-methanation, Investing in eco-friendly waste processing technologies, Environmental sustainability, and reduction of ecological footprint	
	7	Environmental preservation, Soil enrichment, Reduced landfill burden. Energy generation: Circular economy, Health and Aesthetics:	
IV	Technological Innovations & Future of Biodegradable Waste Management		10

	8	Smart waste bins, Waste level sensors, Biogas production, Bioplastics and Biodegradable Products, Circular Economy Innovations, Edible food containers, fungi-based packaging materials, Novel Bioremediation Methods in Waste Management, bioenergy Recovery.	
	9	Biodegradable plastics and Materials- Advancements in Biodegradation Strategies, Circular Bio-economy, Interdisciplinary Approaches, Create a green, low-carbon economy, Organic waste valorization, Optimize resource use, Reduce reliance on non-renewable materials (such as petroleum and minerals)- Facilitate energy-efficient conversion.	
V	Rules & Global Initiatives		09
	10	The Solid Waste Management Rules 2016	
	11	Learning from Biodegradable Waste Management Practices National and Worldwide- The Netherlands: Organic Waste Conversion, South Korea: Mandatory Food Waste Recycling	
	12	UNEP Global waste management - Bio-economy	

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Students gain knowledge about the concept of biodegradability and the types of waste that fall under this category.	R, U	
CO-2	Students are able to Identify the challenges in biodegradable waste disposal and analyze different methods to overcome it.	U,An,	PSO-4,5

CO-3	Students explore the latest advancements in innovative technologies and apply them in the future	U,Ap,E	PSO-7,8
CO-4	Distinguish the role of various national and internal acts and laws applicable to biodegradable waste management and handling.	R,U,	

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Name of the Course: Biodegradable waste management

Credits: 3:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1		U,R	F,C	L,T	
2	2	4,5	U,An,	F,C	L,T	
3	3	7,8	U,Ap,E	F,C,P	L,T	P
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CO 4	✓	✓	✓	✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK4VACBOT203				
Course Title	PHYTONUTRACEUTICALS				
Type of Course	VAC				
Semester	IV				
Academic Level	200-299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	03	03 Hours	-	-	03 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre-requisites				
Course Summary	The course is designed to address the rapidly growing field of nutraceuticals, covering a wide range of topics including their types, mechanisms of action, manufacturing processes, product development, clinical testing, and considerations regarding toxicity. The course will provide insight into additives crucial for enhancing shelf life, aiding processing, and improving sensory appeal within the processed food industry.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Introduction		09
	1	Introduction to nutraceuticals: Phytochemicals, phytonutrients & Phyto remedies- definitions, basis of claims for a compound as a nutraceutical, regulatory issues for nutraceuticals including CODEX.	
	2	Plants as food and medicine.- microgreens, Single cell protein, millets, and antioxidants	
	3	Plants yielding nutraceuticals- Vegetables (Yams, carrot & tomato), Fruits (Apple, Banana, Orange & Papaya)	
	4	Medicinal plants (<i>Aloe vera</i> , <i>Hemidesmus indicus</i> , <i>Moringa oleifera</i> , - <i>Piper</i> , <i>Zingiber</i> , <i>Allium</i>)	
II	Role of Nutraceuticals		09
	5	Concept of angiogenesis and the role of nutraceuticals/functional foods	
	6	Nutraceuticals for cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes, cholesterol management, obesity, joint pain, immune enhancement, age-related muscular degeneration, endurance performance, and mood disorders – compounds and their mechanisms of action, dosage levels, contraindications.	
III	Manufacturing of Nutraceuticals		09

	7	Manufacturing methods of selected nutraceuticals such as lycopene, isoflavonoids, prebiotics and probiotics, glucosamine, phytosterols, etc. (Brief description only)	
	8	Formulation of functional foods containing nutraceuticals – Stability and analytical issues, labelling issues.	
IV	Clinical testing of Nutraceuticals		09
	9	Clinical testing methods of nutraceuticals and health foods (Brief description only)	
	10	Interactions of prescription drugs and nutraceuticals.	
	11	Adverse effects and toxicity of nutraceuticals.	
	12	Nutrigenomics -an introduction and its relation to nutraceuticals.	
V	Functional ingredients of Nutraceuticals		09
	13	Proteins, starch, and lipids as functional ingredients;	
	14	Isolation, modification, specifications, functional properties	
	15	Applications of food as nutraceuticals.	

Suggested Readings

1. Branen AL, Davidson PM & Salminen S. 2001. Food Additives. 2nd Ed. Marcel Dekker.
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2. Cupp J and Tracy TS. 2003. Dietary Supplements: Toxicology and Clinical Pharmacology. Humana Press.
3. Losso JN. 2007. Anti-angiogenic Functional and Medicinal Foods. CRC Press.
4. Madhavi DL, Deshpande SS & Salunkhe DK. 1996. Food Antioxidants: Technological, Toxicological and Health Perspective. Marcel Dekker.
5. Neeser JR & German BJ. 2004. Bioprocesses and Biotechnology for Nutraceuticals. Chapman & Hall.
6. Robert EC. 2006. Handbook of Nutraceuticals and Functional Foods. 2nd Ed. Wildman.

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	This course will equip students to explain phytonutraceuticals and their use in daily life	R	PSO-1
CO-2	Students can evaluate the dual role of plants as sources of food and medicine.	R, U	PSO-3
CO-3	Students will analyze the role of nutraceuticals in managing various health conditions, including	An, Ap	

	cardiovascular diseases, cancer, diabetes, etc .		
CO-4	Equipping them with the knowledge and skills to navigate this dynamic and growing field in the pursuit of health and wellness	Ap	PSO-4
CO-5	Students will acquire knowledge about the manufacturing processes of selected nutraceuticals, such as lycopene, isoflavonoids, prebiotics, probiotics, glucosamine, and phytosterols.	C	

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Phyto-nutraceuticals

Credits: 3:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1		R, U	F, C	L, T	
2	2	3	An, Ap	F, C	L,T	
3	3		Ap	F, C	L, T	P
4	4	4	C	p	L, T	P

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

Assessment Rubrics:

- Quiz / Assignment/ Quiz/ Discussion / Seminar
- Midterm Exam
- Programming Assignments
- Final Exam

Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics :

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK4VACBOT204				
Course Title	DISASTER MANAGEMENT				
Type of Course	VAC				
Semester	IV				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	03	03 Hours	-	-	03 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre-requisites				
Course Summary	Understanding of the Earth's climate system, including the natural greenhouse effect and dark heating. Students learn about international organizations and agreements addressing climate change. The concepts of hazards, vulnerability, and disasters, along with risk evaluation and climate change risks outlined in IPCC reports. Classification of disasters and management strategies and measures				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Climate change		07
	1	Climate system- The Earth's natural greenhouse Effect and Dark Heating, radiation balance, Climates of the past. Natural versus anthropogenic causes of climate change, enhanced greenhouse effect, climate forcing, climate forcing agents- greenhouse gases, aerosols, clouds, land use, etc; global warming: role of CO ₂ , CH ₄ , water vapor etc., importance of monsoons, El-Nino	
II	International response to climate change		07
	2	IPCC - UNEP,WMO, Structure, IPCC bureau, Task Groups, Principles and procedures, UNFCCC-The convention, Sites and Platforms, Montreal protocol,Kyoto Protocol, Paris agreement, 2020ambition, Talanoa, Documents and decisions, National and local government responses: NAPCC, Glasgow Climate Agreement 2021	
III	Introduction to Disasters		07
	3	Understanding of Hazard, Vulnerability & Disasters. Concept of Risks, Evaluation of Risks. Climate change Risk (IPCC Report): Natural & man-made factors. Driving forces of Vulnerability of cities. Landforms Developing forces- Exogenic and endogenic. Concept of on-site Disasters. Disaster Mitigation – Emerging Trends in Disaster Management - UN Draft	
Types of Disasters			15

IV	4	Classification of Disasters. (Natural & man-made) Natural Disasters: Climatic Disasters (wind & water related): Tropical Cyclone, Floods & Drought. Earth related Disasters (Geological Disaster): Earthquake, Tsunami, Landslides & Volcano Eruption. Man-made Disasters: Industrial (on-site) Disasters: Toxic Gas leak, Explosion, Nuclear, chemical and Technological Disasters (BLEVE-boiling liquid expanding vapor explosion). Accidental Disasters: Rail, Road, Air & Sea. Ecological Disasters: Pollution, Soil Degradation, Loss of Biodiversity & Global warming. Epidemics: Cholera, Typhoid. Biological Disasters: COVID-19	
	5	Global environmental problems- ozone depletion, greenhouse effect, global warming, acid rain, nuclear hazards – Climate change, Eutrophication.	
V	Disaster Management		09
	6	Disaster management Basic measures for Disaster management: Preventive Measures, Preparedness Measures (Disaster mapping profile), Predictability, Forecasting & Warning. Response and Relief measures. Recovery & Rehabilitation measures. Disaster Management Bill, 2005. Institutional Framework for Disaster Management. Role of Media in Disaster Management. Basic Safety Measures (Pre and During): Earthquake & Floods. Case studies - Different disaster management in different countries with different disaster situations.	

Suggested Reading

1. IPCC (2001): Impacts Adaptation and Vulnerability, GRID, Aewndal.
2. Natural Hazards, Bryant Edwards (2005), Cambridge University Press, U.K.
3. Space Technology for Disaster management: A Remote Sensing & GIS Perspective, Roy, P.S. (2000), Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (NRSA), Dehradun.
4. Disaster Management : A disaster Manager's Handbook, Carter, N W. (1992), Asian Development Bank, Manila.

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Summarize the differences between natural and anthropogenic causes of climate change.	U	
CO-2	Analyze the effectiveness of international climate agreements in addressing climate change	An	PSO-5
CO-3	Apply knowledge of disaster mitigation strategies to evaluate emerging trends in disaster management.	Ap	PSO-5
CO-4	Apply knowledge of disaster management frameworks to analyze case studies of disaster situations in different countries.	AP	PSO-5

CO-5	Apply knowledge of climate forcing agents to analyze the factors contributing to climate change.	AP	PSO-6
CO-7	Develop disaster management plans for specific disaster scenarios.	C	PSO-7

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Disaster Management

Credits: 3:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	1		R, U	F, C	L, T	
2	2	5	R, U	F, C	L, T	
3	3	5	Ap	F, C	L, T	P
4	4	5	Ap	p	L, T	P
5	5	6	C	P		

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

Assessment Rubrics:

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- Midterm Exam
- Programming Assignments
- Final Exam

Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics :

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓		✓

Skill Enhancement Courses



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK4SECBOT201				
Course Title	MUSHROOM CULTIVATION				
Type of Course	SEC				
Semester	IV				
Academic Level	200 - 299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	03	02 Hours	-	02 Hours	04 Hours
Pre-requisites	Basic understanding about structure of fungi.				
Course Summary	This SEC provides detailed tools and techniques about mushroom cultivation, its nutritional profile, various levels of management and its marketing so that students can earn through this acquired knowledge and skill.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Introduction to Mushrooms		03
	1	General characters and morphology of mushrooms	
	2	Scope and significance of mushroom cultivation	
	3	Identification of mushrooms - edible and poisonous.	
	4	Distinguishing characters of different types of Mushrooms such as button, oyster and milky mushrooms.	
II	Nutritional Value of Mushrooms		04
	5	Nutritional profile of mushrooms - Carbohydrates, proteins, amino acids, vitamins, minerals, fats and fibre.	
	6	Health benefits of Mushrooms-anti-tumour, antiviral and antibacterial effect, in therapeutic diet (brief study)	
	7	Common Indian mushrooms.	
III	Cultivation Methods of Mushrooms		07
	8	Pre requisites for Mushroom cultivation.	
	9	Preparation of Spawn - requirements, substrate selection, isolation of pure culture and nutrient media for pure culture. Maintenance and storage of spawn.	
	10	Cultivation of Oyster Mushroom (<i>Pleurotus sps.</i>) Specify	
	11	Cultivation of Milky Mushroom (<i>Calocybe indica</i>)	
IV	Pest and disease Management in Mushroom Culture		04
	12	Common pests and pest management in	
	13	Commonly identified Diseases and its management	
	14	Disease prevention and control measures	
V	Value Addition in Mushroom Culturing		12

15	Post-harvest processing of mushrooms- refrigeration / instant packing, freeze drying, dehydration, canning	
16	Value-added products from mushrooms – soup powder, biscuits, chutney powder, pickles.	
17	Marketing strategies for mushroom products	
18	Major problems in mushroom cultivation and solutions. self-employment schemes, Government aids	

Practicals		30
1.	Hands-on training on mushroom mother spawn preparation	
2.	Hands on training on Bedding and Bagging	
3.	Training in Oyster mushroom cultivation	
4.	Visit to a mushroom cultivation unit/house	

Suggested Readings:

1. Gupta S., Summuna B., Gupta M., Annepu S.K. (2018). Edible Mushrooms: Cultivation, Bioactive Molecules, and Health Benefits. In: Mérillon J M., Ramawat K. (eds) Bioactive Molecules in Food. Reference Series in Phytochemistry. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-54528-8_86-1
2. John T Fletcher and Richard H. Gaze (2007). Mushroom Pest and Disease Control-A colour Hand Book, CRC PRESS.
3. Kaul T.N. (2002). Biology and conservation of mushrooms. Oxford and IBH publishing co. pvt. Ltd. New Delhi. ISBN 81-204-1513-2.
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3. Pathak, V.N. and Yadav, N. (1998). Mushroom Production and Processing Technology. Agrobios, Jodhpur.
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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Differentiate among various mushrooms such as edible, poisonous etc.	U	PSO-1, 7
CO-2	Evaluate nutritional content of different mushrooms	An	PSO-1, 9
CO-3	Categories various methods for mushroom culture	Ap	PSO-11
CO-4	Examine various pest and disease that attacks mushrooms	An	PSO-9
CO-5	Formulate a project proposal for large scale production of Mushrooms	C	PSO-11

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Mushroom Cultivation

Credits: 2:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	1	PSO-1	U	F, C	L	
CO-2	2	PSO-1	An	F,C	L	
CO-3	3	PSO-12	Ap	P	L	P
CO-4	4	PSO-9	An	F, C	L	P
CO-5	5	PSO-13	C	P	T	

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

Assessment Rubrics:

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- Final Exam

Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics :

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CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓	✓		✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4				✓
CO 5		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK4SECBOT202				
Course Title	ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PRACTICES				
Type of Course	SEC				
Semester	IV				
Academic Level	200 - 299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	03	02 Hours	-	02 Hours	04 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre requisites				
Course Summary	Students will understand and analyse the benefits of organic agriculture. They will apply the knowledge of methodology of organic farming in their home gardens. They will understand the global demand and premium price organic products fetch in the market. The course may motivate the students to get into Organic Farming and Marketing business ventures.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Need and Scope of Organic Farming		04
	1	Principles and practices of organic farming	
	2	Need of Organic farming in present context and future prospects	
	3	Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF)	
	4	Types. (Integrated organic farming, Pure organic farming,)	
II	Agricultural practices in Organic Farming		04
	5	Selection of plants	
	6	Early agricultural practices– inter cropping and crop rotation	
	7	Major cultivated crops and vegetables in India	
III	Organic matter management in agricultural fields		04
	8	Plant health and sustainable agriculture	
	9	Vermicomposting, mulching and green manure	
	10	Importance of microbes in the enrichment of soil fertility	
	11	Role of VAM as growth regulator	
IV	Organic Farm Management		06
	12	Land preparation - Tools and Technique	
	13	Preparation of seed bed, manuring, sowing, watering and raising of seedling	
	14	Pest control: Cultural, Biological and Mechanical method	
	15	Integrated Pest Management (IPM)	
V	Value Addition in Organic Farming		12
	15	Harvesting and Post Harvesting Management	
	16	Inspection, Certification, Labelling procedure, Marketing & Export	
	17	Quality Control and certification procedures of Organic products	

	18	Terrace and kitchen garden	
	19	Value addition in organic products - General Account only	

Practicals		
	1. Visit to Organic farm to study the various components, identification and utilization of Organic products. 2. Preparation of Organic Compost-Over ground compost, Pit compost, Liquid compost, Vermi compost. 3. Method of application of different types of fertilizer and Green manure.	30

Suggested Readings:

1. Alvares, C. (1996). The Organic Farming Source Book. The Other India Press, Mapusa, Goa.
2. Anonymous. (2001). Report of Task Force on Organic Farming, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, 2001, p. 76.
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5. Guideline of National Project on Organic Farming, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, INM Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India

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3. Organic Farming: The Ecological System- Agronomy Monograph 54, ASA, USA.
4. Robin Mittenenthal. (2007). From the ground - a guide to basic organic vegetable, flower, and herb gardening for new gardeners. 1-108
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6. Sathe, T.V. (2004) Vermiculture and Organic Farming. Daya Publishers.

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Basics principles and methods of vegetable farming	U	PSO-1

CO-2	Evaluate and analyse different steps and agricultural practices adopted in organic farming	An	PSO-1
CO-3	Examine various pest and disease management techniques	Ap	PSO-11
CO-4	Learn about different procedures in Organic farming related to post harvesting techniques and quality control in Organic farming.	U	PSO-4

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Organic Agriculture Practices

Credits: 2:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	1	PSO-1		F, C		
CO-2	2	PSO-1		P		
CO-3	3	PSO-12		F		
CO-4	4	PSO-4		M		

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

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Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics :

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CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓		✓	✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK4SECBOT203				
Course Title	BASICS OF PLANT TISSUE CULTURE				
Type of Course	SEC				
Semester	IV				
Academic Level	200 - 299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	03	02 Hours	-	02 Hours	04 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre requisites				
Course Summary	The SEC will make the student capable to become an entrepreneur. It deals with basic aspects and opportunities of plant tissue culture.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Introduction to Plant Tissue Culture		04
	1	History and Basic concept of Plant Tissue Culture	
	2	Laboratory requirements, Tools and techniques	
	3	Laboratory contaminants- it's control and measures.	
II	Media and Culture Preparation		04
	4	Media preparation- pH, Temperature and Solidifying agents	
	6	Role of Micro and macro nutrients, Growth regulators, Vitamins and carbon source in tissue culture	
	5	Composition of commonly used culture media - MS Media	
III	Prerequisites for Plant Tissue Culture		05
	8	Explants selection, sterilization and inoculation	
	9	Micropropagation through various explants (Leaf and Node)	
	10	Culture media-MS Medium, composition and preparation	
IV	Culture techniques		05
	11	Micropropagation – steps -Inoculation – Subculture, Callus and suspension culture, meristem culture	
	12	Somaclonal variation- Somatic embryogenesis and organogenesis.	
	13	Production of haploids – pollen culture, anther culture – protoplast culture – somatic hybrids – cybrids - Synthetic seeds	
V	Future Prospects of Plant Tissue Culture		12
	14	Somatic embryogenesis and production of synthetic seeds	
	15	Application of tissue culture in forestry and agriculture	
	16	Tissue and cell culture technology in India, and its prospects	
	17	Biosafety and ethical issues	

Practicals		30
	1. Preparation of culture media and sterilization 2. Inoculation of explants and micropropagation 3. Visit to a well-equipped tissue culture laboratory to familiar with the use of equipments and glasswares. 4. Encapsulation of seeds	

Suggested Readings:

1. Bhojwani, S.S. and Bhatnagar, S.P. (2011). The Embryology of Angiosperms. VikasPublicationHouse Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. 5th edition.
2. Bhojwani, S.S. and Razdan, M.K., (1996). Plant Tissue Culture: Theory and Practice. Elsevier Science Amsterdam. The Netherlands.
3. Glick, B.R., Pasternak, J.J. (2003). Molecular Biotechnology- Principles and Applications of recombinant DNA. ASM Press, Washington.

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3. Reinert J. and Bajaj Y. P. S (1982). Plant cell, Tissue and Organ Culture, WC Brown publishers.
4. Snustad, D.P. and Simmons, M.J. (2010). Principles of Genetics. John Wiley and Sons, U.K. 5th edition.
5. Stewart, C.N. Jr. (2008). Plant Biotechnology & Genetics: Principles, Techniques and Applications. John Wiley & Sons Inc. U.S.A.

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand basics of plant tissue culture techniques	R	PSO-1
CO-2	Familiarize about the components and preparation of culture media	U	PSO-1, 6
CO-3	Know the sterilization techniques, inoculation of explants, induction of callus and morphogenesis	Ap	PSO-1, 6
CO-4	Analyse applications of tissue culture in different fields	An	PSO-1, 11

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Basics of Plant Tissue culture

Credits: 2:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/ Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)

CO-1	1		R	F	T	
CO-2	2		U	C	T	
CO-3	3		Ap	P		P
CO-4	4		An	P	T	

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CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓	✓		✓
CO 3				✓
CO 4			✓	✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK5SECBOT301				
Course Title	VEGETABLE GARDENING				
Type of Course	SEC				
Semester	V				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	03	03 Hours	-	-	03 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre requisites				
Course Summary	Through this SEC, students will acquire knowledge about gardening and different vegetables that can be cultivated through gardening. They will understand the global demand and premium price organic products fetch in the market. The course may motivate the students to get into vegetable gardening and its Marketing.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Introduction to Vegetable Gardening		04
	1	History and scope of Vegetable gardening	
	2	Need for healthy lifestyle through Vegetable gardening	
	3	Qualities of a good garden	
II	Garden and Garden Planning		10
	4	Soil preparation and Potting mixture	
	5	Different types and importance of containers in gardening	
	6	Garden Planning and designing	
	7	Different types of vegetables for gardening	
III	Gardening techniques		14
	8	Different types of propagules for garden	
	9	Preparation of nursery beds for raising vegetable seedlings	
	10	Sowing/Planting Methods	
	11	Watering and Irrigation techniques	
	12	Manuring : Organic fertilizers. Use of Organic growth promoters	
IV	Management and Maintenance of Garden		08
	13	Common pests and diseases of vegetables	
	14	Natural pest control methods	
	15	Preparation of natural pest repellents	
	16	Maintenance of Vegetable Gardens	
V	Value addition and Future Prospects		09
	17	Harvesting and Post Harvesting Management	
	18	Inspection, Certification, Labelling procedure, Marketing & Export	

	19	Quality Control and certification procedures of Organic products in India	
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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand need for healthy lifestyle	U	PSO-1, 7
CO-2	Analyse different types and steps in vegetable gardening	R, U	PSO-4
CO-3	Utilize different techniques for proper Management and Maintenance of Garden	Ap	PSO-4, 7
CO-4	Examine different measures of post harvesting measures involved vegetable gardening	An	PSO-4, 7

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Vegetable Gardening

Credits: 3:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)

CO-1	1	1, 7	U	F, C	L	
CO-2	2	4	R, U	P	L	
CO-3	3	4, 7	Ap	P		P
CO-4	4	4, 7	An	M		P

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

Assessment Rubrics:

- Quiz / Assignment/ Quiz/ Discussion / Seminar
- Midterm Exam
- Programming Assignments
- Final Exam

Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics :

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓		✓	✓
CO 4		✓		✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK5SECBOT302				
Course Title	BIOFERTILIZERS AND BIOPESTICIDES				
Type of Course	SEC				
Semester	V				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	03	03 Hours	-	-	03 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre requisites				
Course Summary	Students will understand and analyse the benefits of agriculture using ecofriendly fertilizers and pesticides. They will apply this knowledge and methodology in their home gardens. They will understand the global demand and premium price organic products fetch in the market.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Biofertilizers for Human welfare		06
	1	Sustainable agricultural practices: Definition, status and scope	
	2	Current scenario of Indian agriculture and promotion of biofertilizers in India	
	3	Categories and types of biofertilizers	
	4	Major biofertilizers and target crops	
II	Biofertilizers and Organic Manures		13
	5	Organic Manures and Biofertilizers Structure and characteristic features of bacterial biofertilizers- Azospirillum, Azotobacter, Bacillus, Pseudomonas, Rhizobium and Frankia.	
	6	Cyanobacterial biofertilizers- Anabaena, Nostoc	
	7	Hapalosiphon and fungal biofertilizers- AM mycorrhiza and ectomycorrhiza.	
	8	Plant based biofertilizers : Azollla	
	9	Commercially available botanical biopesticides – Pyrethrum, Eucalyptus essential oil.	
10	Manufacturing of organic fertilizers using household waste. Methods to improve the quality of household compost – mineral additives and plant hormones.		
III	Crop management using Biopesticides		05
	11	Brief history and development of Biocontrol agents	
	12	Effectiveness of Integrated Pest Management and biopesticides	

	13	Types: Macro and Microbial biocontrol agents	
IV	Bioformulations		12
	14	Definition, components (Active ingredient, carrier material, additive)	
	15	Types of bioformulations: Solid (granules, wettable powders, wettable granules, dust) liquid (suspension, concentrate), encapsulation.	
	16	Bioformulations for the uptake of nutrients like - Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Potassium, and Iron.	
	17	Bioformulations as biocontrol agents/ biopesticides: Bacterial, Fungal and Viral.	
V	Value addition and current scenario		09
	18	Commonly used biopesticide in Kerala -	
	19	Preparation of Tobacco decoction, Neem oil emulsions,	
	20	Biofertilizers and Biopesticides -Storage, shelf life, quality control and marketing	
	21	FCO specifications and quality control of biofertilizers	

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand need of sustainable agricultural practices	R	PSO-6

CO-2	Analyse different types of Biofertilizers and Organic Manures	An	PSO-4
CO-3	Make use of Biopesticides for Crop management	Ap	PSO-4
CO-4	Categorise various bioformulations commonly used in agriculture	An	PSO-1,4,6
CO-5	Evaluate commonly used biopesticide in Kerala	E	PSO-1,5

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Biofertilizers and Biopesticides

Credits: 3:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	1	6	R	F, C	L	
CO-2	2	4	An	P	L	P
CO-3	3	4	Ap	P		P
CO-4	4	1,4,6	An	C	L	P
CO-5	5	1,5	E	M	L	P

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CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5			✓	✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK5SECBOT303				
Course Title	URBAN GARDENING AND LANDSCAPING				
Type of Course	SEC				
Semester	V				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	03	03 Hours	-	-	03 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre requisites				
Course Summary	Through this SEC, students will acquire knowledge about gardening and landscaping as a growing business venture. They will understand the growing demand in present day. The course may motivate the students to get into gardening and landscaping startups.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Introduction to Gardening and Nursery techniques		04
	1	Introduction to gardening and landscaping	
	2	Horticultural practices related to gardening – training, pruning and thinning	
II	Garden and Gardening		12
	3	Types of plants in landscaping	
	4	Aquatic ornamentals.	
	5	Different types of gardening and suitable plants used in each type - landscape and home gardening, terrace gardening, indoor gardening, vertical gardens, aquatic gardens.	
	6	Special Types : Rockery, Terrarium, and Bonsai (brief account only)	
III	Tools and Management		10
	7	Garden tools & implements	
	8	Garden components and adornments – Brief account	
	9	Bed preparation and Irrigation methods	
	10	Fertilizer application- different fertilizers, biofertilizers, vermicomposting,	
	11	Different irrigation methods	
	12	Management of pests and diseases.	
IV	Principles of Landscaping		10
	13	Principles of Landscape design	
	14	Steps in developing a Landscape Design	
	15	Different plants for landscapes	
	16	Maintenance of Landscape designs	
	17	Different types of Garden in India	

Value Addition and Future Prospects			09
V	18	Landscape design for different places such as offices, educational Institutions and bus stations.	
	19	Commercial production of ornamental plants- Orchids, Aroids, heliconia, Bromeliads	
	20	Value addition: Extraction and purification of essential oils, perfumes, (GAP) dehydration of flower and floral craft, cascade, pot, buttons etc.	

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand Horticultural practices related to gardening	R	PSO-2, 4
CO-2	Differentiate various types of gardening	U	PSO-2, 4
CO-3	Make use of tools and Management	Ap	PSO-4, 6
CO-4	Understand basic principles of Landscaping	R	PSO-2, 4
CO-5	Formulate landscape design for different places and commercial production of ornamental plants	C	PSO-2, 4

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Urban Gardening and Landscaping

Credits: 3:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	1	2, 4	R	F	L	
CO-2	2	2, 4	U	C	L	
CO-3	3	4, 6	Ap	P		P
CO-4	4	2, 4	R	C	T	
CO-5	5	2, 4	C	P		P

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CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5			✓	✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK6SECBOT301				
Course Title	HERBAL COSMETICS				
Type of Course	SEC				
Semester	VI				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	3	3 hours	-	-	3
Pre-requisites	No Pre requisites				
Course Summary	India is considered as the mother of Ayurveda and herbal products. This SEC empower students to gain knowledge about herbal products and ayurveda as demand of such products increases day by day in global market. Through this course students can learn different formulations and methods for the manufacture of herbal products. In future they can start their own earning using this knowledge.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Herbal Cosmetics		06
	1	Cosmetics- Classification and categories	
	2	Brief history of herbal cosmetics	
	3	Difference between herbal and synthetic cosmetics products, benefits of herbal cosmetic products	
		Challenge in formulating herbal cosmetics	
II	Prerequisites for Herbal Cosmetics		09
	4	Raw materials, machinery and equipment used in preparation of herbal cosmetics	
	5	Processes used in the preparation of herbal cosmetics	
	6	Plants used in skin care products like scrub, packs , moisturizer etc	
	7	Plants used in hair care products like oil, shampoo, conditioner etc.	
III	Preparation of Herbal Cosmetics		12
	11	Preparation of scrub, face packs, face wash, soap, moisturizer, sunscreen	
	12	Preparation of shampoo, hair oil, hair conditioners, hair dye	
	13	Preparation of toothpaste, tooth powder, kajal, lipstick, lip balm and deodorant	
IV	Aromatherapy : an art of healing		09

	14	Introduction and origin of Aromatherapy, plants used in aromatherapy- <i>Lavendula officinalis</i> , <i>Citrus limon</i> , <i>Geranium sps</i> , <i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> , <i>Menta sps</i> , <i>Cananga odorata</i> . Sandle	
	15	Methods of extraction of essential oils.	
	16	Therapeutic activity of essential oils.	
	17	Sanitary practices in cosmetic preparation	
V	Value addition in Cosmetology		09
	18	Basic idea of storage of raw material, production, preparations, production management, packaging and labeling, marketing and pricing of herbal cosmetics	
	19	Quality assurance and ISO certification	

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand history, types and different aspects of cosmetology	U	PSO-1, 6
CO-2	Analyse different plants and methodology adopted in making of herbal cosmetics	An	PSO-6

CO-3	Evaluate aromatherapy as an alternate procedure for healing.	E	PSO-1,7
CO-4	Prepare a project proposal for commercial production of hermal products	C	PSO-1,7, 9

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Herbal Cosmetics

Credits: 3:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	1	1, 6	U	F	L, T	
CO-2	2	6	An	C	L	P
CO-3	3	1,7	E	P	L	P
CO-4	4	1,7, 9	C	M		P

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CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓	✓		✓
CO 4			✓	✓



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK6SECBOT302				
Course Title	INDOOR GARDENING AND TERRARIUM TECHNIQUES				
Type of Course	SEC				
Semester	VI				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	03	03 Hours	-	-	03 Hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre requisites				
Course Summary	Through this SEC, students will acquire knowledge about indoor gardening and terrarium techniques. These branches of gardening are highly demanding in our country especially in urban cities. The course may motivate the students to get into indoor garden and terrarium designing startups.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Gardening overview		12
	1	Gardening – Introduction, Principles of gardening making, Components of Garden	
	2	Tools and implements for gardening	
	3	Manures and Fertilizers: Farmyard manure, Compost, Biofertilizers, Chemical fertilizers	
	4	Fungicides and Pesticides	
II	Indoor Gardening		12
	5	Principles and components of indoor gardening. Significance, indoor plants for air purification	
	6	Factors in Indoor gardening	
	7	Growing medium and types of containers for indoor plants and designing. List of plants for indoor gardening <i>Sanseveria</i> , Money Plant, ZZ Plant, Peace Lilly.	
	8	Methods of Indoor gardening - Hanging baskets, Window boxes, Terrarium / bottle gardening, Miniature gardening, Vertical gardening for indoors, Bonsai and Kokedama	
9	Bonsai: definition, types and styles, art of making bonsai – Indoor bonsai, Bonsai styles, Plants suitable for indoor bonsai, Pots and containers for bonsai.		
III	Terrarium / bottle gardening		12
	10	History and types of Terrariums	
	11	Materials required and Plants used for terrarium making	
	12	Different steps in the preparation of terrariums	

	13	Different types and selection of plants for terrarium	
	14	Management of terrariums	
IV	Management of Indoor gardens and Terrarium		09
	15	Common pests and plant diseases	
	16	Natural pest control methods and preparation of natural pest repellents	
	17	Irrigation and maintenance	
	18	Challenges and value addition in Indoor gardening	
	19	Garden designing as a career.	

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand basics of gardening and its types	R	PSO-4
CO-2	Analyse principles and components of indoor gardening, its significance and role of indoor plants for air purification	U	PSO-4
CO-3	Evaluate different types of plants and requirements for indoor gardening and terrariums.	An	PSO-4, 8
CO-4	Analyse different strategies for maintenance of terrariums	E	PSO-8, 9

CO-5	Prepare suitable design of indoor garden and terrarium	C	PSO-8, 11
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R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Note: 1 or 2 COs/module

Name of the Course: Credits: 4:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PS O	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	1	4	R	F	T, L	
CO-2	2	4	U	P	T	P
CO-3	3	4, 8	An	F	T	P
CO-4	4	8, 9	E	C	T	P
CO-5	5	8, 11	C	M	P	P

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CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4		✓		✓
CO 5		✓	✓	



University of Kerala

Discipline	BOTANY				
Course Code	UK6SECBOT303				
Course Title	HYDROPONICS AND AQUAPONICS				
Type of Course	SEC				
Semester	VI				
Academic Level	300 - 399				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	03	03 hours	-	-	03 hours
Pre-requisites	No Pre requisites				
Course Summary	This SEC empower students to gain knowledge about alternative plant culture methods, as demand of such methods increases day by day due to various reasons. In future they can start their own earning using this knowledge.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
I	Introduction to Hydroponics		06
	1	Principles and practices of hydroponic systems	
	2	Applications of hydroponic systems for sustainable food production	
	3	Basic solution chemistry and plant physiology principles and their impact on hydroponic optimization	
II	Techniques in Hydroponics		12
	5	Media used for Hydroponics: Rock wool, Perlite, Pumice, Vermiculite, Sand, Gravel, Polystyrene packing peanuts, wood fibre.	
	4	Types of hydroponic systems: Static solution culture, Continuous – flow Solution culture, Aeroponics, Passive sub-irrigation, Ebb and flow, Dutch bucket, Deep water culture, Bubbleponics.	
III	Hydroponics in Green house		06
	6	Hydroponics in Green house	
	Introduction and overview of Aquaponics		
IV	07	Definition, History and Principles of Aquaponics.	12
	08	Merits and demerits of Aquaponics	
	09	Working of Aquaponics	
IV	Aquaponic Systems and maintenance		12
	10	Components of Aquaponics systems	
	11	Types : Circulating and Non-circulating Aquaponics systems	
	12	Setting up and maintenance of an Aquaponics	
	13	Aquaponics plants and animals	
	14	Water quality Maintenance	
	15	Pest and disease management	
16	Troubleshooting (Fish mortality, blockages and leaks and water quality issues)		

V	Value addition and current scenario		09
	17	Specific cases of hydroponic production practices of major vegetables (leafy greens, culinary herbs, and fruit crops such as tomatoes and strawberries)	
	18	Commercial Aspects of hydroponics and aquaponics	
	19	Safety measures, certification standards and government policies regarding and aquaponics	
	21	Government Schemes for hydroponics and aquaponics	

Suggested Reading

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand principles and applications of hydroponics	R	PSO- 4, 6
CO-2	Examine different techniques in Hydroponics	An	PSO- 4, 7
CO-3	Identify different components and types of Aquaponics systems	U	PSO- 4,11
CO-4	Evaluate commercial Aspects of hydroponics and aquaponics	E	PSO- 4,11

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

Name of the Course: Hydroponics and Aquaponics

Credits: 3:0:0 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
CO-1	1	4, 6	R	F	L	
CO-2	2	4, 7	An	C	L	P
CO-3	3	4,11	U	P	L	P
CO-4	4	4,11	E	F	L	

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CO 3	✓		✓	✓
CO 4		✓		✓