Detailed curriculum outline of First Year B.S. Honours Course

(2020-2021 Onward)

Departmental Courses	**Credit hours**
BOT 101: General Microbiology	2
BOT 102: Lower Fungi	2
BOT 103: General Phycology	2
BOT 104: Bryophyta	2
BOT 105: Angiosperm Taxonomy	2
BOT 106: Biodiversity	2
BOT 107: **Practical-1**: General Microbiology, Lower Fungi and General Phycology	3
BOT 108: **Practical-2**: Bryophyta, Angiosperm Taxonomy and Biodiversity	3
BOT 109: **Viva-voce**	2

Extra-Departmental Courses (For the students of Botany)

BMB 11 : Basic Biochemistry - I	4
ZOOL 1001: Animal Diversity	4
	Total = 28

Extra-Departmental course for the students of Zoology and Soil, Water and Environment

BOT 1001: Introductory Botany	4

BOT 101: General Microbiology — Credit hour: 2

General Microbiology is a compulsory course in four years integrated BS (Hons) in Botany program. It deals with basic concept, structure, classification, and importance of different types of microorganisms. It is structured in a way that the students develop clear understanding of the concept of microbiology, scope of microbiology, abiogenesis versus biogenesis, contribution of scientists in microbiology, types of microorganisms and their importance to human beings. Students also understand the infectious diseases and their causal agents.

Course objectives

- To define microbiology and its scope
- To describe the contribution of microbiologists
- To identify different types of microorganisms
- To describe the importance of microorganisms for humans
- To explain the causes of infectious diseases

Course content

Sl.	Units	Content	Lessons
1	**Unit 1: Introduction**	Introduction, Origin of life - abiogenesis versus biogenesis, Contribution in microbiology, Five-kingdom and Three-domain concept	3
2	**Unit 2: Bacteria**	Introduction, Classification, Flagella, Pili, Capsule, Cell wall, Cell membrane, Cytoplasm, Spore, Superbugs, Bacterial habitats, and importance	8

3	**Unit 3: Archaea**	Introduction, Archaeal taxonomy, Phylum Crenarchaeota, Phylum Euryarchaeota, Shared features of bacteria and Archaea, Importance of archaea	2
4	**Unit 4: Viruses**	Introduction, Virus genomes, Virus proteins, Capsid, Attachment and entry of viruses into cells, Transcription, Translation and transport, Virus genome replication, Assembly and exit of virions from cells, HIV, Nipah virus, Ebola virus, Dengue virus, Corona Viruses, Importance of viruses	10
5	**Unit 5: Viroids**	Introduction, Discovery, Structure, Replication, Diseases	1
6	**Unit 6: Prions**	Introduction, Discovery, Structure, The protein-only hypothesis, Replication, Transmission, Diseases	2
7	**Unit 7: Mycoplasma**	Introduction, Discovery, Structure, Properties, growth, motility, Diseases	1
8	**Unit 8: Actinomycetes**	Introduction, Discovery, Taxonomy, Structure, antibiotic production, Diseases	1
9	**Unit 9: Rickettsia**	Introduction, Discovery, Structure, Transmission, War fever, Diseases	2

Unit wise learning outcome

Unit	Learning outcomes
1	• define microbiology • describe the scope of microbiology • distinguish abiogenesis versus biogenesis • explain chemical theory of origin of life • discuss major contributors in microbiology • discuss the five-kingdom concept • explain the three-domain concept
2	• define bacteria • describe arrangement of bacterial cells • describe the structure, chemical composition, and function of bacterial appendages • discuss superbugs and their importance • describe the distribution of superbugs • explain bacterial habitats • mention common bacterial diseases
3	• describe archaea • role of archaea in earth • archaeal taxonomy • classify archaea • discuss the importance of archaea
4	• discuss reasons for studying viruses • describe the characteristics of viruses • describe the components of virions

	• illustrate the variety of virus genome • outline the functions of virus structural and non-structural proteins • define the terms helical symmetry and icosahedral symmetry • explain how animal viruses attach to and enter their host cells • explain genes are transcribed and translated • discuss roles of virus and host proteins in virus genome replication • describe the assembly mechanisms for nucleocapsids with helical and icosahedral symmetry • explain the importance of HIV • write an illustrated account of the replication of HIV-1 • describe the disease caused by Corona virus • write the importance of Nipah virus. • explain the disease caused by Ebola virus • Describe the disease caused by Dengue virus • describe importance of viruses
5	• describe discovery of viroids • write the characteristics of viroids • mention common diseases of viroids
6	• describe discovery of prions • define the terms prion and transmissible spongiform encephalopathy • evaluate the protein-only hypothesis • describe the characteristics of prions • discuss the transmission of prions • describe prion diseases in animals and man
7	• describe the discovery of mycoplasma • write the characteristics of mycoplasma • mention common diseases of mycoplasma
8	• describe the discovery of actinomycetes • write the characteristics of actinomycetes • describe production of antibiotic from actinomycetes • mention common diseases of actinomycetes
9	• describe discovery of rickettsia • draw a rickettsia • write the characteristics of rickettsia • describe the war fever by typhus • mention common diseases of rickettsia

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Attend lectures
- Question-answer

- Group discussion
- Guided discussion
- Project discussion
- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on selected units

Assessment: In-Course examination

- Course final examination
- Assignment
- Practical examination
- Viva-voce

BOT 102: Lower Fungi **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

This is the basic course in 4-years integrated B. S. (honors) in Botany program. It is designed in a way that the students develop clear understanding of the concept of lower fungi and its importance to mankind, different growth parameters and reproduction of fungi, origin and classification of lower fungi, general characteristics of lower fungi and their classification, details of Myxomycetes class, comparison between slime molds with protozoa, details of class Chytridiomycetes and order Chytridiales, black wart disease of potato and its casual organism, details of class Oomycetes with Saprolegniales and Peronosporales orders, late blight of potato disease and its causal agent (*Phytophthora infestans*), class Zygomycetes and order Mucorales, bud rot disease of jackfruit. Students also understand the role of Endogonaceae family fungi as biofertilizer.

Course objectives

(a) Importance of lower fungi to mankind in the earth.
(b) Know about the basic features, structures, reproduction, life cycle and classification of lower fungi.
(c) Learn salient features and classification of lower fungi.
(d) Difference between slime molds and protozoa.
(e) Learn habitat, somatic features and reproduction of Chytridiomycetes, Oomycetes and Zygomycetes.
(f) Identify the important diseases of plants caused by lower fungi, even in the form of epidemics.
(g) Use the fungi for the production of commercial products such as yeast powder, alcohol, citric acid, mushroom production, etc.
(h) Application of fungi as biofertilizer.

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Introduction to lower fungi	Historical development, scope and importance to mankind.	**3**
2: Myxomycetes:	Slime molds: A brief account of the habitat, structure, reproduction and importance of slime molds, comparison with protozoa.	**4**
3: Structures and reproduction of fungi:	Habitat, vegetative features, range of vegetative structures, growth and development, nutrition, reproduction; origin and classification of fungi.	**6**
4: Classification	General characteristics and classification of lower fungi.	**3**
5: Studies of different classes.	**Chytridiomycetes**: Chytridiales; life cycle of *Synchitrium endobioticum*. **Oomycetes**: Saprolegniales and Peronosporales; life cycle and importance of *Saprolegnia parasitica* and *Phytophthora infestans*. **Zygomeycetes**: Mucorales; life cycle of *Rhizopus stolonifers*.	**4** **4** **3**

6: Endogonaceae	Occurrence, characteristics and their role as biofertilizer.	**3**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• contribution of different scientists in the field of Mycology • known about importance of lower fungi to mankind
2	• get idea about habitat, structure and reproduction of slime molds • importance of slime molds • comparative study between slime molds and protozoa
3	• basic features, structure, reproduction, life cycle and classification of fungi.
4	• salient features of lower fungi • classification of lower fungi
5	• habitat, somatic features and reproduction of the important orders and families under Chytridiomycetes, Oomycetes and Zygomycetes classes. • life cycle and economic significance of different pathogens such as *Synchtrium endobioticum*, *Saprolegnia parasitica* and *Phytophthora infestans*.
6	• characteristics of Endogonaceae family • role of the members of Endogonaceae as biofertilizer

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Group discussion on the given lecture
- Question answer
- Guided discussion
- Demonstration of fresh materials

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units

Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on Unit 4.

BOT 103: General Phycology **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

Phycology is usually studied as a specialization within botany or marine science program. Phycology is the study of algae. This course is for anyone interested in learning the fundamentals of algae. The course is taught in the First year classes of four years integrated BS (Honours) program in Botany. It is a basic course of Phycology. Algae are an extremely diverse group of organisms that can be found in almost every ecosystem on the planet, and they play an essential role for life on earth. They are little bio-factories that use the process of photosynthesis to create chemical compounds that we can utilize for food, feed, medicine, and even energy. This course will cover what algae are, why they are important and their ecology.

Course objectives

a) What is Phycology**,** what algae are, why they are important and their ecology
b) Explain the terms sporophyte, gametophyte and alternation of generations
c) Illustrate, with a named example for each, the following types of life cycle: isomorphic alternation of generations, heteromorphic alternation of generations, no alternation of generations

d) Essential features of the lichen symbiosis
e) Methods for sampling algae in the field
f) To identify algae
g)

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Introduction to Phycology:	Characteristics and importance of algae	**3**
2: Classification (Lee 20 08)	Bases of classification, pigments, storage products and flagella; endosymbiotic theory of chloroplast evolution; history of classification of algae, outline of the classification of Lee 2008 and characteristics of the different phylums	**4**
3: Algal habitats:	Aquatic (fresh, brackish and marine water); terrestrial; subaerial and special habitats (symbiotic, parasitic, cryogenic, thermal and desert algae).	**3**
4: Structure and reproduction	Range of vegetative structure and reproductive methods in algae.	**4**
5: General characteristic and life history	General characteristics of the following classes and life history of the genera mentioned below: (a) Cyanophyceae: *Gloeotrichia* (b) Rhodophyceae: *Polysiphonia* (c) Chlorophyceae: *Chlamydomonas*, *Oedogonium* and *Chara* (d) Euglenophyceae: *Euglena* (e) Bacillariophyceae: *Pinnularia* (f) Phaeophyleae: *Sargassum*	**15**
5: Lichen	Habitat, structure, growth forms and economic importance	**1**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• able to define Phycology • this section will cover what algae are, how they've evolved, and how they've transformed our planet. They will also go over how humans have used algae throughout the history. • scopes of Phycology and its development in Bangladesh • how to use algae to assess environmental problems
2	• algae are extremely diverse, and in this section you will learn about the following different types: • early history of Phycology • classification of Phycology • characteristics of the different phylum of algae • modern thoughts on algal taxonomy
3	• covers the basics of algal ecology including some of the other organisms they interact with in nature and in industrial settings. • ecology of major groups of algae
4	• brief discussion about habit and structure • distinguish the main morphological forms
5	• brief discussion about classification of mentioned classes • brief discussion about life history of mentioned genera
6	• brief discussion about habit, habitat and structure of lichens • growth forms and economic importance of lichens

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Instructional strategies/ Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question-answer
- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units
Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-3.

BOT 104: Bryophyta **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

This is a basic course in four years integrated BS (Hons) in Botany program. Bryophytes constitute a significant and important group in the plant kingdom since they are the earliest diverging lineages of the extant land plants and made the colonization of land possible for the plants. Bryophytes provide insights into the migration of plants from aquatic environments to land. A number of physical features link bryophytes to both land plants and aquatic plants Therefore, this course is undeniably one of the fundamental courses in the Department of Botany. The course presents the origin and evolution of important aspects of bryophyta with the description of taxonomy, morphology, reproductive processes, life cycle, economic importance and phylogenetic relationships of the varied groups, proceeding from the simple to the complex. Major groups of common bryophytes will be described for better understanding of the group of plants as well as their evolutionary progression.

Course objectives

(a) Differentiate Bryophyta from other groups of plant and thereby learn the importance of studying bryophytes.
(b) Develop an idea about the origin and evolutionary progression of thalloid to leafy plants, stomata and reproductive structures among different groups of bryophytes.
(c) Know the diversity of sporophytic and gametophytic structure of major groups of bryophytes along with their reproduction, life cycle and economic importance.
(d) Gain a general knowledge of transition in plant phylogeny from lower to higher gradation.

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Introduction	Definition, characteristic, distribution, habitats and economic and biological significance of bryophytes.	**2**
2: Classification of bryophytes	Classification proposed by different bryologist and discussion on general characters of three main divisions of bryophyta with diagnostic features.	**2**
3: Origin and evolution	Theories and debates regarding the origin of bryophytes; Evolution among different groups of bryophytes.	**3**
4: Genera of bryophytes	Distribution, habitat, habit, external and internal features, asexual/vegetative and sexual reproduction, life cycles and spore dispersal mechanism of the following genera: **(a)** *Sphaerocarpos,* **(b)** *Riccia,* **(c)** *Marchantia,***(d)** *Porella,* **(e)** *Anthoceros,* **(f)** *Sphagnum* and **(g)** *Funaria*.	**18**
5: Alternation of generations	Diversity of gametophyte and sporophyte structures and alternation of generations in bryophytes.	**5**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• define bryophyta and identify plants of this groups • idea about general characters of bryophytes • investigate the distribution and habitats of bryophytes • recognize economic and biological importance of bryophytes
2	• analyze detailed classification of bryophytes proposed by different bryologists • characterize three different classes of bryophyta • known plants from three different classes of bryophyta • differentiate among three classes of bryophyta
3	• know about two schools of thoughts about the origin of bryophytes • debate among the two schools of thoughts about the origin of bryophytes • Inspect the origin of sporophytic generation from the gametophytic thallus of bryophytes • interpret evolution among the three different classes of bryophytes
4	• acquire in depth knowledge on external features, anatomy, developmental biology, reproduction and spore dispersal mechanism of important representatives of bryophytes in addition to their specific importance.
5	• analyze diversity in gametophytic and sporophytic structures of different bryophytes • discuss alternation of generations in bryophytes with respect to their evolution

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question-answer
- Guided discussion
- Project discussion
- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units

Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-3.

BOT 105: Angiosperm Taxonomy Credit hours: 2

Introduction

Angiosperm taxonomy is the study description, identification, nomenclature and classification of angiosperm plants. The topics covered include i) basic ideas of angiosperm taxonomy, historical development and importance of angiosperm taxonomy, ii) detailed basis of angiosperm taxonomy including description, identification techniques, nomenclatural rules and classification systems, iii) angiosperm flora diversity of Bangladesh, how to study angiosperm flora, herbarium techniques, information of world largest herbaria and their roles, iv) molecular systematic techniques viz. molecular markers, DNA bar coding and cladistics. Special attention will be paid in the individual research project development.

Course objectives:

(a) describe angiosperm plant species
(b) identify plants using different techniques
(c) provide scientific name using ICBN rules
(d) survey angiosperm flora and to make herbarium sheet
(e) arrange angiosperm species using classification systems
(f) use molecular techniques to demonstrate phylogenetic systems of classification
(g) conduct individual project related to flora survey in natural habitats

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Introduction	Introduction **t**o angiosperm taxonomy and systematic, history plant taxonomy development, importance and application of angiosperm taxonomy	**4**
2: Description of Angiosperm flora	Roots, stems, leaves, inflorescences, flowers and fruits	**2**
3: Techniques of identification of plants	Introduction to the keys, type of keys and construction of keys, Major plant families and their identifying characters, importance: Dicot plant families *viz.* Acanthaceae, Apocynaceae, Fabaceae, Moraceae, Rubiaceae, Euphorbiaceqae, Lamiaceae, Myrtaceae, Solanaceae and Astertaceae. Monocot plant families *viz.* Poaceae, Cyperaceae, Liliaceae and Orchidaceae.	**6**
4: Approaches to nomenclature	ICBN/ICN, Rules of Nomenclature, steps followed new species to science	**4**
5: Classification	Types of Major classification system, emphasis on phylogenetic systems	**4**
6: Study of angiosperm flora	Introduction to angiosperm flora of Bangladesh, Qualitative and quantitative survey methods of flora, Herbarium techniques, world largest herbaria and modern role of herbaria	**6**
7: Molecular systematic	Type of PCR-based of molecular markers for phylogenetic analyses. Application of DNA-bar coding in taxonomy, cladistics method.	**4**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• will be able to define taxonomy of angiosperm and systematics, able to know historical background of angiosperm taxonomy, importance of taxonomy in the contemporary world.
2	• will be able to describe angiosperm plant species using taxonomic characters of plants
3	• will be able to prepare taxonomic keys to identify plant families, identification charachters of some selected families
4	• will be capable to know the basic principles of botanical nomenclature and how to report new species to scientific world
5	• will be able to know the modern classification systems of angiosperms.
6	• will able to learn the techniques of flora survey of particular ecosystem both qualitative and quantitative ways, how to prepare herbarium sheets, importance of herbaria of the world, also to know.
7	• will be able to learn the basic principles molecular systematics and cladistics.

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Instructional strategies
- Lecture followed by
- Group discussion
- Question-answer
- Guided discussion
- Project discussion
- Demonstration in the field

Assignment: Individual project on particular angiosperm plant species/habitat
Assessment: Mid-term, Class attendance, final examination, assignment, practical and viva-voce

BOT 106: Biodiversity **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction
This is a basic course in 4-years integrated B. S. (honors) in Botany program. Since Biodiversity is very important for the existence and well-being for our planet, it is structured in a way that the students develop clear understanding of the concept of biodiversity, types of biodiversity, creation of biodiversity, importance of time in biodiversity creation, history of earth's origin and its changes in terms of physical, chemical and biological properties with time period in different geological era. Students also understand the reasons of losses and ways of protection of biodiversity through various ways including national and international organizations and importance of biodiversity from the evolutionary point of view.

Course Objectives
By the end of the course students will able to-
(a) Understand the concept of biodiversity & explain it with reference of geological era
(b) Know the importance of biodiversity
(c) Measuring of biodiversity components of the world since the earth is born
(d) Identify the different factors and their effects responsible for creation of biodiversity
(e) Different types of biodiversity components and their local as well as worldwide distribution
(f) Causes of biodiversity losses and extinction, conservation strategies for biodiversity conservation. Role of some important organizations working for biodiversity conservation worldwide

Outcomes
After passing the course, they have many opportunities for employment in governmental research organizations, laboratories, private biodiversity consulting companies, foreign reserarch institutes and universities around the world

Course contents **No of Lectures**
Theoretical

Unit 1: Concept of Biodiverstiy: Definition, unity and diversity, requirements, early and modern concepts, potential, importance of time, the age of bacteria; natures experiment with animals, founding dynasties and terminal disasters, species of the past and the current crisis. **Geological era:** Prehistoric periods of the earth and the representative plant groups belonging to those periods supported by fossil evidences. **(Lectures 1-5)**

Unit 2: Creation of biodiversity: Factors, earth's origin, surface features, continental drifts, geographical positioning system, seasonal cycles, climate and biodiversity, glaciation, effects of natural calamities on biodiversity; re-colonization/colonization of biota in volcanic islands and in a newly emerged island; biodiversity and future changes in climate. **(Lectures 6-9**

Unit 3. Types of biodiversity: Genetic and sub-cellular, taxonomic, ecological, wetlands, domestic. Measuring biodiversity, the number of species known to us, endemism, mega-diversity countries of the world/biodiversity Hot spots and biodiversity pattern in Bangladesh. **(Lecture 10-11)**

Unit 4. Loss and conservation of biodiversity: Causes of biodiversity, loss and extinction, conservation and its measures (*in situ* and *ex situ*). Role of some important organizations for biodiversity conservation such as IUCN, UNEP, MAB, Green Peace, CITES, WCMC, WWF and Ramsar Convention Bureau for biodiversity consrvation, threatened ecosystems of Bangladesh. **(Lecture 12-14)**

Unit 5. Importance and threats to biodiversity. **(Lecture 15)**

Unit-wise Learning Outcomes

Unit No.	Learning Outcomes
01	▪ Concept of Biodiversity, Requirements of biodiversity, early and modern concepts ▪ Importance of time in relation to biodiversity abundance and loss ▪ Know about the dynasties and terminal disasters, massive extinction and current crisis ▪ Prehistoric periods of the earth by fossil evidences.
02	▪ Scientific evidences of earth's origin and its biodiversity ▪ Factors responsible for creation of biodiversity ▪ Effects of natural calamities and climate change on biodiversity ▪ How to protect precious biodiversity components from the adversity of nature
03	▪ To know about the types of biodiversity ▪ How to measure biodiversity ▪ To know about the total species number of the world and about different countries those are rich in biodiversity components and playing significant role to conserve biodiversity ▪ Biodiversity pattern in different localities of the world as well as Bangladesh
04	▪ Acquire knowledge about the causes of biodiversity loss and extinction ▪ Conservation methods of biodiversity ▪ To know about different organizations function and role in conserving biodiversity worldwide
05	▪ To acquire knowledge about the threats to biodiversity ▪ Why biodiversity is so important for our survival in this universe

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Instructional strategies/ Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question-answer
- Guided discussion
- Project discussion
- Demonstration

Assignment

Assignment on particular unit will given to the students.

Assessment

Incourse examination will be held after completion unit 1 to 3 (11 lectures)

BOT 107: Practical - 1 **Credit hour**: 3

A. General Microbiology, B. Lower Fungi and C. General Phycology

A. General Microbiology

Unit No.	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Microscopic observation of living bacteria by hanging drop method	• Observe live bacterial cells under compound microscope
2	Microscopic observation of curd bacteria by simple staining	• Observe curd bacteria under compound microscope
3	Study of nodule bacteria by simple staining	• Observe nodule forming bacteria under compound microscope
4	Isolation of air borne bacteria by exposure plate technique	• Isolate bacteria from air
5	Isolation of bacteria from garden soil by culture plate technique	• Isolate bacteria from soil
6	Preparation of subculture onto agar slants	• Prepare subculture into a slant from bacterial colony

B. Lower Fungi

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	To acquaint with the techniques for preparing temporary slides of fungal specimens for microscopic examinations	• To know how to handle the microscope.
2	Morphological studies of the non-mycelial and mycelial vegetative bodies of the fungi, fungal tissues, special	• Observe the non-mycelial and mycelial vegetative bodies of the fungi, fungal tissues, special somatic structures,

	somatic structures, asexual and sexual spores	asexual and sexual spores under compound microscope.
3	Laboratory studies of the locally available members of the Myxomycetes and fungi covered in the theory	• Observe the members of Myxomycetes and fungi under microscope.
4	Leaf and stem of Bhat (*Clerodendrum viscosum*) infected with *Synchytrium*, Leaf of *Amaranthus*/*Boerrhaavia*/ *Ipomea* (kolmi) infected with *Albugo* spp., Leaf of colocasia/potato infected with *Phytophthora*, Bud of jackfruit infected with *Rhizopus*	• To know about the different diseases caused by fungal pathogens.
5	Field trip to collect fungi and diseased plant materials	• To know how to collect the diseased sample from local area.

C. General Phycology

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Visiting Curzon Hall Campus to show some algal habitats and study of some of the representatives	• To know about the algal habitats and how to collect the algal samples from different habitats
2	Study of the genera covered in the theory with emphasis on both vegetative and reproductive structures	• To observe algal material under compound microscope and herbarium specimen. • To know the different algal habits and identify algae
3	Study of morphological forms of chloroplasts in algae	
4	Study of planktonic, benthic, terrestrial, subaerial, epiphytic, epizoic, endophytic, symbiotic, marine, brackish water and edible algae	
5	Study of lichens	• To Identify different growth forms of lichens
6	Local Excursion to show algal habitats and collection of algal samples	• To expedition of collection of algal materials from natural habitats and exploration of algal ecology

Note: During study students have to describe each genus with diagrams, mention identifying characters and classification

BOT 108: Practical - 2 **Credit hour**: 3

A. Bryophyta B. Angiosperm Taxonomy C. Biodiversity

A. Bryophyta

Units	**Title**	**Learning outcomes**
1	Observation of morphology and anatomy of the following bryophytes: *Riccia, Marchantia, Dumortiera, Plagiochasma* and *Bryum.*	• Acquire in depth practical knowledge on external and internal features and characterize and compare with others to distinguish and identify up to genus.
2	Identify the following bryophytes: *Riccia, Ricciocarpus, Anthoceros, Notothyllus*, *Barbula* and *Fissidens*	• Acquire quick identification ability of the common bryophyta found in nature.

B. Angiosperm Taxonomy

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Survey techniques of flora, plant collection and preservation of plant specimens**;** Tour to herbarium	• Students will be learn flora survey techniques both qualitative and quantitative ways and will also learn modern herbarium techniques
2	Dissecting flowers and describing floral forms and structures using scientific terms, floral formula and diagram	• Students will learn how to make plant species profile using taxonomic terms
3	Plant Identification: Using and constructing botanical keys	• Student will learn how to construct identification keys
4	Constructing phylogentic tree with hypothetical data by hand and computer program	• Students will learn how to classify plants species using modern computer tools

C. Biodiversity

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Display of specimens from the major plant groups (one example in each from algae to angiosperms), their characteristic features. Study of some fossil specimens.	Study of diversified plant groups including prokaryotic organisms to eukaryotic; including bacteria, prokaryotic to eukaryotic algae and their reproductive structures, endosymbionts, bryophytes, pteridophytes, lichens, coral reefs, gymnosperms, angiosperms, giant and endemic algae, their characterization, classification, uses and geographical distribution. Exploration of fossil evidence of the prehistoric periods of earth's origin. To be acquainted with the plants of Departmental Botanical Garden, Curzon Hall campus, D. U.
2	Plants showing some unique diversities (one representative from each category): Cyanellae, endosymbionts, lichens, littoral macrophytes, marine benthic plants and brackish water plants.	
3	Field visits. To acquaint with the major plant of Departmental Botanical Garden, Curzon Hall Capmus	

BOT 109: **Viva-voce** **Credit hour:** 2

Extra Departmental Courses

BOT. 1001: Introductory Botany Credit hour: 04

(For the Students of Department of Soil, Water and Environment and Zoology)

Introduction

This is an extra-departmental course designed for the 1st year B.S. Honors students of the Department of Zoology and Department of Soil, Water and Environment under the University of Dhaka. Since the 1st year Honors students of those departments will be requiring some basic knowledge on plants during their studies in their respective departments, the present course has been offered from the Department of Botany. Considering the style and content of the offered course on Botany, the students will be able to acquire knowledge on the classification system of the plants together with the exposure of lower and higher organisms starting from prion to bacteria and algae to angiosperms. Apart form this, the overall knowledge regarding the concept and utility of biodiversity and its conservation will also be taught to them. The students

will be able to learn the concept of the subject of ecology where forests of Bangladesh and plant's adaptive features towards various environmental factors and the flow of energy via food chains and food webs are dealt. Lessons on plant diseases their causes, symptoms and controls will be given. The students will be able to identify and learn the scientific names of plants with plant parts yielding medicines, oil, fiber and timbers. Cultivation and processing of tea will also be a part of their curriculum.

Course objectives

(a) learn the five kingdom system of classification and distinguish eu- and prokaryotes.
(b) study economic importance of lower organisms: prion, viroid, virus, bacteria, cyanobacteria, etc.
(c) know algae and phytoplankton
(d) classify and characterize fungi and lichen, know their economic importance
(e) characterize bryophytes, pteridophytes and gymnosperms and learn their habitats and economic importance
(f) study angiosperms with the salient features of three selected families
(g) know salient features of five selected genera starting from algae to gymnosperms
(h) learn different aspects of biodiversity, its conservation and role of IUCN, UNEP, MAB, WWF, etc.
(i) define ecology, ecosystem, food chain, food web and energy flow; gather knowledge on adaptive features of plants and forests of Bangladesh
(j) know – how crop plants get diseased, what are the causal organisms and how could you control disease.
(k) know scientific- and local names of 10 each of medicinal, oil, fiber and timber yielding plants of Bangladesh; how tea is cultivated and processed.

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1. Classification	Five kingdoms and their characteristics.	**2**
2. Procaryotes and others	Characteristics and economic importance of the following groups: Prion, Viroid, Rickettsia, Virus, Mycoplasma, Cyanobacteria and Bacteria.	**10**
3. Algae	Characteristics, habitat, classification - up to class according to Lee (2008) and economic importance.	**3**
4. Phytoplankton	Characteristics, classification and economic importance.	**3**
5. Fungi	Characteristics, classification - up to class according to Alexopoulos and Mims and economic importance.	**3**
6. Lichen	Characteristics, classification and economic importance.	**3**
7**. Bryophyta, Pteridophyta and Gymnosperm:**	Characteristics, habitat and economic importance.	**5**
8. Angiosperm	Characteristics, types of classification of plant kingdom, differences between monocot and dicot; salient features of Asteraceae, Fabaceae and Poaceae.	**2**
9. Salient features	*Gloeotrichia*, *Agaricus, Marchantia, Selaginella* and *Cycas*.	**2**
10. Biodiversity	Introduction, causes, types and importance of biodiversity, global status of biodiversity and mega-diversity countries of the world.	**4**
11. Conservation of biodiversity	Causes of loss of biodiversity, *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation. Role of IUCN, UNEP, MAB, Green Peace, CITES, CMC and WWF on biodiversity conservation Bureau.	**3**

12. Plant Ecology	(a) Adaptation and characteristics of hydrophytes, halophytes and xerophytes. (b) Structure and components of an ecosystem; food chain, food web, energy flow in ecosystem; (c) Forests of Bangladesh; dominant plants of mangrove and decidous forests.	**6**
13. Plant Pathology	Concept of disease in plants, causes of plant diseases; how do plant pathogens cause disease in plants, symptomatology and elementory knowledge of plant disease control. Causal organisms, symptoms and control measures of the following plant diseases: (a) Brown spot of rice (b) Late blight of potato (c) Stem rust of wheat (d) Red rot of sugarcane	**8**
14. Economic Botany	(a) Local and scientific names, parts used and importance of at least ten important medicinal, oil, fibre and timber yielding plants of Bangladesh. (b) Cultivation and processing of tea.	**6**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• gather knowledge on how five kingdom namely, archaea, protista, plantae, fungi and animalia are placed and characterized
2	• understand characteristic features and economic importance of lower organisms
3	• learn characteristics, classification and economic importance of algae
4	• learn characteristics, classification and economic importance of phytoplankton
5	• learn characteristics, classification and economic importance of fungi
6	• get to know characteristics, classification and economic importance of lichens
7	• learn characteristic features, classification, habitat and economic importance of liverworts, mosses, ferns and naked seeded plants
8	• gather knowledge on characters of angiosperms, monocot and dicots and salient features of families namely, Asteraceae, Fabaceae and Poaceae
9	• learn salient features of *Gloeotrichia*, *Agaricus*, *Marchantia*, *Selaginella* and *Cycas*
10	• update knowledge on biodiversity, causes, types importance, mega diversities
11	• learn conservation of biodiversity and know the role of several international organizations promoting biodiversity
12	• get concepts of ecology and adaptation of plants in water, saline habitat and in deserts; structure and function of ecosystem, food chains and webs, energy flow; forests and mangroves of Bangladesh
13	• learn about Plant Pathology and plant diseases, pathogens causing diseases in plants, symptoms, disease control for rice, potato, wheat and sugarcane
14	• learn scientific names, local names of medicine, oils, fiber and timber yielding plants of Bangladesh; growing processing of tea.

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question answer
- Guided discussion
- Project discussion
- Demonstration

Assingment: Students will be given assignment on particular units

Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-

Practical

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Study of diversity of habit and habitat of plants in nature.	Able to know the habitat of different plants
2	Demonstration of common algae, fungi, lichen, bryophytes, pteridophytes, gymnosperms and angiosperms.	Will be able to identify different types of plant groups
3	Study of angiosperm families: Poaceae, Asteraceae, Fabaceae and Nymphaceae.	Learn to identify different important families of angiosperms
4	Identification of economic plants and plant products.	Know the economically important plants of Bangladesh
5	Study of common hydrophytes, halophytes and xerophytes.	Learn the extreme habitat of plants with examples
6	Study of brown spot of rice, stem rust of wheat, red rot of sugarcane and tikka disease of groundnut	Will be able to know the important plant diseases of Bangladesh

Detailed curriculum outline of Second Year B.S. Honours Course
(Session: 2021-2022 Onward)

Departmental Courses	**Credit hours**
BOT 201: Higher Fungi	2
BOT 202: Gymnosperms, Paleobotany and Economic Botany	2
BOT 203: Anatomy	2
BOT 204: Fundamental Ecology	2
BOT 205: Cytology	2
BOT 206: Fundamental Plant Physiology	2
BOT 207: Fundamental Genetics	2
BOT 208: Elementary Plant Breeding	2
BOT 209: **Practical-1:** Higher Fungi, Gymnosperm, Paleobotany & Economic Botany, Anatomy, Synecology	3
BOT 210: **Practical-2:** Cytology, Fundamental Plant Physiology, Fundamental Genetics, Elementary Plant Breeding	3
BOT 211: **Viva-Voce**	2

Extra-Departmental Courses (For the Students of Botany)

BOT 212: Biostatistics	4
SOIL 002: Soil Chemistry and Soil Fertility	4
	Total = 32

Extra-Departmental Courses (For the students of Microbiology, Zoology, Geography & Environment, respectively)

BOT 2001: Genetics and Cytogenetics	4
BOT 2003: Ecology, Environment and Plants	4

BOT. 201: Higher Fungi — **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

Higher Fungi is one of the basic course in 4-years integrated BS (Hons) in Botany program. The course aims to provide the concept of higher fungi and their importance to under graduate students. General characteristics of higher fungi, their classification, details of three classes of higher fungi *viz.* Asocomycetes, Basidiomycetes and Deuteromycete and life cycle pattern of selected members of aforesaid classes has been included in this course.

Course objectives

(a) Know the differences between lower and higher fungi.
(b) Occurrence and importance of higher fungi.
(c) Habitat, nutrition, vegetative structure and special vegetative structure of higher fungi.
(d) Reproduction of higher fungi.
(e) Life cycle pattern of higher fungi.

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1**: Introduction**	Contribution of different scientists in the field of Mycology, Classification of higher fungi and Importance of Higher fungi to mankind.	**4**
2: Ascomycetes	General characteristics, classification and studies of the following groups:	8

	a) Endomycetales- with emphasis on the cell structure and life cycle patterns of the members of Saccharomycetaceae. b) Eurotiales- with emphasis on the imperfect and perfect stages of aspergilli and penicilli and their economic importance. c) Erysiphales - a discussion on the genera causing powdery mildew diseases of crop plants and their separation on the basis of cleistothecial appendages. d) Meliolales - common dark mildew fungi and their effect on host plants. e) Clavicipitales - production of ergot by *Claviceps purpurea* on rye plant and its importance.	
3: Basidiomycetes	General characteristics, classification and studies on the following groups: a) Ustilaginales - life cycle pattern, discussion on the important smut and bunt fungi and their mode of infecting host plants. b) Uredinales - life cycle patterns, heteroceism and biological specializations found amongst the members of this group. c) Aphyllophorales - moprhological and anatomical details of the basidiocarps of pore fungi and their role as wood-rotting fungi. d) Agaricales - morphological and anatomical details of the basidiocarps of agarics and boleti and their role as ecotrophic mycorrhizae; edible and poisonus mushrooms.	**12**
4: Deuteromycetes	General characteristics, classification and importance as plant pathogens.	6

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• contribution of different scientists in the field of mycology • Importance of higher fungi to mankind
2	• comparative study between lower and higher fungi. • classification of higher fungi. • habitat, structure and reproduction of Ascomycetes, • Importance of Ascomycetes
3	• basic features, structures, reproduction, classification and importance of Basidiomycetes.
4	• gateher knowledge salient features of Deuteromycetes • classification of Deuteromycetes • habitat, structure and reproduction of Deuteromycetes. • importance of Deuteromycetes.

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Instructional strategies/ Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question-answer
- Guided discussion
- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units
Assessment: Final examination, practical and viva-voce

BOT 202: Gymnosperms, Paleobotany and Economic Botany Credit hour: 2

Introduction

This course aimed at highlighting Gymnosperms, Paleobotany and Economic Botany, designed in such a way that after completion the students will be able to understand the gymnosperms, its classification, characteristics and importance. They will be familiar with importance and necessity of studying of fossil, how plant or plant parts become fossils, and the factors responsible for fossilization. In addition, the methods of determining the age of fossil will be deliberated. Plants as source of economic products with special reference to Bangladesh will be discussed focusing on medicinal plants, pulses, species, essential and fatty oil, timber and fibre. Students will be able to be acquainted with medicinal plants which are commonly used in primary health care. Cultivation and processing of tea and rubber will be discussed in detail as well as processing of sugar.

Course objectives

(a) Define and explain the characteristics of gymnosperms and distinguish them from angiosperm. Identify the gymnosperms found in Bangladesh with their precise locality
(b) Know about fossils and their significance in plant systematics and evolution
(c) Learn how plant or plant parts become a fossil and the factors responsible for fossilization
(d) Know various techniques for determination of fossil age and would be able how to analyze the fossil
(e) Learn the medicinal plants, present scenario of medicinal plants in the country, their classification, and uses for treating different ailments
(f) Know the spices and condiments used in our food-stuffs, pulses with their nutritional value, high class timbers, essential and volatile oil with their uses, and different types of fibres including the most important cotton
(g) Learn how to cultivate and process rubber and tea as well as processing of sugar

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Gymnosperms	Introduction, general characteristics, differences between Gymnosperms and Angiosperms, Classification of Gymnosperms, diagnostic characters of Cycadofilicales, Bennettitales, Cycadales, Cordaitales, Ginkgoales, Coniferales and Gnetales with examples.	**3**
2: Gymnosperms of Bangladesh	Gymnosperms commonly found in Bangladesh: Distribution and characteristic features of *Cycas* and *Gnetum*, Primitive characters of *Cycas*; Advanced characters of *Gnetum*	**2**
3: Paleobotany	Introduction and scope of Paleobotany; Definition of fossil and living fossil, Different types of fossils, Factors responsible for fossilization.	**3**
4: Processing and analysis of Fossil	Process of fossilization, Analysis of fossils, Examples of fossils from Gymnosperms, Bryophytes and Pteridophytes, Various techniques for determining the age of fossils.	**3**
5: Paleogeological era	Period and epoch mentioning its characteristic flora and events, Implication and importance of fossils.	**2**
6: Economic Botany	General knowledge of plants as source of economic products with special reference to Bangladesh. *Medicinal Plants*: Definition following WHO, Studies on medicinal plants in	**4**

	Bangladesh; Classification of medicinal plants; Scientific names, families, parts used and uses of important medicinal plants of Bangladesh.	
7: Spices, Oil and Pulse	Definition of spices and condiments; classification; scientific names, family names, parts used, uses of common spices of Bangladesh, *Oil*: defination; difference between oil and fat; classification; different types of essential oil and fatty oils with examples and uses., *Pulse*: Common pulses of Bangladesh, Scientific names, family names, characteristics, parts used, chemical composition and uses.	**4**
8: Fibre and Timber	Definition, classification, textile fibre, broom fibre, rough weaving fibre, filling fibre, natural fabrics, paper making fibre, *Timber*: scientific names, family names, parts used, uses of important timber yielding plants of Bangladesh	**4**
9: Tea, Rubber and Sugar	*Tea*: Origin, Cultivation, Processing, *Rubber*: Introduction, para-rubber, characteristics, cultivation, processing, *Sugar*: Cultivation and Processing	**5**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• will be able to identify gymnosperms in nature and capable to differentiate between gymnosperms and angiosperms. They will understand the classification and characteristic features of different orders of the naked seeded plants.
2	• the commonly found gymnosperms will come in light and the precise locality of them to be known; the details characteristic features of *Cycas* and advanced characters of *Gnetum* will shed more light on these groups.
3	• the scope of this important branch will be underlined; in-depth information on fossil, its types and factors affecting fossilization will be learnt by the students.
4	• will learn how plant or plant parts become a fossil and what the techniques by which fossils can be analyzed; they will know the examples of fossils from different groups like gymnosperms, bryophytes and pretidophytes. In addition, how the age of fossils is determined will be perceptible to them.
5	• this unit will disclose different period, epoch and era when different groups of plants appeared and became extinct, how long they lasted for, and what was the climatic condition at that time.
6	• through this Unit the students will be able to define medicinal plants scientifically following WHO, and the scenario of medicinal plants of Bangladesh and their classification. Students will be familiar with important medicinal plants of the country used for treatment of different ailments including diabetes, cancer, cardiac diseases, jaundice, dysentery & diarrhoea, gastritis, cough & cold and other common diseases, and which parts are used for these diseases.
7	• the spices and condiments used in our daily life will be highlighted with their scientific names, parts and other uses. The nutritional composition, i.e. percentage of carbohydrate, protein, water, fat, fibre, etc. along with uses of common pulses of Bangladesh will come in light. Moreover, students will learn differences between oil and fat, different types of essential oil and fatty oils with examples and uses, all of which will be useful in practical life.
8	• fibre, being a very important and indispensable plant product in our daily life, students will know their classification, from where they are obtained and uses in detail. They will also learn the best timber yielding plants of the country and the characteristics of wood of those plants.
9	• the outcome of this Unit includes acquaintance of origin, cultivation and processing of tea; how rubber is cultivated and processed from latex and how it can have positive impact in our life; and what is the cultivation procedure of sugarcane and sugar is

	processed. Going through this Unit hands-on knowledge will be gained on these very important products which could be applied in practical life.

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question-answer
- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units
Assessment: In-course examination, final examination, assignment, practical and viva-voce.

BOT 203: Plant Anatomy **Credit hour**: 02

Introduction

A course in BS (Hons) in Botany curriculum which is targeted to give up to date knowledge on plant anatomy and cell biology to the 2nd year students of the 4-year honors course. The course covers detailed discussion on cell types and structures, tissue systems, and anatomical structures of stem, root and wood. The study of aforementioned topics will help students to understand the structures and function of plants from cell level to organism level. Moreover, this course offers basic knowledge on plant anatomy which is necessary of better understanding in 300/400 level courses i.e., physiology, breeding taxonomy, ecology, etc.

Course objectives:

(a) familiarize students with various types of cells
(b) introduce different types of tissues and tissue systems
(c) explain structures and growth in different stem, root and leaf
(d) study internal structures of studied plants
(e) provide necessary theoretical knowledge to develop skills (section and stain of fresh plant material in practical study)
(f) grow interests among students for acquiring advanced knowledge in plant anatomy

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Introduction	Different cell types and tissue systems.	**5**
2: Cell wall	Chemical and physical nature and its origin, structure and function.	**3**
3: Meristem	Origin, classification, structure and function. The role of meristem in organization of plant body.	**2**
4: Vascular tissue	Vascular tissue systems and their functions.	**2**
5: Primary structure	Primary structure of monocot and dicot root and stem; dorsiventral and isobilateral leaf.	**3**
6: Secondary	Normal and anomalous secondary growth in dicto root and stem.	**3**

growth		
7: Root stem transition	Root stem transition	**1**
8: Secretory tissue	Important secretary structures and their characteristics and function	**2**
9: Protective tissue:	Origin, function and structures and development of periderm and related tissue	**2**
10: Mechanical tissue	Types and characteristics	**2**
11: Wood anatomy	Physical and chemical nature of wood. Identifying procedures of transverse, tangential and radial sections.	**3**
12: **Internal Structures of wood**	*Tectona grandis, Artocarpus heteropjylla, Bombax ceiba, Magnolia grandiflora*.	**2**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• Learn basic structures and functions of different types of cells
2	• Understand structural components of plant cell walls and membranes
3	• Describe the mechanism of growth and development in plant organs
4	• Explain mineral and water transportation in different t part of plants
5	• Discuss the difference between monocot and dicot plants in organ level
6	• Outline and describe the process of secondary growth in root and stem
7	• Learn root stem transition process and location
8	• List and categorize the anatomy of internal and external secretory structures
9	• Summarize the formation of protective layers
10	• Explain mechanical balance in plants
11	• Identify and analyze wood structure
12	• Characterization of wood quality
13	• Design, carry out, and present a laboratory study in plant anatomy

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- class lecture using black board/white board
- Question answer
- Practical demonstration
- Group discussion

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units

Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-3.

BOT 204: Fundamental Ecology **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

Ecology is a multidisciplinary synthetic branch of biology that embraces disciplines mainly of taxonomy, physiology, genetics and evolution. It deals with the study of adaptation, distribution and abundance of organisms. It studies interactions between and among species as well as communities. Understanding the nature, structure and functions of the complex ecological communities and processes is important for sustainable use, conservation and management of the biological resources. The course 'Fundamental Ecology' focuses on the aspects of definition and origin of the discipline, adaptation, biotic interaction, population and community organizations, phytogeography, succession of plant communities, nutrient cycling, ecosystem structure and functions, distribution and diversity of forests and methods for studying vegetation.

Specific objectives:

The specific objectives of the course are to teach students basic knowledge of ecological processes, adaptation, phytogeography, biogeochemical cycling of nutrients, structure and functions of ecosystems, community organization and succession of communities. The course also aims to teach students types and current status of forests in Bangladesh and how to conduct vegetation survey and how to apply statistics on analyzing vegetation data.

Course contents, unit-wise learning outcomes, number of lectures per unit

Sl.	Unit	Subtitle	Unit-wise learning outcomes	Lecture
1	Introduction	• History and definition of ecology • Sub-divisions of ecology • Scope of ecology	This unit will give students basic idea about the discipline of Ecology	2
2	Adaptation of plants	• Definition and types of adaptation • Adaptive features of hydrophytes, xerophytes and halophytes • Resource allocation • Classification of life history patterns • r- and *K*-selection	This unit will give students broad knowledge about the adaptation mechanisms of plants	4
3	Ecosystem	• Definition of ecosystem • Structure and components of ecosystems • Classification of ecosystem • Dynamics of ecosystem with reference to nutrient and energy flow • Food chain and food web • Ecological pyramid • Soil food web (top down and bottom up regulation) • Causes of biodiversity • Links between biodiversity and ecosystem function	Students will learn about the structure and function of the ecosystems and gain knowledge about the underlying factors of global biodiversity	3
4	Population ecology	• Introduction • Performance structure • Spatial structure • Age structure • Genetic structure • Population dynamics	Students will learn about the plant demography and their spatial structure an dynamics as well	2
5	Community ecology	• Introduction • Definition of community • The niche concept • Evenness and relative abundance • Physical structure • Dynamics of plant communities	Students will gain knowledge about community organization and also know how to classify plant communities	2
6	Plant succession	• Definition and types of succession • Causes of succession • Climax concept of succession • Sere, hydrosere and xerosere • Models of succession	Students will gain knowledge about the ecological succession of plants	2
7	Vegetation ecology and	• Definition of vegetation • Classification of vegetation	Students will learn about the techniques of vegetation survey	4

	methods of studying vegetation	• Life form classes and biological spectrum • Characters of vegetation (Qualitative and quantitative) • Methods for analysis of vegetation	as well as gain knowledge about the plant community structure	
8	Forest Ecology	• Definition of forests, classification of major forests • Introduction to the forests of Bangladesh • Description of evergreen/semi-evergreen, deciduous, mangrove and fresh water swamp forests of Bangladesh: ecological adaptation, soil/water condition, and dominant plant species.	Students will learn about the diversity and ecology of the forest plants of Bangladesh	2
9	Biogeochemical cycles	• Definition, types and significance of biogeochemical cycle • Water cycle • Gaseous (carbon cycle) • Sedimentary (phosphorus) cycle • Dynamics of nutrient cycling and interactions of biogeochemical cycles	Students will learn about the nature and functions of the nutrient cycles on Earth	2
10	Phytogeography	• Definition of phytogeography • Causes of geographical distribution of plants • Brief account of phytogeographical regions of the world, and Indian Sub-continent • Interactions among Floristic plant geography, Taxonomy and Geology • Ecological plant geography	This unit will give students idea about the distribution of the vegetation and the factors that regulate them	2
11	Land use types	• Classification of land by climate, vegetation and land use • Ecological impacts of land use change	Students will learn about the distribution of land and plant resources across the world	2
12	Sampling	• Definition and types of sampling • Tests of comparison • Application of quadrat measures.	Students will learn the sampling techniques for vegetation analysis	2

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Instructional strategies and Learning experiences:

- Class lecture using black board/white board/multimedia projector
- Question/answer
- Guided discussion
- Practical demonstration
- Field visits/Study tour

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on selected topics.

Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken on selected Lectures. Term-Final examination will be held after completing the course contents.

BOT 205: Cytology **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

This is a basic course in 4 -years integrated BS (Hons) in Botany program. It will be very helpful to the students for developing clear knowledge about the origin, structure, chemical composition and functions of different types of cell and cellular organelle. In addition, the students will get detail information regarding cell cycle and cell division.

Course objectives

(a) Define and explain cell, Cell concept, Cell cycle, amitosis, mitosis, meiosis and their biological significance,
(b) Get clear idea about the origin, structure, chemical composition and functions of different types of cell and cellular organelles
(c) Explain the nature of different special types of chromosomes

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Introduction to Cytology	Introduction, cell, cell concept and primitive cell.	**1**
2: History	A brief history of cytology, PPLO-Discovery	**1**
3: Prokaryotic cell	Characteristics, physical and chemical structure, life cycle and importance.	**1**
4: Eukaryotic cell	Ultrastructure of a generalized plant and animal cell. Differences between: (i) prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells, (ii) plant and animal cells.	**1**
5: Cell wall	Kinds, ultrastructure, chemical composition and function.	**2**
6: Cell membrane	Origin, structure (fluid mosaic model), specialized structure, chemical structure and function.	**2**
7: Mitochondria	Discovery, distribution, morphology, ultrastructure, chemical composition and function.	**2**
8: Chloroplasts	Classification, chloroplast- discovery, distribution, morphology (shape, size, number), ultrastructure, chemical composition, quantosome concept and function.	**2**
9: Ribosome	Discovery, distribution, ultrastructure, kinds based on S-value, chemical composition, biogenesis and function.	**1**
10: Endoplasmic reticulum:	Discovery, origin, distribution, kinds, ultra structure, chemical composition and function.	**1**
11: Golgi complex	Discovery, origin, occurrence, distribution, ultra structure, chemical composition and function.	**1**
12: Lysosome	Discovery, origin, occurrence, kinds, ultrastructure, chemical composition and function.	**1**
13: Cytotubules	Discovery, distribution and function.	**1**
14: Nucleus	Discovery, morphology, nucleo-cytoplasmic index, ultra structure: nuclear membrane, nuclear pore, nuclear bleb, nucleoplasm, chromatin net, chromocenters, chromosomes and nucleolus.	**2**
15: Nucleolus	Discovery, distribution, number, origin, ultrastructure, chemical composition and functions.	**1**
16: Cell division	Cell cycle, amitosis, mitosis, meiosis and their biological significance.	**5**

17: Special type of chromosomes	(a) **Polytene chromosomes**: Discovery, occurrence, origin, ultra structure, chemical composition and function. (b) **Lamp brush chromosomes**: Discovery, occurrence, origin, ultrastructure, chemical composition, functions, differences and similarities between polytene and lampbrush chromosomes. (c) **B-chromosomes**: Discovery, occurrence, origin, number, features, morphology and function. (5)	**5**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• will get clear idea about cell, cell concept and primitive cell.
2	• will gather knowledge about brief history of cytology.
3	• will learn about chemical and physical structure of prokaryotic cell, life cycle and importance of prokaryotic cell.
4	• will obtain clear knowledge about ultrastructure of a generalized plant and animal cell, able to differentiate eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells.
5	• will get idea about ultrastructure of cell wall, chemical composition and function.
6	• will able to describe fluid mosaic model, origin, structure and function of cell membrane.
7	• will obtain brief idea about ultrastructure, morphology, chemical composition and function of mitochondria.
8	• will able to classify plastid and describe the distribution, morphology, chemical and physical structure of plastids.
9	• will get clear knowledge about structure and function of ribosome and able to classify ribosomes based on S-value.
10	• will obtain brief idea about discovery, origin, occurrence, distribution and function of endoplasmic reticulum.
11	• will obtain knowledge about discovery, origin, occurrence, distribution and function of golgi complex.
12	• Get clear knowledge about origin, distribution, structure and function of lysosome and able to classify lysosome.
13	• Learn about the ultrastructure and function of cytotubules and also know how it is distributed throughout the cell.
14	• gather brief knowledge about the discovery, morphology, ultrastructure and function of nucleus and also get clear idea about all the parts of nucleus.
15	• will obtain knowledge about discovery, origin, occurrence, distribution and function of nucleolus.
16	• will gather a brief and clear knowledge about all kinds of cell divisions.
17	• will learn about different special types of chromosomes. They also get clear knowledge about the distribution, origin, feature, morphology and biological significance of these special types of chromosomes.

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question answer
- Guided discussion

- Project discussion
- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units

Assessment: In-course examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-8.

BOT 206: Fundamental Plant Physiology **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

This is a basic course in 4 –years integrated BS (Hons) in Botany program. It is structured in a way that the students develop clear understanding of plant physiology with special reference to the concept of water relations, water absorption and translocation in plants, transpiration, photosynthesis and respiration. Students also understand about photoperiodism, vernalization, physiology of seed, the reasons for seed dormancy and ways to overcome it through various artificial methods.

Course objectives

(a) Explain principles governing water movement into and inside of plants and finally how excess water evaporates from plants
(b) Describe how green plants trap sun light and convert it into chemical energy to manufacture their own food
(c) Distinguish how lower and higher groups of plants obtains energy in the form of ATP through respiration
(d) Correlate the connection between external factors viz. relative day and night length, low temperature etc. and the flowering of plants.
(e) Tell different changes accompanying seed germination.
(f) Find out the reasons for seed dormancy and also be able to solve the problem

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Water relations in plants	Water properties, principles of water movement in plants, water potential (Ψw), soil-plant-atmosphere continuum, movement of the xylem sap and Ψp, plasmolysis, imbibition, colloids.	**4**
2: Absorption and translocation of water	Mechanism of active and passive absorption, external factors affecting absorption of water, relative importance of active and passive absorption, translocation of water, path and mechanism of translocation of water, different theories with special emphasis on the role of transpiration pull and cohesion of water.	**4**
3: Transpiration	Types of transpiration, mechanism of opening and closing of stomata, significance of transpiration.	**2**
4: Photosynthesis	Light reaction, action of light, photophosphorylation, dark reaction or chemical reaction, assimilation of CO_2, Calvin cycle, factors affecting photosynthesis.	**4**
5: Respiration	Introduction, aerobic respiration, glycolysis, pyruvate to acetyl CoA formation, TCA cycle, electron transport system, respiratory quotient, anaerobic respiration-fermentation with special reference to alcohol and lactic acid fermentation.	**4**
6: Photoperiodism	Brief history, classification, photoperiodic induction, importance of dark period, perception of photoperiodic stimulus, transmission of stimulus, presence of floral hormone, components of floral stimulus, role of phytochrome in flowering.	**3**
7: Vernalization	Brief history, vernalization and flowering, site of perception of vernalization, devarnalization, mechanism of vernalization-phasic	**3**

	development theory and hormonal theories, gibberellin and the flowering response.	
8: Physiology of seed	Seed structure and development, viability of seeds, germination process and types of germination, conditions necessary for germination, physiological, biochemical and other changes accompanying seed germination.	**3**
9: Dormancy of seed	Causes of seed dormancy, methods of breaking seed dormancy, advantage of dormancy of seed, secondary dormancy of seeds.	**3**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• explain the mechanisms of xylem and phloem sap movements in plants and some life related phenomena.
2	• describe how water is absorbed from soil by root and then is translocated to the top of the plant.
3	• tell how plant releases its excess water.
4	• Interpret how green plants trap sunlight and manufacture their own food.
5	• describe how plants obtain their energy.
6	• elucidate the day's and night's influence on flowering of plants.
7	• explain the role of low temperature in plant's flowering.
8	• tell different changes accompanying seed germination.
9	• gain knowledge to identify different reasons for seed dormancy and adopt measures to break the dormancy.

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question answer
- Guided discussion
- Project discussion
- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units
Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-4.

BOT 207: Fundamental Genetics **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

Genetics is an area of science that is advancing perhaps more rapidly than any other, with each advancement offering us a fresh insight into biological science. It is a relatively young science but one that has had an immeasurable effect upon biological study. The potential of genetic research in many areas of life, from plant to animal, is overwhelming. Covering all the fundamental facets of genetics, including the biological construction of genes and how they work, how dominant and recessive genes influence the inheritance of particular inherited traits, and the importance of chromosomes, this course will provide you with an introduction to the scientific subject that has taught us the most about the

origins of life. This course provides an ideal stepping stone to understand the principles of genetics with application to the study of biological function at the level of molecules, cells, and multicellular organisms, including plants and humans. The topics include: basic terms, principles, and research methods used in the study of genetics, Mendelian inheritance to exceptions, biological variation resulting from recombination, mutation, and selection, population genetics, use of genetic methods for sex determination. Students will discover the principles of heredity from its basic principles to the most recent advances in the field and learn how they can map genes, analyze the linkage and understand their function.

Course objectives

(a) Understand the principles and concepts of Genetics.
(b) Apply the principles of inheritance as formulated by Mendel.
(c) Apply the principles of extensions to Mendelian inheritance, including multiple allelism, lethal alleles, gene interactions, and sex-linked transmission.
(d) Understand how Mendelian genetics can be improvised in plant breeding research.
(e) Analyze genetic data using statistical procedures.
(f) Deduce the relationship between genetic, physical, and cytogenetic maps.
(g) Understand the nuclear and cytoplasmic inheritance pattern.
(h) Apply the Hardy-Weinberg Law in analyzing population genetics for gene frequency, sex linkage, equilibrium, and heterozygote frequency

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Mendelian inheritance	(a) Historical background of Genetics (b) Life of Gregor Johann Mendel, his experiments and achievements; reasons of Mendel's success (c) Monohybrid, dihybrid and trihybrid inheritance, (d) back cross and test cross, (e) Probability in Mendelian inheritance, Chi-square test.	**2**
2: Exceptions of Mendelism	a)1st law-(i) Incomplete dominance, (ii) Co-dominance, (iii) Lethal gene, (b) 2nd Law-(i) Single recessive epistasis (9:3:4), (ii) Duplicate recessive epistasis (9:7), (iii) Single dominant epistasis-cumulative effect of duplicate genes (9:6:1), (iv) Duplicate gene-one incomplete dominance (12:3:1), (v) Pleiotropism.	**4**
3: Multiple allele and pseudoallele	(i) Definition, characteristics, and examples: ABO blood type alleles and Rh factor alleles in humans, self –incompatibility alleles in plants, eye-colour in *Drosophila* and coat colour in rabbit, (ii) Significance of multiple alleles.	**2**
4: Linkage and recombination	(a) Discovery of Linkage: autosomal and sex, (b) Linkage maps and Linkage detection, genetic interference and coincidence.	**4**
5: Gene and environment	(a) Effect of environmental factors on the genotype and phenotype of organisms, (b) Phenocopy.	**2**
6: Sex determination	(a) Different methods with examples- (i) XX-XO type, (ii) XX-XY type, (iii) ZZ-ZW type, (iv) X-Y type, (b) Balance concept of sex determination in *Drosophila* (c) Y chromosome and sex determination in mammals, (d) Sex-limited, sex-linked and sex-influenced traits.	**4**
7: Quantitative inheritance	Qualitative versus quantative traits; multiple factor hypothesis; kernel colour in wheat, skin colour in human, corolla length in *Nicotiana longiflora*; polygenic inheritance and continuous variation.	**3**
8 Cytoplasmic inheritance	Nuclear versus cytoplasmic inheritance; (a) Extranuclear inheritance in eukaryotes, maternal effects (b) Extranuclear inheritance by cytoplasmic organelles; chloroplast and mitochondria, plastid inheritance- variegation in plants, inheritance in *Mirabilis jalapa*, iojop inheritance in corn.	**2**

9 Genetic constitution of a population	Gene pool and gene frequencies, equilibrium of gene frequencies and Hardy-Weinberg law; Changes in gene frequencies under mutation, migration, selection and genetic drift.	**3**
Review	Review of course contents and discussion on problem set assignment.	**2**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• explain Mendel's Principles of Segregation and Independent Assortment • describe the chromosomal basis of inheritance • evaluate the validity of research results by Probability analysis
2	• describe non-Mendelian inheritance • explain the influence of dominant and recessive genes in the inheritance of particular inherited traits
3	• understand the term multiple alleles and pseudo alleles. • explain the role of multiple and pseudo alleles behind Human blood typing, self-incompatibilty in plants etc.
4	• explain the effect of crossing-over on the inheritance of genes in linkage groups • construction of the genetic map of genes on chromosomes. • detect linkage and determine the genetic distance and interferences
5	• explain how the environmental factors regulate genotype and phenotype of the organism • understand genomic imprinting and genotype-environment interaction. • explain the Broad-Sense Heritability equation.
6	• distinguish between sex chromosomes and autosomes. • explain the role of sex chromosomes in sex determination. • describe how an X or Y-linked gene affects the inheritance of traits.
7	• understand the inheritance of polygenic traits and how it is influenced by multiple genetic factors and environmental factors • know what a quantitative vs. a categorical trait is • explain Multiple factor hypothesis • explain of genetic factors affect Quantitative traits (Additive gene action, dominant gene action and Epistatic gene action).
8	• understand the cytoplasmic inheritance and how it differs from nuclear inheritance • know the structure and endosymbiotic origin of mitochondria and chloroplasts • understand the various patterns of inheritance associated with extra nuclear genomes • understand the process of epigenetic inheritance • understand how maternal effect influences the phenotype of the offspring and the molecular basis of this pattern of inheritance.
9	• define the terms population, species, allelic and genotypic frequencies, gene pool, and fixed allele, genetic drift, bottle-neck effect, founder effect • what is the Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium and what are its conditions • use the Hardy-Weinberg principle to explain when microevolution occurs • explain how mutations, gene flow, nonrandom mating, genetic drift, and natural selection contribute to the process of microevolution • calculate genotypic and allelic frequencies from a given population • name different kinds of natural selection, and with example discuss the effect of each on a population.

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Lectures with harmonized power point presentation on the Unit followed by interactive question-answer
- Group discussion
- Problem set assignments on each Unit

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units

Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-4.

BOT 208: Elementary Plant Breeding **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

This is a basic course in 4 years BS (Hons) in Botany, structured in a way that after completion the students will be able to understand the concept and activities of plant breeding, its nature and relation with other branches of sciences, the necessity of studying the reproductive biology of crop plants. The methods of crop improvement will be discussed with detailed field techniques, their merits and limitations following the procedure of releasing improved variety from laboratory to the farmer. Finally, the concepts of origin of cultivated crops will also be discussed.

Course objectives

(a) Define and explain the concept, activities and nature of plant breeding
(b) Know the relation of plant breeding with other branches of sciences
(c) Learn the field techniques various methods of crop improvement
(d) Learn the necessity of following plant quarantine rules.
(e) Know the process of release of improve variety from lab to Farmer
(f) Know the origin of cultivated crops

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1	Definition, activities, nature, aims and objectives of plant breeding Relation with other branches of biology, e.g. genetics, cytogenetics, plant physiology, plant pathology, entomology, microbiology, taxonomy, biometry, etc.	**6**
2	a) Reproductive biology in crop plants: methods and mode of reproduction, fertility and incompatibility relationship. Different methods of crop improvement. Selection, Hybridization, Plant Introduction and Acclimatization, Mutation breeding, Plant Biotechnology brief discussion, In-course examination.	**6**
3	b) Selection methods in self- and cross-pollinated crops and clonal selection in vegetatively propagated plants. Hybridization: Historical backgrounds, hybridization with related and distantly related crops, back-cross breeding. Plant introduction and acclimatization of economically important crops. Mutation breeding: History, spontaneous vs induced mutations, effects of mutation on survival, mutagens, mechanism of action mutagens, procedure of mutation breeding, application and limitations of mutation breeding.	**14**
4	Release of an improved variety from laboratory to the farmers. Concepts of centre of origin of cultivated crops.	4

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes

1	• know the definition, activities and nature of plant breeding. • learn the aims & objectives of plant breeding. • know the relationship of other branches of sciences with plant breeding
2	• learn the crops plants breeding system in relation to plant breeding activities. • briefly know the different methods of crop improvement with their merits and demerits.
3	• learn about the detailed methodologies of field techniques of the following crops improvement methods. Selection, Hybridization, Plant introduction & acclimatization and Mutation breeding.
4	• know the procedure of release of an improved variety developed in the laboratory. • know the different centers of origin of cultivated crops.

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question answer
- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units
Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-2.

BOT 209: Practical -1 **Credit hour**: 3

A. Higher Fungi B. Gymnosperm Paleobotany and Economic Botany
C. Anatomy D. Fundamental Ecology

A. Higher Fungi

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Laboratory studies of the locally available members of fungi covered in theory: *Aspergillus niger, Penicilium* sp., *Oidium* sp., *Cercospora* sp., *Alternaria* sp. *Curvularia* sp., *Colletotrichum* sp., *Macrophomina phaseolina, Botryodiplodia theobromae, Sclerotium rolfsii, Agaricus* sp., *Pleuretus* sp., *Ganoderma* sp., *Polyporus* sp., *Ustilago tritici, Ustilago hordei*. Rust fungi.	• Know the structure of different fungi covered in theory. Study the selected fungi in nature.
2	Techniques of growing fungi on culture media	• Isolation of fungal organisms from diseased plant parts following blotter and tissue planting methods.

B. Gymnosperm, Paleobotany and Economic Botany

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Morphology and anatomy of *Cycas* and *Pinus* leaflet	• Learn the external and internal morphology of gymnosperms, particularly *Cycas* and *Pinus* leaf and understand the anatomical xerophytic characters of these plants.
2	Identification of fossils	• Students will be able to identify different types of fossils.
3	Identification of medicinal plants in the field	• Students will be able to identify the important medicinal plants in the field in and around Dhaka University compound.
4	Studies on economically important plants and plant products including their commercial names, scientific names, family names, parts used and uses	• Understand the economically important plants and plant products, their commercial names, parts used and different uses of those plants.

C. Anatomy

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Maceration technique and study of different cell types.	Variable characteristics features of main different types of plant cells e.g. parenchyma, collenchyma, sclerenchyma, simple and complex types of cells will be studied using differential staining and light microscopy.
2	Primary growth: Transverse section of dicot and monocot stem.	Organization of different types of cells and tissue within stem of both dicot and monocot plants through transverse section will make students familiar with the primary structure during development.
3	Anatomy of leaf: Transverse section of dorsiventral and isobilateral leaf.	Students will be acquainted with different tissue types and their arrangement in the most important organ of plant i.e. leaf from both dicot and monocot species.
4	Secondary growth: Jute, *Boerhaavia* and *Dracaena* stem.	With different types of plant specimen students will acquire knowledge on how structurally plants are designed for their secondary growth to gain thickness.
5	Wood anatomy: Transverse, radial and tangential sections of *Tectona*, *Artocarpus*, *Bombax* and *Magnolia*.	Cellular structure and composition of different kinds of wood will give insight about their developmental characteristics as well as economic value.

D. Fundamental Ecology

Sl. No.	Topic	Lecture	Learning outcomes
1	Maintain field note book to study the seasonal variation of plant species and their habitats in and around Dhaka city	1	• Understand natural vegetation as well as the components and functions of the ecosystems • Understand how to analyze/ survey vegetation • Learn how to study adaptation of plants • Know how to analyze environmental factors (e.g. water quality etc.)
2	Morphological and anatomical studies of hydrophytes and xerophytes	1	
3	Study of common hydrophytes and xerophytes of Bangladesh	1	
4	Determination of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) in aquatic habitat	1	

5	Vegetation survey: Determine the frequency, density, abundance and Importance Value Index (IVI) of the different species of the plant community	1	• Learn application of computer software for multivariate analysis of biotic community
6	Application of computer software in community analysis	1	
7	Local excursions to study wetland and dry land habitat species; sun and shade habitat species	1	

BOT 210: Practical -2 Credit hour: 3

E. Cytology B. Fundamental Plant Physiology G. Fundamental Genetics
H. Elementary Plant Breeding

E. Cytology

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Study and handling of simple and compound microscopes.	• This unit will help the students to develop expertise in using simple and compound microscopes to study microscope slides containing course-relevant materials.
2	Preparation of cytological stains such as acetocarmine and aceto-orcein.	• After attentive response of this unit, students will be able to prepare some stains that frequently used in cytological studies.
3	Study of cell types such as leaf epidermal cells, root cells, pollen mother cells, pollen grain, stamenal hair, bast- fibre (phloem fibre) cells.	• This unit will enable the students to understand and identify several types of cell.
4	Preparation of temporary slide to study mitosis in onion root tip cells by aceto-orecin squash method.	• This unit will help the students to learn basic techniques of temporary slide preparation with different stages of mitotic cell division.
5	Study of permanent slides and photomicrographs of mitotic cell division.	• Upon successful completion of this unit, students will be able to identify different stages of mitotic cell division with the help of photographs and permanent slides.

F. Fundamental Plant Physiology

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Chlorophyll is essential for photosynthesis	• Develop skill to demonstrate chlorophyll's essentialiality for photosynthesis
2	Evolution of oxygen during photosynthesis	• Demonstrate evolution of oxygen during photosynthesis
3	Demonstration of Osmosis with potatosmoscope	• Demonstrate osmosis in living plants
4	Demonstration of the stomatal transpiration by four leaves method	• Demonstrate stomatal transpiration in leaves
5	Evolution of heat during respiration	• Use Dewar flask to show heat evolution during respiration
6	Separation of leaf pigments by paper chromatography	• Show skill to use the qualitative and quantitative analytical methods to separate and determine leaf pigments

G. Fundamental Genetics

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Solving the problems related to Mendelian inheritance	• Explain the inheritance pattern of traits where two or more than two alleles for the trait exist.
2	Verification of various monohybrid and dihybrid ratios by Chi-square and goodness of fit tests.	• Understand the segregation pattern of monohybrid and dihybrid ratios by Chi-square and verify it by goodness of fit tests.
3	Problems related to various types of alleles, gene interactions, linkage and crossing over.	• Explain the effect of crossing-over on the inheritance of genes in linkage groups.
4	Studies on the quantitative variations in available plant materials and segregating populations	• Perform statistical analysis of population genetic data, summarize and interpret the outcomes in written and oral form
5	Estimation of allelic and gene frequencies using data obtained from various populations.	• Calculate the genetic variability parameters including allelic and gene frequencies from various population.

H. Elementary Plant Breeding

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Test of pollen grain fertility	• Students will learn how to test pollen grain fertility using nuclear stains
2	Study of floral biology in different plant species	• Know the reproductive biology of the selected crops plants, namely, flower structure including position and number of anthers, their morphology, anthesis time, etc.
3	Hybridization techniques in available economically important plants	• Students will learn how to select parents for hybridization including selfing of parents, hand emasculation tagging, bagging, pollination and proper record keeping.
4	Test of seed germination in clay pots and in the field conditions	• Students will know how to prepare pots and fields for sowing seeds and record the rate of seed germination.
5	Collection and preservation of germplasm of different crops	• Students will know the techniques of collection and preservation of different economically important germplasm of agricultural importance
6	Multiple alignments of selected sequences	• Able to identify conserve regions of DNA or protein sequences. They can also design degenerate primers from multiple alignment of peptide sequences and finding phylogenetic relationship.

BOT. 211: Viva-Voce Credit hour: 02

Extra Departmental Courses

BOT. 212: Biostatistics Credit hour: 04

(For the Students of Department of Botany)

Introduction

Biostatistics is the branch of statistics concerned with mathematical facts and data related to biological events. Moreover, biostatistics is the application of statistics to a wide range of topics covering almost all branches of biology. Biostatistical modeling forms an important part of numerous modern biological theories. Since its beginning the science of genetics used statistical concepts to understand observed experimental results. Using the tools of statistics, biostatisticians help answer pressing research questions in various branches of biology. This course is designed to provide the students the knowledge, skill and understanding on the collection, summarization, analysis and interpretation of results and findings from scientific investigations

Course objectives

(a) To understand the basic principles and concepts of biostatistics.
(b) To enhance students' learning capacity on data collection, data summarization and analysis to obtain desired output.
(c) To make students familiar with various statistical tools and techniques for performing various statistical investigations in solving various problems.
(d) To make students familiar in developing statistical hypothesis for various specific investigations.
(e) To introduce the students to process and techniques in identifying areas of experimentation and investigations.

Course contents

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Definition and scope of biostatistics	Variables, random variables, discrete and continuous variables, population, samples, random samples, statistic and parameter.	**02**
2: Organization and presentation of data	Qualitative and quantitative data, frequency distribution. Tabulation and graphical presentation, histogram, frequency polygon, bar diagram, pie chart, scatter diagram.	**03**
3: Types of distributions	Symmetrical and asymmetrical distributions, skewness and kurtosis	**02**
4: Measures of central value and dispersion	Mean, mode, median; measures of dispersion, range, mean deviation, variance, standard deviation, standard error, coefficient of variation, confidence limit.	**04**

5: Probability	Concept of probability, some elementary probability, probability rules. Probability distributions: normal, binomial and poisson distributions and their applications.	**02**
6: Test of significance	Hypothesis testing, null hypothesis, alternative hypothesis, level of significance.	**01**
7: Comparison of two means	Student's t-test, unpaired and paired t-test, t-test for large and small samples.	**03**
8: Chi-square test	Goodness of fit test, test of independence, test of homogeneity, association of attributes, 2 x 2 contingency table.	**03**
9: Interrelationships of quantitative variables	Correlation, correlation coefficient; linear regression: regression coefficient, regression equation	**03**
10: Analysis of variance:	One way and two-way classifications of variance, comparison of three or more samples, F-test, significance test for F.	**03**
11: Experimental design	Concepts of experimental design, experiment, experimental unit, treatment, principles of experimental design, analysis of variance for completely randomized design (CRD), randomized block design (RBD) and Latin square design.	**04**
12: Multiple comparisons	Least significant difference (LSD) test, Duncan's multiple range test (DMRT).	**02**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• Know the importance of biostatistics in various branches of biological sciences. • Know the different types of variables including random variables, nature of discrete and continuous variables. • Know the genetic nature of qualitative and quantitative variables. • Know the concept of population, sample and random samples.
2	• Know the various ways of presentation of qualitative and quantitative data, • Know the techniques of summarization and tabulation of data, various graphical presentation of qualitative and quantitative data,
3	• Know the nature of distribution, symmetrical and asymmetrical distributions. • Know the significance of symmetrical and asymmetrical distributions. • Know the nature of skewness and kurtosis.
4	• Know the various measures of central value including mean, mode and median. • Know the various measures of dispersion including range, mean deviation, variance, standard deviation, standard error and coefficient of variation.

	• Know the significance of estimating variance for biological materials. • Know the significance of estimating confidence limit.
5	• Know the concept of probability, probability rules applicable for biological materials • Know Probability distributions: normal, binomial and poisson distributions and their applications
6	• Know the concept of hypothesis and hypothesis testing. • Know the application of null and alternative hypothesis for statistical tests. • Know the method of finding out probability levels in various statistical significance tests.
7	• Know the methods of comparison of means from two populations and samples. • Know the methods of t-test for unpaired and paired samples. • Know the method for t-test large and small samples. • Know the significance of t-test in biological materials
8	• Know concept and importance of Chi-square test. • Know goodness of fit test, test of independence, test of homogeneity. • Know the idea of association of attributes and application of contingency table.
9	• regression coefficient, regression equation • Know the concept interrelationships of quantitative variables. • Know the method of estimating correlation and correlation coefficient, preparation of scatter diagrams and test of significance of correlation coefficient. • Know the technique of estimation linear regression, development of regression equation, preparation of regression line and significance test for regression.
10	• Know the methods for comparison of three or more samples, F-test, significance of F-test in biological investigations.
11	• Know the concepts and principles of experimental design. • Know the types of experimental design used in various biological investigations including completely randomized design (CRD), randomized block design (RBD) and Latin square design. • Know the methods of analysis of variance following different experimental designs, variance ratio test and interpretation of obtained results.
12	• Know the concepts for multiple comparisons of treatments following F-test. • Know the methods used for multiple comparison using Least significance difference test (LSD), Duncans's multiple range test (DMRT),

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Instructional strategies/ Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by Question-answer
- Group discussion
- Project discussion
- Practical demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular unit.

Assessment: Incourse examination will be held after completion unit 1 to 5.

Practical

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Acquisition of random samples from a population, recording of data about continuous variables. Presentation of qualitative and quantitative data	• Students will learn the techniques of collecting random samples from small and large populations. • Students will learn the process of summarizing and presenting qualitative and quantitative data using frequency distribution, frequency curve, bar graph, histogram, frequency polygon etc.
2	Analysis of data with the help of scientific pocket- and desk top electronic calculators.	• Students will learn the technique of analyzing various collected data using scientific calculators.
3	Estimation of central value and dispersion using various samples and populations.	• Students will carry out experiments to estimate central value from various large and small samples. • Students will also perform experiments to estimate the various measures of dispersion including variance, standard deviation, standard error, coefficient of variation.
4	Comparison of two samples and populations through t-test	• Learn the technique of for the comparison of means from two small and large samples using t-test
5	Chi-square test for goodness of fit, test of independence and test of homogeneity.	• Perform chi-square test to estimate goodness of fit, to test the fix ratio hypothesis, as well as to test the heterogeneity and homogeneity of various materials.
6	Estimation of correlation coefficient, preparation of scatter diagram, test of significance for correlation coefficient.	• Learn to estimate correlation coefficient and to test its significance. • Learn to prepare scatter diagram to represent correlation between variables,
7	Estimation of regression coefficient from various experiments and their interpretations.	• Students will estimate regression coefficient from experimental materials, develop regression equation, preparation of regression line and significance test for regression.
8	Comparison of three or more samples through F-test.	• Students will learn to carry out experiments for the comparison of three or more samples through F-test. • They will learn the technique in interpreting the results obtained from the variance analysis.
9	Designing and performing experiments with CRD, RBD, Latin square designs.	• Students will learn to prepare lay out for different experimental designs.

		• Students will also perform analysis of variance following various experimental designs. • They will learn the technique in interpreting the results obtained from the variance analysis. • Learn to estimate the best treatment following F-test using LSD test.

BOT 2001: Genetics and Cytogenetics Credit hour: 04

(For the Students of Department of Zoology)

Introduction

This is an extra Departmental course in 4 –years integrated B. S. (honors) in Botany program. It will be very helpful to the students for developing clear knowledge about Mendelism, exceptions of Mendelism, Multiple allele, Pseudo allele, cytoplasmic inheritance and chromosome mapping. In addition, the students will get detail information regarding cell cycle and cell division. The students will able to define and explain the natures of different special type of chromosomes, physical and chemical nature of chromosome, karyotype and ideogram. Students will get clear idea about the identification, kinds, detection, genetic effect and meiotic behavior of different types of structural chromosomal aberration such as deletion, duplication, translocation and inversion and explain different types of numerical aberration of chromosomes. In addition, students will get clear idea about the cytological behaviour and application of trisomy and autopolyploid.

Course objective

Genetics

(a) explain the scope and brief history of Genetics

(b). get clear idea about Mendelism, exceptions of Mendelism, Multiple allele, Pseudo allele, cytoplasmic inheritance and chromosome mapping.

Cytogenetics

(a) define and explain Cell, Cell-cycle, amitosis, mitosis, meiosis and their biological significance,

(b) explain the nature of different special type of chromosome,

(c) define and explain physical and chemical nature of chromosome, karyotype and ideogram,

(d) get clear idea about the identification, kinds, detection, genetic effect and meiotic behavior of different types of structural chromosomal aberration such as deletion, duplication, translocation and inversion,

(e) explain the scope and brief history of Cytogenetics,

(f) define, classify and explain different types of numerical aberration of chromosomes and

(g) get clear idea about the cytological behavior and application of trisomy and autopolyploidy.

Course content

Units	**A. Genetics** **Course content**	**No. of lectures**
1:	Definition, brief history and scope of Genetics and Cytogenetics.	**(1)**
2:	Different branches of Genetics and their importance.	**(1)**
3:	Mendelism: Brief life sketch of Gregor Johann Mendel, rediscovery of Mendelism, 7 pairs of contrasting characters of garden pea, law of segregation, law of independent assortment, reasons for Mendel's success, determination of phenotypic and genotypic ratios by alzebra, statistics and forking method and summary of Mendelism.	**(7)**
4:	Exception to Mendelian laws: (i) Apparent (a) 1st law - Incomplete dominance (1:2:1), lethality (1:2), co-dominance; (b) 2nd law - single recessive epistasis (9:3:4), double recessive epistasis (9:7), single dominant epistasis (9:6:1), double dominant epistasis (15:1), (b) duplicate gene - one shows incomplete dominance (12:3:1), (ii) Real - linkage, sex linkage, non-disjunction, preferential distribution.	**(7)**
5:	Multiple allele and pseudoallele: definition, features and examples.	**(2)**
6:	Multiple genes and quantitative inheritance: Multiple genes (polygenes) and quantitative inheritence: features of multiple genes, differences between principal and secondary gene, polygene and pureline selection, examples, transgressive segregation.	**(5)**

7:	Chromosome mapping: definition, arrangement of linked genes, mapping of 2- and 3 genes linkage, co-efficient of co-incidence (CI), solving problems.	**(5)**
8:	Cytoplasmic and extranuclear inheritance: different types with example.	**(2)**
	B. Cytogenetics	
9:	Chromosomes: physical and chemical structure, karyotype and idiograms.	**(5)**
10:	Special type of chromosomes: Physical structure, chemical structure and function of (a) Polytene, (b) Lampbrush and (c) B-chromosome.	**(6)**
11:	Cell division: (a) Cell cycle, (b) Mitosis and (c) Meiosis with their significance.	**(6)**
12:	Chromosomal aberration: i. General classification. ii. Structural aberration-type, origin, detection and meiotic behaviour of- (i) deletion, (ii) duplication, (iii) inversion and (iv) translocation. Numerical aberration-type, origin, detection, meiotic behaviour and segregation of (i) Autopolyploid and (ii) Trisomic.	**(13)**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• Students will get a brief idea about the history, base of this branch, importance and scope of cytogenetics and genetics in modern research of Biology.
2	• Students will gather knowledge about different branches of genetics.
3	• Students will learn about brief sketch of Mendelism
4	• Students will obtain clear knowledge about different laws proposed by Mendel with their apparent and real exceptions
5	• Students will get idea about Multiple allele and pseudoallele
6	• Students will able to describe multiple genes and quantitative inheritance
7	• Students will obtain brief idea about chromosome mapping
8	• Students will able to describe cytoplasmic and extranuclear inheritance
9	• Students will get a clear and brief knowledge about chromosomes, structural and chemical composition, nature, nucleosome model and function of chromosomes. • Students will able to prepare karyotype and ideogram, describe symmetric, asymmetric, monomodal and bimodal karyotype, also learn about the significance of karyotype study.
10	• Students will learn about different special types of chromosomes. They also get clear knowledge about the distribution, origin, feature, morphology and biological significance of these special types of chromosomes.
11	• Students will gather a brief and clear knowledge about all kinds of cell divisions.
12	• Students will get general idea about chromosome aberration. • Students will get brief and clear knowledge about all types of structural aberrations of chromosomes such as deletion, inversion, duplication, translocation, etc. and consequences that occurs due to those aberrations. • Students will get overview idea about numerical aberrations of chromosomes. Students will learn about origin, distribution, occurrences, sources, cytological behavior, kinds, phenotypic expressions and consequences of trisomy and autopolyploid.

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Instructional strategies

Lecture followed by group discussion (√)

Question-answer (√)
Guided discussion
Project discussion
Demonstration (√)

Assignment : Mid-term and semester final examination, assignment, practical and viva-voce

Practical (Marks: 20)

1. Observation of morphological and biochemical mutants of *Drosophila/Neurospora.*
2. Preparation of stains for cytological work.
3. Study of mitosis in onion root tip cells.
4. Study of permanent slides and photomicrographs of different stages of mitosis and meiosis

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Observation of morphological and biochemical mutants of *Drosophila/Neurospora.*	• This unit will enable the students to understand and identify several types of morphological and biochemical mutants of *Drosophila/Neurospora.*
2	Study and handling of simple and compound microscopes. Preparation of cytological stains such as acetocarmine and aceto-orcein.	• This unit will help the students to develop expertise in using simple and compound microscopes to study microscope slides containing course-relevant materials. • After attentive response of this unit, students will be able to prepare some stains that frequently used in cytological studies.
3	Preparation of temporary slide to study mitosis in onion root tip cells by aceto-orecin squash method.	• This unit will help the students to learn basic techniques of temporary slide preparation with different stages of mitotic cell division.
4	Study of permanent slides and photomicrographs of mitotic and meiotic cell division.	• Upon successful completion of this unit, students will be able to identify different stages of mitotic and meiotic cell division with the help of photographs.

BOT 2003: Ecology, Environment and Plants Credit hour: 4

(For the Students of Department of Geography and Environmental Science)

Introduction

This course has been designed for the extra-departmental students of the University where focuses are given to the different aspects of Ecology and Environmental Sciences. Ecology is a multidisciplinary synthetic branch of Biology that deals with studies the interactions between living organisms and the non-living components of the environment. Synecology also known as community ecology studies interactions between and among species as well as communities and focuses on the aspects of adaptation, phytogeography, succession of plant communities, nutrient cycling, ecosystem structure and functions, distribution and diversity of forests and methods for studying vegetation. Autecology focuses on the adaptation, distribution and abundance of individuals and populations of organisms. The environment of plants consists of hydrosphere, lithosphere and atmosphere. But human activities are destroying these components of environment and biological diversity which have developed over a millions of years. Under current global change scenario this course focuses to familiarize the students from other departments about Plant Ecology to make them fit to combat the new challenges of the earth.

Specific objectives

The specific objectives of the course are to teach students the basic concepts of environments of plants, adaptation, ecological processes, phytogeography, biogeochemical cycling of nutrients, current status of forests in Bangladesh and how to conduct vegetation survey and apply statistics on analyzing diversity and other phytosociological variables.

Course content:

A: Synecology (Vegetation Ecology)		
Units	**Course content**	**No. of lectures**
1. Introduction	Definition, History, Scope and sub-divisions of Ecology, environment and plants Hydrophytes, Xerophytes and Halophytes; their ecological features.	5
2. Plant succession	Definition, types and causes of succession	3
3. Methods of studying vegetation	Methods of studying vegetation. Study of communities; Life form classes	6
4. Ecosystem	Classification, structure and components of ecosystems; food chain and food web; Energy and mineral movement in Ecosystem	4
5. Forest Ecology	Plants and Environment of deciduous and Sundarbans mangrove forests of Bangladesh	3
6. Phytogeographical regions	Brief account of Phytogeographical regions of the world	2
7. Sampling	Sampling; Tests of comparison and application of quadrat measures and random sampling	2
B: Autecology (Physiological Ecology)		
1. Environment of plants	The hydrosphere and the biosphere	2
2. The role of green plants	The role of green plants in nature with reference to: (i) The Sun-a thermonuclear energy source; (ii) Radiant energy; (iii) Human population and food supply; and (iv) CO_2 and world climate.	5
3. Soil environment	Physical and chemical aspects and distribution of plants	4
4. Energy environment	Energy budget of different climatic zones	2
5. Salinity	Sources of salinity, Classification of saline habitats	3
6. Biogeochemical cycles	Definition, types of biogeochemical cycle; water and carbon cycles	5
7. Biodiversity	Introduction, causes of the loss and degradation of biodiversity, species diversity analysis	4
C: Environment		
1. Water resources	The global picture and the environment	4
2. Greenhouse effects	Greenhouse gases, ozone depletion and CFCs, CFCs use in Bangladesh	3
3. Climate change	Causes and consequences	3

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
A: Synecology (Vegetation Ecology)	
1	• students will have the basic idea about different branches of Ecology and adaptive mechanisms of plants growing in different habitats
2	• gain knowledge about the ecological succession in various environmental conditions
3	• students will be acquainted with sampling, vegetation survey methods as well as gain knowledge about the plant community structure.
4	• learn about the structure and function of the ecosystem
5	• learn about the ecological conditions and species composition of different forest types of Bangladesh
6	• gain idea about the distribution of the vegetation throughout the world and the factors that regulate their pattern of distribution
7	• will have the knowledge about how to do statistical analyses of vegetation and as well as in analysis and interpretation of results.
B: Autecology (Physiological Ecology)	
1	• learn about the characteristics of ecospheres
2	• learn about the role of green plants and sun on the energy conversion, production and the supply of foods
3	• know properties of soil and its roles in climatic condition
4	• gain knowledge on the availability and exchange of energy
5	• know extent and sources of salinity and the features of different saline habtats
6	• enhanced knowledge about the nature and functions of the nutrient cycles on Earth and their ecological implications
7	• will be able to know about different levels of biodiversity, causes of biodiversity degradation and how to analysis species diversity in different communities
C: Environment	
1	• will have an idea about the current situation of water resources of the world and crisis faced by different countries of the world
2	• will be able to know about the causes and consequences of greenhouse effects, depletion of ozone layers and its implications
3	• will have the knowledge about climate change

Instructional strategies: White board and black board, multimedia and overhead projector will be used in the classroom.

Assessment: As per the rule of the Department.

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Practical

1. Students will maintain a Field Note Book to study the vegetation types and the habitats of the University Campus and from local excursions.
2. Morphology and anatomy of plants of hydrophytes and xerophytes
3. Determination of pH in water and soil samples.
4. Determination of salinity (Chloride) in water samples.
5. Determination of conductivity in water and soil samples.
6. Vegetation analysis
7. Identification of forest plants from herbarium sheets.

Detailed curriculum outline of Third Year B.S. Honours Course
(Session: 2022-2023 Onward)

Departmental Courses		Credit hours
BOT 301:	Environmental Microbiology	2
BOT 302:	Plant Pathology	2
BOT 303:	Advanced Phycology	2
BOT 304:	Physiological Ecology and Conservation Biology	2
BOT 305:	Contemporary Systematics	2
BOT 306:	Plant Biochemistry	2
BOT 307:	Molecular Genetics	2
BOT 308:	Principles of Crop Improvement	2
BOT 309:	Pteridophyta and Gymnosperms	2
BOT 310:	Introductory Limnology	2
BOT 311:	Structural Cytogenetics	2
BOT 312:	Embryology of Angiosperms	2
BOT 313:	**Practical-1:** Environmental Microbiology, Plant Pathology, Advanced Phycology	3
BOT 314:	**Practical-2:** Physiological Ecology & Conservation Biology, Contemporary Systematics, Plant Biochemistry	3
BOT 315:	**Practical-3:** Molecular Genetics, Principles of Crop Improvement, Pteridophyta and Gymnosperms	3
BOT 316:	**Practical-4:** Introductory Limnology, Structural Cytogenetics, Embryology of Angiosperms	**3**
BOT 317:	**Viva-Voce**	**2**
		Total = 38

BOT 301: Environmental Microbiology — **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

This is a basic course in four years integrated BS (Hons) in Botany program. This course introduces the importance of microorganisms to ecosystems, biogeochemical cycles. The field of Environmental Microbiology offers great potential for the development of new and innovative strategies and products for the management and protection of the environment. The course provides an understanding of the relationships of living organisms- microorganisms, plants and animals with each other and their abiotic environment.

A series of lectures and practical sessions cover key themes in contemporary environmental microbiology including microbial diversity and function, sensing and adaptive responses of bacteria, biogeochemical cycling and microbial communities and interactions. Laboratory sessions allow students to gain experience in the experimental design and practical skills of research in the context of mini-research projects involving environmental issues. This course emphasizes how the principles and techniques of Environmental Microbiology can be applied to a range of environmental problems.

Course objectives

- **(a)** Gather preliminary knowledge about environmental microbiology, habitat, niche etc.
- **(b)** Gather microbial interation and the interaction in between higher plants and microbes.
- **(c)** Know about extreme habitats and extremophiles.

(d) Course is suitable to equip students with knowledge and solution to our environmental problems.

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Introduction to environmental microbiology	Definition; Brief historical development; Scope and importance; Habitat; Ecological niche, Autochthonous vs Allochthonous	**3**
2: Microbiology of soil	Litho-ecosphere; Composition of soil; Roles of soil, Soil microbial communities; Humus and soil organic matter; Soil as a culture medium.	**4**
3: Microbiology of water	Hydro-ecosphere; Freshwater habitats; Neustone; Pleuston; Composition and activity of fresh and marine water microbial communities; Coliform bacteria in potable water versus microbial pollution.	**4**
4: Microbiology of air	Introduction to atmosphere; Types of microorganisms in air; Bioaerosol; Air pollution; Significance of air-borne microorganisms in human and plant diseases.	**4**
5: Microorganisms of extreme habitats	Introduction to extreme habitat; Basic idea about extremophiles, thermophiles, psychrophiles, extremozymes and their importance.	**4**
6: Interactions among microbial populations	Positive and negative interaction; Neutralism; Commensalism; Synergism; Mutualism and Amensalism (antagonism).	**4**
7: Interactions between microorganisms and plants	Interactions among plant roots, rhizosphere and rhizoplane, plant root effects or microbial population. R:S ratio, effects of rhizosphere microbial population on plants, Nitrogen fixation in nodules, Nitrogen fixing association between rhizobia and legumes, Non-legumenous nitrogen fixing mutualistic relationships, Interactions of mcrobes with aerial plant structures.	**5**
8: Microorganisms and biogeochemical cycle	Introduction to biogeochemical cycles; Mineralization and immobilization; Role of microorganisms in nitrogen cycle and sulfur cycle with special reference to oxidative and reductive sulfur transformation; Winogradsky column.	**2**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• define and understand environmental microbiology • report key historical developments in the field of environmental microbiology by renowned scientists of this field • explain scope and importance of environmental microbiology • discuss and differentiate between habit and ecological niche • identify various habit and ecological niche for microbes • distinguish between autochthonous and allochthonous microbes
2	• explain litho-ecosphere • define soil from various perceptions • analyze composition and role of soil • identify soil microbial communities • describe and distinguish between humus and soil organic matter • enlist major microbial groups in soil • classify soil microbes based on their ecology

	• inspect the use of soil as a culture medium
3	• explain hydro-ecosphere and review freshwater habitats • discuss and compare between neustone and pleuston • analyze the composition and activity of fresh and marine water microbial communities • Importance of coliform bacteria in potable water • summarize microbial water pollution
4	• recall atmosphere, its characteristics and stratification • define aeromicrobiology and bioaerosol • categorize microorganisms in air • illustrate distribution of microbes in air • investigate sources of microorganisms in air • analyze the survival method of microbe spores in air and its relation to pigmentation • summarize air pollution • interpretsignificance of air-borne microorganisms in human and plant diseases
5	• identify extreme habitats • summarize basic idea about extremophiles • discuss and compare between thermophiles and psychrophiles • to know about extremozymes and their importance
6	• compare and categorize positive and negative interactions among microbes • recognize neutralism, commensalism, synergism, mutualism and amensalism (antagonism) • reference various practical examples in nature of different interactions between microbial communities
7	• relate interactions among plant roots, rhizosphere and rhizoplane • discuss bulk soil and rhizodeposition • inspect plant root effects on microbial population • explain R:S ratioand its importance • to know theeffect of rhizosphere microbial population on plants • describe Nitrogen fixation in nodules • illustrate Nitrogen fixing associations between rhizobia and legumes • relate non-leguminous nitrogen-fixing mutualistic relationships • explain interactions of microbes with aerial plant structures
8	• explain and list different biogeochemical cycles • describe and differentiate between mineralization and immobilization • to get a fair idea about the role of microorganisms in nitrogen cycle and sulfur cycle • analyze the Winogradsky column and an example of disigning an experiment on the study of different microbial groups

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question answer
- Guided discussion
- Project discussion
- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units
Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-5.

BOT 302: Plant Pathology **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction
Plant pathology is one of the basic course in 4-years integrated BS (Honors) in Botany program. The course aims to provide the concept of *plant diseases*, causes, nature, kinds, types, biotic causes, impact of pathogens and economically important pathogens. It also encompasses control measures of plant diseases.

Course objectives
(a) Know about the total losses of plant produces due to diseases in the world.
(b) Differentiate between healthy and infected plants.
(c) Explain how the plants are infected by fungi.
(d) Identify the causal organisms of respective plant diseases.
(e) Know about the diseases of different crops *viz.*, rice, wheat, jute, pulse and oil seed plants etc.
(f) Establish the control measures for the specific plant diseases

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Introduction:	Historical background, scope and importance of Plant Pathology.	**4**
2: Concept of plant disease	Causes of plant diseases, importance of plant diseases and diagnosis of plant diseases.	**4**
3: Parasitism and disease development	Parasitism and pathogenicity; stages in the development of plant diseases (inoculation, infection, growth and reproduction, dissemination, overwintering and/or over summering) and symptomatology.	**8**
4: Plant disease control	Principles of plant disease control, regulatory, cultural and chemical methods.	**6**
5: Crop diseases	Symptoms, causal agent, disease cycle and control measures of the following crops: a) Rice: Blast, brown spot, stem rot, sheath blight, foot rot of banana and sheath rot. b) Wheat: Stem rust, leaf rust and loose smut. c) Pulses and beans: Rust of beans and lentil, leaf spot of bean and cow-pea, anthracnose of bean. d) Jute: Stem rot, black band, anthracnose and soft rot. e) Sugarcane: Red rot and whip smut. f) Groundnut: Tikka disease and rust.	**8**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• contribution of different scientists in the field of Plant Pathology. • Importance of plant diseases to mankind.

2	• to know the concept of plant diseases • gather types of plant diseases • diagnosis of plant diseases
3	• different stages of disease development
4	• different control measures of plant diseases such as regulatory, cultural and chemical methods
5	• etiology, life cycle of plant pathogens and control of selected plant diseases

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question answer
- Guided discussion
- Project discussion
- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units

Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-3.

BOT 303: Advanced Phycology **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

This course will cover the Advanced Phycology and why algae are important for technological application, and why we are interested in them for both their environmental benefit, as well as some of their products, benefits, and challenges that impact our ability to make commercially viable products from algae. You will also explore the vast diversity of algae including the classifications, culture, growth and their evolution. Later you will learn about algal ecology and their interactions with environment. And finally you will study what types of algal researches were done in Bangladesh and its status in relation to world history.

Course objectives: By the end of the Course students will be able to-

(a) Modern thoughts on algal taxonomy
(b) Characteristics, ecology and their interactions with environment
(c) How to culture algae
(d) Techniques of isolation and culture
a) How to use algae to the modern technology
b) How to use algae to assess environmental problems
c) Algal researches in Bangladesh and its status in relation to world history

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Classification of algae	Comparative study of classification of Fritsch 1935, Bold and Wynne 1985 and Lee 2008: Characterize the classes mentioned by Bold and Wynne (1985).	
2: Growth	Growth pattern and evolutionary trends in algae.	
3: Chloroplast	Ultra structure of chloroplasts in algae.	

4: Metabolites	Extracellular metabolites in algae.	
5: Algal culture and morphogenesis	Scope of algal culture; methods of algal culture (unialgal and axenic cultures); growth curve in batch culture and morphogenesis in blue green algae	
6: Applications of algae	Technological applications of algae: Bio-diesel, oil and coal deposition, indicators of polluted water and algal toxicity, fossil diatoms and genetic engineering	
7: Phycological researches	Phycological researches in Bangladesh and its status in relation to world history	

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• classification of algae • comparative study between different classes • modern thoughts on algal taxonomy • characteristics and ecology of major groups
2	• algae are extremely diverse, and in this section you will learn about the main different types. • how the Algae protect themselves against environmental changes and evolution
3	• briefly discussion about the ultra structure of chloroplasts in Algae
4	• brief discussion about extracellular metabolites in Algae
5	• methods for sampling of algae in the field • distinguish the main morphological forms • scope of algal culture • methods of algal culture (unialgal and axenic cultures) • growth curve in batch culture and morphogenesis in blue green algae.
6	• discuss the technological applications of Algae • discuss the benefits of algae and how to use them in everyday life • production and research about Bio-diesel, oil and coal deposition, indicators of polluted water and algal toxicity, fossil diatoms and genetic engineering. • how to use algae to assess environmental problems
7	• algal researches in Bangladesh • the status of algal research • its status in relation to world history

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Instructional strategies/ Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question-answer
- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units
Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-3.

BOT 304: Physiological Ecology and Conservation Biology `Credit hour: 2

Introduction

Almost in every corner of the world plants have colonized even in the inhospitable places including deserts and field of ice. The environment of plants consists of hydrosphere, lithosphere and atmosphere. But human activities are destroying these three components of the environment and biological diversity which have developed over a millions of years. The climate of the world has been disrupted resulting in the decrease in species diversity including genetic diversity within species. Physiological Ecology helps in understanding the adaption of individual species and population whereas Conservation Biology is an interdisciplinary approach which would help to fight the changes in situations. To make students to cope with the problems faced in the future career this course has been designed to understand the key elements of the plants adaptation to different situations; and different aspects of conservation of nature.

Course objectives

The objective of the course is to acquaint the students with the-

(a) physical world, adaptive mechanisms to plants in different situations, ecotoxicology and different methods of conservation of genetic diversity and the nature

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
	A. Physiological Ecology	
1: The Physical World	(i) Vertical structure of the physical world. (ii) Surface area of the globe, (iii) Water storage in the hydrosphere, (iv) Composition of sea water (v) Variation of atmospheric temperature and pressure with altitude.	**3**
2: The ecosystem	Interplay of biological and environmental factors. Growth of human population for the past half million years.	**2**
3	Physico-chemical aspects of waterlogged soils; Oxygen Diffusion Rate (ODR) and Oxidation-Reduction Potentials; Classification of saline habitats.	**3**
4	Effects of salt concentration on germination of halophytes. Ecotypic differentiation.	**2**
5	Greenhouse effect; Ozone layer depletion, Carbon dioxide and the world climate.	**3**
6	Methods of measurement of primary production; Factors limiting primary productivity in aquatic and terrestrial communities.	**3**
7	Pesticides and Related compounds, DDT and its effects; Lead and Mercury concentrations in the habitat.	**2**
8	World Forests. Total territory of forest land; Species diversity. Hot Spots and Megadiversity.	**3**
	B. Conservation Biology	
9	A Brief History of Conservation Biology. Conservation Biology and the Management of Natural Resources. Some characteristics of Conservation Biology. Threats to Biological diversity; Rates of extinction; Human caused extinctions.	**3**
10	Conservation values and Ethics. The value of Biodiversity; Instrumental value and intrinsic value.	**1**
11	Management of Genetic variation in Natural population. Contribution of Molecular Biology to Conservation.	**3**
12	Types of species and Communities most likely to be affected by global climate change. Common Problems in Conservation Biology. (2 classes).	**2**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes

	A. Physiological Ecology
1	• will have the knowledge about the physical world
2	• Students will be able to measure the ecosystem interactions and human impacts on ecosystems
3	• will have the knowledge about the physic-chemical properties of the waterlogged soil and adaptive mechanisms of plants growing there
4	• will be able to critically evaluate the effect of salinity on the growth of different species and morphological changes of plants
5	• will be able to know sources and effects of different green house gases, causes of ozone layer depletion of the earth
6	• will have the skills to measure the primary productivity and critically evaluate factors involving in controlling the productivity
7	• will have the knowledge about the toxic effects of different pollutants
8	• will have the skills to measure species diversity of the different forest ecosystems and will be acquainted with different hot spots and mega diversity countries of the world
	B. Conservation Biology
9	• will have the knowledge about different approaches to conserve the natural resources and how to apply these approaches
10	• will be able to critically evaluate the values of biodiversity hence the importance of biodiversity conservation
11	• will have clear concept on the role of molecular biology in conserving the nature including genetic diversity
12	• will be able to critically evaluate the effects of global climate change on different species and communities

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question answer
- Guided discussion
- Project discussion
- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units

Assessment: In-course examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-4 or 9-12

BOT 305: Contemporary Systematics **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

Systematics is the scientific discipline that encompasses the description, identification, nomenclature and classification of organisms and the reconstruction of their macro-evolutionary history. Knowing the identity and evolutionary relationships of organisms is crucial to any biological study and Systematics is therefore a very important cornerstone of Biology. This course is designed to meet the need for knowledge and understanding of methodology and principles of Plant Systematics. This course

enables students to understand and evaluate rules of plant nomenclature, phylogenetic systems of classification, application of cytology, palynology and phytochemistry in systematics, recognize and identify the major plant groups, and biodiversity conservation.

Course objectives

(a) Define and explain principles, rules, regulations, provision and recommendations of International Code of Nomenclature for Algae, Fungi and Plants (ICN)
(b) Know the concept of species, ecotype and different categories of biosystematics
(c) Learn different phylogenetic systems of plant classification and comparisons among them
(d) Know how chromosomal, pollen and phytochemical characters play important roles in solving taxonomic and phylogenetic problems along with breeding systems.
(e) Learn Biodiversity Conservation in global context as well as Bangladesh context, and the present status of biodiversity in Bangladesh along with aquatic angiosperms of the country
(f) Know how to identify the plant families, their distribution and economic importance, as well as means for plant identification

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1	Nomenclature and ICN's rules: Details of binomial system of nomenclature; historical background of ICN; principles, ICN; rules, regulations and recommendations of ICN; major provisions of ICN and their codes; exception of rules of ICN.	**4**
2	Species concept.	**2**
3	Ecotype concept and biosystematics categories.	**2**
4	Systems of classification and their comparison: Bessey, Hutchinson, Cronquist and Takhtajan systems of classification.	**5**
5	Sources and taxonomic evidences: Cytology, Palynology and Phytochemistry.	**4**
6	Breeding system: inbreeding, outbreeding, self incompatibilities, apomixis and pollination.	**2**
7	Biodiversity and conservation: Concept, importance, methods of conservation; principles for conserving biodiversity; taxonomic aspects of plant conservation; national parks and protected areas of Bangladesh; endangered and threatened plants of Bangladesh; NBSAP.	**4**
8	Aquatic angiosperms of Bangladesh and their importance.	**2**
9	Different types of keys for plant identification; Diagnostic characters, distribution, phylogeny and economic importance of the following families: Fabaceae, Euphorbiaceae, Apocynaceae, Lamiaceae, Cucurbitaceae, Acanthaceae, Polygonaceae, Solanaceae, Asteraceae, Nymphaeaceae, Asclepiadaceae, Convolvulaceae, Poaceae, Cyperaceae and Orchidaceae.	**5**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• understanding of nomenclature and be able to synthesize the principles, rules, regulations and provisions of ICN
2	• demonstrate deeper insights into different concepts of species, the fundamental unit of taxonomic hierarchy
3	• demonstrate ability to critically and systematically integrate knowledge and perspectives and to analyse, assess and deal with ecotype concept and biosystematics categories
4	• understand key methods and principles of phylogenetic classification ssystems along with their outlines, pros and cons
5	• be able to evaluate how chromosomal data, pollen characters and bio-chemical characters play vital role in plant systematics and phylogenetics
6	• recognize major patterns and processes of breeding systems in plants

7	• be able to retrieve and critically evaluate the status of Biodiversity in global and Bangladesh context, mode of biodiversity conservation as well as the scenario of the extinct, endangered and threatened plants of the country, and demonstrate an ability to reflect on their personal impact on biodiversity
8	• learn aquatic angiosperms of Bangladesh, their classification and how they can play an important role for ecosystems and human benefit.
9	• be able to recognize and identify important plant families with the use of identification keys, better understanding of plant morphology terminology and how to describe plant species profile scientifically, and economic importance of plants used in practical life.

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question answer
- Guided discussion
- Project discussion
- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units
Assessment: In-course examination will be taken after completing the lectures on some Units.

BOT 306: Plant Biochemistry **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

This is a basic course in 4-years integrated BS (Hons) in Botany program. Plant Biochemistry is a science concerned with the chemical nature and chemical behaviour of the living matter. It brings biology and chemistry together. The coverage of the subject is divided into a few sections which include - primary metabolites (carbohydrate, protein and lipid); secondary metabolites (terpenoids, alkaloids and phenolic compounds) and vitamins. It is one of the academic disciplines in life science that studies the structure, function, metabolism and the mechanism of the components in the cells; such as carbohydrates, proteins, lipids etc.

Course objectives

(a) The main focus of Plant Biochemistry is in understanding how biological molecules give rise to the processes that occur within living cells, which in turn relates greatly to the study and understanding of whole organisms.
(b) It focuses on what is happening inside the cells, studying components like carbohydrates, proteins, lipids etc.
(c) Successful completion of this course will provide students with fundamental knowledge of plant biochemistry and specific knowledge of molecules, compounds, structures and biochemical pathways that occur in plants.

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures

1 Sugar and their derivatives	Chemistry and distribution of (a) Monosaccharides, (b) Oligosaccharides (sucrose, maltose and cellobiose) and (c) Polysaccharides (starch, glycogen and cellulose).	**6**
2 Amino acids and Protein	Chemical nature, properties, classification with examples and structure.	**4**
3: Fatty acids and Lipids	(a) Chemical nature, properties, distribution, classification with examples and structures, (b) β-oxidation.	**4**
4:Terpenoids	(a) Chemistry and distribution, (b) Classification, (c) The pathway of terpenoid biosynthesis in plants, (d) Essential oils.	**4**
5: Alkaloids	(a) Chemistry and distribution, (b) Classification, (c) Plant families with alkaloids.	**4**
6: Phenolic compounds	(a) Shikimic acid pathway, (b) Flavonoid pigments: chemistry, distributions, and properties.	**4**
7: Vitamins	(a) Chemistry and distribution, (b) Importance of vitamins in plants and animals.	**4**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• list the different classes of carbohydrate with examples, write the molecular formulae and the structures of the examples, state functions of carbohydrate and differentiate the different classes of carbohydrate
2	• classify amino acids and proteins according to structure, size, composition etc, describe the different structures of proteins
3	• define fatty acids and lipids, state the constituents of lipids, classify lipids, describe the functions and properties of triglycerides, phospholipids and glycolipids, fatty acid degradation
4	• clarify the concept of primary and secondary metabolites and their importance; explain chemistry, distribution and classification of terpenoids and biosynthesis of terpenoids
5	• impart knowledge about chemistry, distribution and classification of alkaloids
6	• explore chemistry, distribution and classification of phenols; biosynthesis of shikimic acid; and itemize flavonoid pigments
7	• elucidate the sources, function and deficiency symptoms of water and fat soluble vitamins

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question answer
- Guided discussion
- Project discussion
- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units.
Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-3.

BOT. 307: Molecular Genetics **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

Genetics particularly molecular genetics play a central role in all aspects of life of all living organisms. Molecular genetics is considered as the frontier sciences of the 21st century. It is understood that the genes play in shaping our lives and the lives of all living creatures on the planet Earth.

This course is designed to learn the necessary details, concepts, selected techniques, and basic skills related to molecular genetics. Specifically the course will discuss about the structure and functions of DNA and RNA, transcription, regulation of gene expression as well as the process of genetic engineering, gene cloning and recombinant DNA technology.

Undertaking these course students will have the opportunity to get an insight on the various principles and methods of molecular biology as well as molecular genetics. Through this knowledge students will be able to handle DNA molecules for its characterization and required manipulation.

Both theoretical presentations and practical laboratory demonstrations will allow students to gain experience in different basic and applied concepts and methods of molecular biology to be utilized for several biological investigations.

Course objectives

a) To understand the basic principles and concepts of Molecular genetics
b) To understand the core concept of gene, gene expression in the light of molecular genetics
c) To highlight the basic techniques of gene isolation, genetic characterization, genetic manipulation applicable for crop development, maintaining environment and biodiversity.
d) Contributions of various national international institutes concerning molecular biology/molecular genetics.

Course contents

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Nucleic acids	(a) Nucleic acid as genetic material of living organisms: evidences to prove the genetic nature of DNA; RNA as the genetic material in viruses; (b) DNA: chemical composition and structure, Watson-Crick model, general features of DNA; (c) RNA: chemical composition, structure, types of RNA and their characteristics.	**6**
2: Replication of DNA	Mechanism of DNA replication; Meselson-Stahl experiment, Cairns' autoradiography experiment; replication of circular DNA molecules.	**2**
3: DNA repair mechanism	Photoreactivation, excision repair, post replication recombination repair and SOS repair.	**2**
4: Mutation	Nature and types of mutations, molecular basis of mutation, point mutation, physico-chemical mutagens, detection of mutation in *Drosophila* by *ClB* and attached-X methods: isolation of mutants in *Neurospora.*	**2**
5: Transposable genetic elements	Genetic instability and discovery of transposable elements; transposable elements in bacteria and eukaryotes; significance of transposable elements.	**2**
6 : Fine structure of genes	Classical versus molecular concept of genes, cis-trans, complementation test, fine structure of the phase T4 rII locus, the nature of mutations in the rII region.	**2**
7: Recombination in Bacteria	Transfer of genetic materials; transformation, transduction and conjugation; genetic mapping in *E. coli* by conjugation.	**2**
8: Gene expression	Protein synthesis apparatus - structure of tRNA and ribosome; mechanism of transcription; post- transcriptional modifications of mRNA, tRNA and rRNA; genetic code: characteristics of genetic code, deciphering the code, degeneracy and wobble, initiation and termination codons, universality of the code, the code dictionary; mechanism of translation.	**6**
9: Regulation	General features of gene regulation; induction and repression: operon concept; *lac, ara* and *trp* operons.	**2**

of gene expression in prokaryotes		
10: Gene cloning	Recombinant DNA and gene cloning, plasmid and phage vectors, restriction enzymes, restriction maps and their properties, recombinant selection and screening.	**2**
Unit 11 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) technology:	Methodology and various applications of PCR technology.	**2**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• know the structure and biochemical properties of DNA and RNA molecules as well as the genetic properties of DNA and RNA molecules.
2	• know the mechanism of replication of linear and circular DNA molecules.
3	• know the various mechanisms of damaged DNA molecules.
4	• know the concept of nature and types of mutations, molecular basis of mutation, various detection methods and applications of mutation.
5	• know the discovery of transposable elements, significance of transposable elements.
6	• Know the classical and molecular concept of genes, fine structure of genes.
7	• know the various methods for the exchange of genetic materials in bacteria.
8	• know the mechanism of gene expression, protein synthesis, transcription and translation mechanisms, role of genetic code in protein synthesis.
9	• know the mechanism of regulation of gene expression in prokaryotic organisms.
10	• know the mechanism of gene cloning and development of recombinant DNA molecules and their role.
11	• know the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) technology, its methodology and various applications of this technology.

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Instructional strategies/ Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by Question-answer
- Group discussion
- Project discussion
- Practical demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular unit.

Assessment: Incourse examination will be held after completion unit 1 to 5 (following 7 lectures)

BOT 308: Principles of Crop Improvement **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

Plant breeding is the art and science of changing the genetics of plants for the benefit of humankind. Plant breeding uses principles from a variety of sciences to improve the genetic potential of plants. The process involves combining parental plants to obtain the next generation with the best characteristics. From times immemorial, the plant breeding has been helping the mankind. With knowledge of classical genetics, number of varieties have been evolved in different crop plants. Since the population is increasing at an alarming rate, there is a need to strengthened the food production which is serious challenge to those scientists concerned with agriculture.

Undertaking this course students will have the opportunity to get an insight on the various principles and methods through which they may be able to develop better crop varieties tolerant to biotic and abiotic stresses as well as having improved nutritional qualities. Both theoretical presentations and practical laboratory demonstrations will allow students to gain experience in different basic and applied concepts and methods of plant breeding to be utilized for crop improvement. They will also have an opportunity to know about various national and international agricultural research institutes engaged in crop improvement.

Course objectives

(a) basic principles and concepts of plant breeding
(b) various methods of crop improvement
(c) applications of polyploidy and embryo rescue techniques in plant breeding
(d) methods for the development of biotic and abiotic stress tolerant crops
(e) contributions of various national international agricultural research institutes, etc.

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Self- and cross incompatibility	Self- and cross incompatibility in cultivated plants: Mechanism of self- and cross incompatibility, methods of overcoming incompatibility barriers.	**4**
2: Male sterility systems:	Cytoplasmic, genetic and genetic cytoplasmic, use of male sterility in crop improvement.	**2**
3: Heterosis breeding	Basis of heterosis and inbreeding depression, use of heterosis in plant breeding.	**2**
4: Polyploidy:	Definition, classification, characteristic features of polyploidy, use of polyploidy in crop improvement.	**4**
5: Haploid breeding	Development of haploids through conventional breeding and tissue culture methods, significance of haploid breeding.	**2**
6: Development of crop varieties	Development of disease resistant, salt and drought tolerant crop varieties through hybridization.	**3**
7: Embryo rescue	Embryo rescue technique in overcoming barriers of distantly related crosses.	**3**
8: Germplasm conservation	*In situ* and *Ex situ* germplasm conservation and cryo-preservation, importance of germplasm conservation in crop breeding.	**4**
9: Agricultural research institutes	Introduction to different national and international agricultural research institutes engaged in the development of improved varieties of different crop plants.	**6**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• know the mechanisms of self- and cross incompatibility systems and their use in plant breeding

2	• know different male sterility systems and their applications in plant breeding
3	• know basis of heterosis and inbreeding depression and their use in plant breeding
4	• know the concept of polyploidy and its use in crop improvement
5	• know the methods of production and significance of haploids in crop improvement
6	• know the methods of development of biotic and abiotic stress tolerant crop plants
7	• know how to recover hybrids resulted from distantly related crosses using embryo culture techniques
8	• know how to conserve germplasm using different methods and their utilization in crop breeding
9	• know the contribution of different national and international agricultural research centres towards development of improved crop varieties

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by Question-answer
- Group discussion
- Project discussion
- Practical demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units

Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-5

BOT 309: Pteridophyta and Gymnosperms **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

This course is designed in such a way that after completion the students are going to be able to perceive the pteridophytes and gymnosperms, their classification, characteristics and importance. Pteridophytes constitute a significant and important group in the plant kingdom since they have made the colonization of land. Pteriodophyta is considered possible for the plants and evolutionary link between spore bearing and seed plants. The course presents the origin and evolution of important aspects of pteridophyta with the description of taxonomy, morphology, reproductive processes, life cycle, economic importance and phylogenetic relationships of the varied groups, both living and extinct, proceeding from the simple to the complex. This course also highlights detailing of gymnosperms including their internal structure, primitive and advance features alongside with natural distribution in Bangladesh.

Course objectives

(a) differentiate pteridophyta from other groups of plant and thereby learn the importance of studying pteridophytes.

(b) develop a sense of origin and evolutionary progression of leaf, stele and overall sporophytic body among different groups of pteridophytes.

(c) attain the knowledge of seed habit in relation to heterospory nature of pteridophytes.

(d) know the diversity of sporophytic and gametophytic structure of existing groups of pteridophytes along with their reproduction, life cycle and economic importance.

(e) define and explain the characteristics of gymnosperms and distinguish them from angiosperm and identification of gymnosperms found in Bangladesh.
(f) gain a general knowledge of transition in plant phylogeny from lower to higher gradation.

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
Section A: Pteridophyta		
1: Introduction and importance	Definition, general characters, similarities and dissimilarities between bryophytes and pteridophytes. Importance of studying pteridophytes.	**2**
2: Classification	Classification proposed by different pteridologist and discussion on general characters of four main divisions of pteridophyta.	**2**
3: Origin and evolution	Theories and debates regarding the origin of pteridophytes from algae and bryophytes, evolution among different groups of pteridophytes.	**3**
4: Types of stele and their evolution	Stelar theory, different types of stele found in pteridophytes and their evolution to more diversification and complex structure.	**3**
5: Detailed study of important genera	Distribution, habitats, external and internal features, reproduction, life cycle and economic of different important genera: The following genera will be discussed: (a) *Psilotum,* (b) *Selaginella*, (c) *Equisetum*, (d) *Ophioglossum*, (e) *Marsilea.*	**12**
6: Heterospory and seed habit	Definition, importance and origin of heterospory, origin of seed habit, seed habit in *Selaginella*.	**2**
Section B: Gymnosperms		
7: Introduction:	Introduction, general characteristics, differences between Gymnosperms and Angiosperms.	**2**
8: Classification:	Classification of Gymnosperms, diagnostic characters of Cycadofilicales, Bennettitales, Cycadales, Cordaitales, Ginkgoales, Coniferales and Gnetales with examples	**2**
9: Gymnosperms of Bangladesh	Gymnosperms commonly found in Bangladesh: Distribution and characteristic features of *Cycas* and *Gnetum,* Primitive characters of *Cycas*; Advanced characters of *Gnetum*	**2**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• know about the scope of pteridophytes as a subject and relevance to other groups of plants.
2	• basis of classification and knowledge of different groups of pteridophytes.
3	• knowledge on how plant evolved from lower to higher present forms.
4	• development of vascular system from primitive to advanced form in pteridophytes
5	• structural and developmental in depth knowledge of important representatives of pteridophytes in addition to species specific importance.

6	• evolutionary knowledge on heterospory and seed formation
7	• identify gymnosperms in nature and capable to differentiate between gymnosperms and angiosperms.
8	• understand the classification and characteristic features of different orders of the naked seeded plants.
9	• the commonly found gymnosperms will come in light and the precise locality of them to be known; the details characteristic features of *Cycas* and advanced characters of *Gnetum* will shed more light on these groups.

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Class lectures using blackboard/whiteboard followed by questions and answers.
- Synchronized slide presentation through multimedia projector.
- Group discussion.
- Demonstration.

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units.

Assessment: In-course examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-3 with

- Multiple choice questions
- Fill in the blanks
- Diagram drawing
- Short questions
- Broad questions

 Course Final examination with

- Broad questions
- Short Notes

BOT 310: Introductory Limnology **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

The course is taught in the 3rd year classes of four years integrated BS (Honors) program in Botany under the University of Dhaka. It is a basic course on Limnology. The domain of Limnology is based upon the knowledge related to the structure, function and biological production of inland aquatic ecosystems. The principal botanical components of the system are photosynthetic bacteria, phytoplankton, attached microalgae and littoral macrophytes which do contribute energy for higher biological secondary production upon which the human and other top consumers are dependent. Highlighting the importance of global freshwater resources, its budget, conservation and management and the functional aspects from the standpoint of ecosystem principles are discussed in the course. How functional aspects of any aquatic ecosystem relate to the environment is also established.

Course objectives

(a) To relate our earth's freshwater resources with the concept of Limnology and Hydrobiology and justify the link of Limnology with other disciplines of Biology and Environmental Sciences. Learn the past, future and the scopes.

(b) To learn origin and cyclic rotation of water, relationship between water and world population growth on a global perspective, inland water classification, lakes, distribution and origin of basins, types with special reference to Bangladesh.
(c) To know the molecular and physical properties of water, its comparison with other identical liquids of nature, different physical factors and their effects on aquatic organisms.
(d) To learn energy related driving forces in water, solar radiation, quality, characters, transformation, and their effects in creating different limnological factors, their effects on organisms.
(e) Learn organisms of water, their habitats, niches, types, distribution and indicator organisms to characterize lake patterns.
(f) Know material budget, biogenic gases and nutrients, their types, cycling, mode of distribution and uptake and assimilation pattern and their role on organisms.
(g) Learn biological production, its extent, types, calculation, measuring procedure, further mobilization and responses.
(h) Know aquatic bacteria, their, types and role to set free nutrients further, carbon consumers.
(i) Know about material and energy transport, application of models, energy dissipation at various trophic levels.

Course content

Sl. No.	Course content	No. of Lectures
Unit 1	**Introduction to Limnology**: Earth, water, limnological concept and principles; early history of limnology, supporting invention and techniques, emerging limnology as a science, its development and current trends, temperate and tropical limnology, scopes, modern literatures and journals.	**3**
Unit 2	**The aquatic medium**: water, its origin on earth, hydrological cycle, global usage and budget, water resource and Demophoric growth principles, inland aquatic ecosystems, their pattern, distribution and origin of lake basins, seven special lake types, natural lakes and freshwater resources of Bangladesh.	**5**
Unit 3	**Molecular and Physical properties of water:** liquids of nature, the dihydrides of oxygen, comparison, unique features of water, molecular state and transformation, bonding principles, physical factors, density, adhesion, cohesion, viscosity and surface tension, and their effects on aquatic organisms.	**4**
Unit 4	**Energy and driving forces**: solar radiation, characters, quality, transformation, underwater light climate, water color, heat budget, stratification and overturn, lake classification on the basis of overturn pattern, limnological zonations, water movement, waves, currents, Seiches, their types and biological impacts.	**4**
Unit 5	**Community pattern:** Reed belt, plants, zooplankton and mud and fine sludge inhabiting organisms, their types, distribution, lake characteristics to indicator organisms, *Tanytarsus*, *Chironomus* types, lotic, lentic, periphyton of streams, fishes.	**3**
Unit 6	**Material budget of natural waters**: Nutrient types, primary, secondary, trace elements, their availability, cyclic movement, dissolved gases, DO, conductivity, pH, carbon exchange, available compounds, assimilation pattern, classification of aquatic plants depending on carbon uptake, phosphorus, sulfur, iron, manganese, silica, trace elements and their role on organism.	**4**
Unit 7	**Biological production:** types, calculation, procedure, secondary productivity, consumption, and destruction, organism's response to P, N, Ca, Mg, Si, alkalinity.	**2**
Unit 8	**Role of bacteria:** biomass destruction, autolysis, decomposition, important aquatic bacterial groups, aerobic- and anaerobic carbon consumers	**3**
Unit 9	**Material and energy transport**: Mann's Model, Odum's calculation of energy flux at different trophic levels of river.	**2**

Unit wise learning outcome

Unit No.	Learning outcomes
1	• Limnology a science in relation to earth's water reserve and distribution • Historical background of the subject • Current trend, tropical and temperate limnology • Scopes of learning limnology • Latest limnological information, literatures, journals
2	• Learned about the origin of water in the pre-historic period

	• Hydrological cycles, global stock, use, budget, demophoric growth • Classification of inland waters, lakes, types, origin of basins • Seven special lake types of the world • Natural lakes of Bangladesh
3	• Naturally occurring liquids on earth, comparison with water • Molecular states, transformation, bonding principles • Physical factors functional in aquatic ecosystems • Adhesion, cohesion and viscosity factors of water, biological relations • Surface tension of water and development of Neuston community • Overall effects physical factors operating in water on organisms
4	• Concept of energy and its functional behavior in aquatic ecosystems • Light and light related transformation of energy in various forms, creating limnological zones • Heat budget, albedo and water color factors • Thermal stratification and circulation, causes and consequences • Global lake classification depending on mixing and stratification • Waves and currents, their types and biological and physicochemical role
5	• Community patterns, reed belt, other plants, zooplankton • Fine sludge and mud inhabiting organisms, types and distribution • Indicator organisms, their role in selecting lake types • Lotic and lentic habitats, periphyton of stream communities, fishes
6	• Material budget, nutrient types, classification, availability in aqueous medium • Biogenic gases, mode of solubility and vertical distribution, other relevant features in aquatic habitats • Major nutrient cycles, role of sulfur, iron, manganese, silica and trace elements on organisms • Inorganic carbon exchange from atmosphere to water, various forms • Carbon uptake mode by aquatic plants, classification of plants depending on this principle
7	• Biological production, its types, calculation • Secondary production, consumption and destruction • Organisms responses to P, N, Ca, Mg, Si, alkalinity
8	• Aquatic bacteria, biomass destruction • Self breaking process of cells, autolysis • Important bacterial groups • Aerobic, anaerobic carbon consumers
9	• Transport of energy and material • Ecological modeling • Calculation of energy transport and flux at different trophic levels

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question answer
- Guided discussion
- Project discussion
- Demonstration

Assingment: Students will be given assignment on particular units

Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-3.

BOT 311: Structural Cytogenetics **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

This is a basic course in 4-years integrated BS (Honors) in Botany program. To developing clear knowledge about the scope and brief history of Cytogenetics. In addition the students will get detail information about the physical and chemical nature of chromosome, karyotype, idiogram, genome analysis and abnormalities of cell division. Students could develop their knowledge about identification, kinds, detection, genetic effect and meiotic behavior of different types of structural chromosomal aberration such as deletion, duplication, translocation and inversion.

Course objectives

a) define and explain physical and chemical nature of chromosome, karyotype, ideogram, genome analysis and abnormalities of cell division.
b) get clear idea about the identification, kinds, detection, genetic effect and meiotic behavior of different types of structural chromosomal aberration such as deletion, duplication, translocation and inversion
c) explain the scope and brief history of Cytogenetics.

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Euchromosome	**A. Physical structure**: (i) Primary constriction or centromere - ultrastructure and chemical properties, classification of chromosomes on the basis of centromeric position and number, procedure for chromosome classification, (ii) Secondary constriction - NOR, SAT and their chemistry, (iii) Arms, (iv) Telomere - function and chemistry, (v) Chromomere (in meiotic chromosome). **B. Chemical structure:** (i) Chromatin - physical and chemical nature, (ii) Eu-chromatin and heterochromatin, role of heterochromatin in chromosome pairing, (iii) Nucleosome model.	**3**
2: Karyotype and ideogram	Karyotype and ideogram in brief, symmetric, asymmetric, monomodal and bimodal karyotype and significance.	**3**
3: Genome analysis	(i) Genome in respect of Cytogenetics, (ii) karyotype analysis, (iii) chromosome association in meiosis, (iv) chromosome banding - CMA, DAPI and C banding, (v) Fluorescent *In situ* Hybridization (FISH) and Genomic *In sit* Hybridization (GISH).	
4: Abnormalities in cell division	(i) Non-disjunction - genetic control of disjunction, ii) endopolyploidy or endoreduplication, (iii) polytene, (iv) cytomixis, (v) formation of cross-spindle, (vi) elimination of single or set of chromosomes in insects (Sciaridae).	**6**
5: Chromosomal aberrations	General account and classification.	**2**
6: Structural aberration	(i) Deletion - Definition, identification, kinds, detection, genetic effect, meiotic behavior, breakage - fusion - bridge cycle, (ii) Duplication - Definition, identification, kinds, detection, genetic effect, meiotic behavior, breakage - fusion - bridge cycle, (iii) Inversion - definition, kinds, synapsis, results of double crossing over in intra- and extra-loop, consequence of chromatid bridge, (iv) Translocation - definition, kinds, Robertsonian translocation - helps in altering karyotype, meiosis in translocation heterozygote, consequences of crossing over at the interstitial and differential	**16**

	regions of interchange complex, breeding behavior and identification of chromosomes involved in translocation.	

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• will get a brief idea about the history, base of this branch, importance and scope of cytogenetics in modern research of Biology.
2	• will get a clear and brief knowledge about chromosomes, structural and chemical composition, nature, nucleosome model and function of chromosomes.
3	• will able to prepare karyotype and ideogram, describe symmetric, asymmetric, monomodal and bimodal karyotype, also learn about the significance of karyotype study.
4	• will gather knowledge about genome analysis in respect of cytogenetics, karyotype analysis, different types of chromosome banding, FISH, GISH and will learn about different abnormalities in cell division.
6	• will get general idea about the classifications chromosome aberration.
7	• will get brief and clear knowledge about all types of structural aberrations of chromosomes such as deletion, inversion, duplication, translocation, etc. and consequences that occurs due to those aberrations.

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question answer
- Guided discussion
- Project discussion
- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units

Assessment: In-course examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-3.

BOT 312: Embryology of Angiosperms **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

A rudimentary course in four-years integrated BS (Hons) for the Department of Botany. Embryology of angiosperms centered on the study of the structures and processes leading to seed formation. This is a fascinating subject because it encompasses many unique developmental events of generative and embryological structures of flowering plants (e.g. sporogenesis, gametogenesis, zygogenesis, endospermogenesis, embryogenesis, apomixes). The study of angiosperm embryology will lead to a better understanding of reproduction, growth and development of plant. Therefore, this subject offers inevitable and fundamental knowledge for plant breeding, seed biology, plant systematic and biotechnological applications in plant development.

Course objectives

(a) identify and describe development of male reproductive organ of angiosperms.
(b) recognize different types of ovules along with development of female reproductive organ and their structural organization.
(c) explain fertilization process leading to zygote formation.
(d) describe two most striking parts of angiosperm reproduction i.e. endosperm and embryo development and their classification.
(e) define what is apomixis (asexual reproduction) and their applications.
(f) understand polyembryony development.
(g) know and apply the knowledge of embryology for experimental and practical purposes.

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Historical background	Discovery of pollen tube, Schleiden's theory of origin of embryo, discovery of true relationship between pollen tube and embryo, discovery of nature and development of male and female gametophyte, discovery of syngamy, chalazogamy, double fertilization and parthenogenesis.	**2**
2:Microsporangium	Wall layers of microsporangium, sporogenous tissue, cytokinensis and microspore tetrad.	**4**
3: Male gametophyte	Microspore, formation of vegetative and generative cells, division of generative cell, vegetative nucleus and embryo sac like pollen grain.	**2**
4. Megasporangium	Integuments, micropyle, nucellus, integumentary tapetum, archesporium, megasporogenesis and functioning megaspore.	**2**
5: Female gametophyte	Monosporic, biosporic and tetrasporic embryo sacs, organization of mature embryo sac, embryo sacs with disturbed polarity and embryo sac haustoria.	**4**
6: Fertilization	Germination of pollen, course of pollen tube, entry of pollen tube into embryo sac, growth rate of pollen tube and gametic fusion.	**2**
7: Endosperm	Type of endosperm formation - free nuclear endosperm, cellular endosperm, helobial endosperm, relationships between different types of endosperm.	**2**
8: Embryo	Dicotyledons - Crucifer type, asteroid type, solanoid type, chenopodiad type, caryophylad type, development of monocot embryo and modifications of suspensor.	**4**
9: Apomixis	Non recurrent apomixis, recurrent apomixis, gametic and somatic apospory and adventive embryony.	**2**
10:Polyembryony	Cleavage polyembryony, origin of embryos from cells of embryo sac other than egg, embryos arising from cells outside embryo sac, embryos originating from other embryo sacs in ovule.	**2**
11; Experimental Embryology	Control of fertilization, embryo culture, induced parthenogenesis, production of adventives embryos and induced parthenocarpy.	**4**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• knowledge about historical background of the development of embryology of angiosperm as a branch of natural science.
2	• male reproductive organ (anther) development from sporogenous tissue will be understood.

3	• understand the phenomenon of haploid pollen grains formation and their organization with several peculiarities.
4	• gather knowledge regarding the structural differentiation of ovary, their types and formation of ovule.
5	• substantial perception about development of different types of embryo sac and supporting organs.
6	• apprehension of the fertilization process leading to zygote formation
7	• acquire knowledge about how differently could endosperm be formed and supply nutrition to growing embryo.
8	• get information on cumulative changes in progressive direction for different types of embryo formation
9	• knowledge concerning asexual reproduction in flowering plants and their applications
10	• natural formation of polyembryony and their implications.
11	• apply the knowledge of embryological basics to control and modify various factors of plant body for human benefit.

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units.

Assessment: **In-course examination** will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-5.

BOT 313: Practical - 1 **Credit**: 3

A. Environmental Microbiology, B. Plant Pathology, C. Advanced Phycology

A. Environmental Microbiology

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Isolation of air borne bacteria by air exposure plate technique	• Acquire practical knowledge to isolate microscopic bacteria in the form of colony.
2	Isolation of soil bacteria by potato culture technique	• Development of simplified isolation technique of bacteria from soil.
3	Observation of different microbial colonies	• Acquire knowledge about different type of microbial colonies *viz.* bacteria, actinomycetes etc.
4	Observation of legume nodule and nodule bacteria	• Acquire knowledge about bacteria associated with legume nodule and their morphological characteristics.
5	Microscopic study of bacteria by Gram staining method	• Development of knowledge about key procedure of identification of bacteria based on identification using microscope.

6	Culture and sensitivity (C/S) test	• Interpretation of sensitivity test that is what kind antibiotic will work to control particular bacteria.

B. Plant Pathology

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Laboratory studies of common diseases and pathogenic fungi covered in theory: Major rice, jute and rust diseases, Tikka disease of groundnut, Smut disease, Anthracnose of bean, Red rot of sugarcane, Leaf spot, rot and blight diseases, Black spot or rose	• Know the practical knowledge about the selected diseases
2	Preparation and sterilization of culture media for fungal growth	• Know the types of plant diseases • Diagnosis of plant diseases
3	Isolation of fungal organisms from diseased plant parts following blotter and tissue planting methods	• Isolation of fungal organisms from diseased plant parts following blotter and tissue planting methods
4	Demonstration of pathogenicity test with soil borne and leaf pathogens	• Isolation of fungal organisms from diseased plant parts following blotter and tissue planting methods
5	Processing and preservation of pathogenic fungal specimens for phytopathological herbarium	• Studies of plant diseases in nature
6	Local and long excursions to collect fungal specimens	

C. Advanced Phycology

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Work out algae collected during local and long excursions and also algae collected b y students from a wide range of habitats	• To explore the algal habitats and collection of algal samples. • To expedition of collection of algal materials from natural habitats and exploration of algal ecology
2	Study of marine and freshwater algae (plankton, macroalgae including symbiotic and parasitic algae).	• To observe algal material under compound microscope and herbarium specimen.
3	Preparation of dichotomous keys of common algae	• To prepare a dichotomous key of different algal genera with the help of standard literature.
4	Standardization of a microscope and drawing by camera lucida	• To know the technique of standardizing of a microscope and drawing of alga cells by camera lucida
5	Determination of chlorophyll *a* and *b* in a green alga	• To know the technique of determination of chlorophyll *a* and *b* in a green alga

BOT 314: Practical - 2 **Credit**: 3

D. Physiological Ecology and Conservation Biology **E. Contemporary Systematics**
F. Plant Biochemistry

D. Physiological Ecology and Conservation Biology

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Students will maintain a Field Note Book to study the vegetation types of the selected habitats and from local excursions	• Students will be able to recognize different plant species growing in different forests of Bangladesh as plant species growing there have been collected and planted in DU campus for *ex-situ* conservation.
2	Determination of soil moisture content	• Students will be able to know about moisture regime of soil and correlate with climate variations.
3	Determination of pH in soil and water samples and Salinity (Chloride) in water samples	• Students will be able to know the abiotic conditions of freshwater ecosystems and consequences of CO_2 increase in the atmosphere due to human activities.
4	Measurements of Production in Terrestrial habitats	• Productivity of land surface will be determined and students will be able to know yield of the ecosystems
5	Freshwater flora and methods for Conservation	• Students will be able to recognize different plant species growing in different freshwater ecosystems and different methods of conservation.
6	Halophytic plants with characteristic features	• Students will be able to recognize different plant species growing in the coastal zones of Bangladesh with their adaptive mechanisms to different stresses.
7	Calculation of soil Conservation value under grass cover and herbaceous cover	• Students will be able to know different methods of conservation of terrestrial habitats.
8	Determination of effective population size and loss of variation	• Students will be able to know different methods of protection of plant populations and loss of genetic variability.
9	Diversity indices, Shannon Wiener Function and determination of individual heterozygosity	• Students will be able to assess species diversity of different forests of Bangladesh and evaluate the changes due to anthropogenic as well as natural disturbance.
10	Germination Eco-Physiology	• Students will be able to asses of growth pattern of different plant species.

E. Contemporary Systematics

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Flora of Dhaka University campus	• Be able to identify the flora of Dhaka University campus.
2	Detailed studies on common angiosperm families available locally	• Students will be able to identify and recognize different angiosperm families of Magnoliopsida and Liliopsida.
3	Systematic relationship of different plant groups	• Better understanding of the terminology on plant morphology and increased in-depth knowledge of writing technical/ scientific description of a species profile.
4	Preparation of Taxonomic keys	• Learn how to differentiate species, genera and families using taxonomic key.

F. Plant Biochemistry

Units	Title	Learning outcomes

1	Tests for reducing and non-reducing sugars (Benedict's test and Fehling's test)	• provides a qualitative understanding of the presence of reducing and non-reducing sugars;
2	Different types of starch grains from different sources (rice, maize, potato and wheat)	• focus on structural uniqueness of different starch grains and also differentiate them;
3	Identification of amino acids	• identify the presence of different amino acids through conducting different simple experiments;
4	Estimation of protein by Lowry's Folin Phenol Cicalteau method	• analyze the amount of protein using spectrophotometer;
5	Determination of vitamin C concentration by titrimetric method	• enable to determine the concentration of vitamin C through standard titrametric method;
6	Determination of total phenolic compounds in plant tissue	• able to measure total phenolic compounds in plant tissue.

BOT 315: Practical - 3 **Credit hour**: 3

G. Molecular Genetics H. Principles of Crop Improvement, I. Pteridophyta and Gymnosperms

G. Molecular Genetics

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Isolation and estimations of proteins from various plant tissues.	• Will be able to isolate protein from plant tissue and be able to estimate the amount of protein using specific quantity of plant tissue.
2	Analysis of plant proteins, sodium dodecyl sulphate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) of proteins.	• SDS-PAGE is a useful molecular technique for the analysis of plant proteins. Will be able to learn the procedure for the preparation of proteins samples for SDS-PAGE.
3	Estimation of molecular weight of polypeptides using SDS-PAGE.	• Characterization of proteins from various plants samples particularly through the estimation of molecular weights of polypeptides.
4	Native gel electrophoresis, detection of isoenzymes using enzyme location gels.	• Through this experiment various plant materials including genotypes, germplasm, various species can be characterized.
5	Isolation of DNA from plant tissues.	• Will be able to learn the technique for the isolation of DNA from plant tissue.
6	Agarose gel electrophoresis of DNA and characterization of various DNA samples.	• Will be able to learn the technique of gel electrophoresis for the molecular characterization of various DNA samples.

H. Principles of Crop Improvement

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Study of pollen morphology and test of pollen fertility in different crop plants	• Students will compare the morphological differences of pollen grains collected from different crops under

		dry and wet conditions as well as test their rate of viability using nuclear stains.
2	Study of floral biology and hybridization techniques in different economically important crop plants	• Know the reproductive biology of the selected crops plants and may plan how to emasculate and pollinate for one way as well as during reciprocal crosses of respective crops.
3	Study of pollen-pistil interactions using fluorescent and light microscopes	• Students will learn how to study the nature of pollen germination under *in vivo* condition for both self- and cross pollination and follow the pollen tube development under light and fluorescent microscope.
4	Techniques for developing colchiploid plants	• Students will know how to develop polyploidy plants using colchicines and observe their morphological differences.
5	Techniques of embryo culture	• Students will know how to isolate embryo resulted from self- or cross-pollinated seeds and culture them on the nutrient medium.
6	Visits to different agricultural research institutes, namely, BARI, BRRI, BINA, BSRI	• Through these visits students will be acquainted with the research activities of the respective institutes as well as their achievements in various fields.

I. Pteridophyta and Gymnosperms

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Identification of different genera belonging to four principal classes of Pteridophyta from living and herbarium specimen	Students will have an opportunity to visible and observe the unique morphological features of such of different species representing four main groups of pteridophytes an intermediary group of plants that connect non-vascular primitive to advanced vascular group of plants on earth.
2	Any five of the following genera to be demonstrated in the practical classes including morphological and spore bearing structures depending on availability: (i) *Lycopodium*, (ii) *Selaginella*, (iii*) Pteris*, (iv) *Nephrodium*, (v) *Marsilea*, (vi) *Azolla*, (vii) *Isoetes*	Students will be able to perceive the developmental progression among different groups of pteridophytes through the internal structure study of important vegetative as well as spore bearing reproductive organs (i.e. sporangium, strobilus, sporocarp etc.)
3	Morphology and anatomy of *Cycas* and *Pinus* leaflet	Learn the external and internal morphology of gymnosperms, particularly *Cycas* and *Pinus* leaf and understand the anatomical xerophytic characters of these plants.

BOT 316: Practical - 4 **Credit hour**: 3

J. Introductory Limnology K. Structural Cytogenetics L. Embryology of Angiosperms

J. Introductory Limnology

Units	Title	Learning outcomes

1	Determination of water temperature and air temperature, water transparency, pH, Conductivity, Total dissolved solids and free CO_2 and Dissolved oxygen of pond water.	• Know, how to carry out *in situ* measurements of water temperature, prevailing air temperature and depth of transparency (Secchi depth) in a selected water body and see how do they vary and what do they signify. • Further, know the methods of water sample collection and their subsequent chemical analyses in the laboratory for determining pH, electrical conductivity, total dissolved solids and dissolved oxygen concentration and its percentage saturation of a selected water body
2	Study of some littoral, pelagial and benthal organisms.	• Learn the morphology and diagnostic characters of littoral and benthic macrophytes • Further, learn the composition and taxonomic features of pelagic phytoplankton and its collection procedure

K. Structural Cytogenetics

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Study of meiosis from permanent slides and photographs	• Upon successful completion of this unit, students will be able to identify different stages of meiotic cell division with the help of photographs and permanent slides.
2	Preparation of permanent slides from (i) Meiotic cell division in *Setcreasea purpurea,* ii) Interchange complex in *Rhoeo discolor.*	• This unit will help the students to learn basic techniques of permanent slide preparation with different stages of meiotic cell division in *Setcreasea purpurea* and interchange complex in *Rhoeo discolor.*

L. Embryology of Angiosperms

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Microsporangium: Study of internal structure of any typical anther	• Practical activities during the course will provide students with an understanding of how the male reproductive organ of angiospermic plant namely anther has been developed during their biphasic life cycle.
2	Microgametophyte: Study of external features of different types of pollen grains and determination of germination rate	• Highly variable shape and external features of different types of pollen grains under light microscope will be observed. At the same time a crucial aspect for successful fertilization i.e. rate of pollen grains germination will also be demonstrated.
3	Megasporangium: Study of internal structure of any typical ovule	• Organization of different parts of mature ovule of angiosperm plant through internal structure study will be conducted.
4	Permanent slide: Preparation of permanent slide	• Students will acquire knowledge on how to prepare permanent slides (a basic technique in bioscience) through hands-on practice.

BOT 317: Viva-Voce **Credit hour**: 2

Theory		Credit hours
BOT 401:	Microbiological Techniques	2
BOT 402:	Marine Botany	2
BOT 403:	Ethnobotany	2
BOT 404:	Climate Change Biology	2
BOT 405:	Autecology and Environment	2
BOT 406:	Plant Physiology and Plant Nutrition	2
BOT 407:	Genomics, Proteomics and Bioinformatics	2
BOT 408:	Plant Tissue Culture and Biotechnology	2
BOT 409:	Horticulture and Agronomy	2
BOT 410:	Biological Limnology	2
BOT 411:	Numerical Cytogenetics	2
BOT 412:	Microbial Plant Pathology	2
BOT 413:	Seed Pathology	2
BOT 414:	Evolution	2
BOT 415:	**Practical-1:** Microbiological Techniques, Marine Botany, Biological Limnology, Ethnobotany	3
BOT 416:	**Practical-2:** Climate Change Biology, Microbial Plant Pathology, Seed Pathology.	3
BOT 417:	**Practical-3:** Horticulture & Agronomy, Autecology & Environment, Plant Physiology & Plant Nutrition	3
BOT 418:	**Practical-4:** Plant Tissue Culture & Biotechnology, Genomics, Proteomics & Bioinformatics, Numerical Cytogenetics	3
BOT 419:	**Viva-Voce**	2
		Total = 42

BOT. 401. Microbiological Techniques **Credit hour:** 2

Introduction

This is a basic theoretical course and prerequisite to complete the four year integrated B. S. (Honors) in Botany Degree. After completing two Microbiology courses in previous years (General Microbiology and Environmental Microbiology), students will learn basic laboratory techniques employed in the field of microbiology in this course and it mainly focuses on various culture media, cultivation, isolation and culture preservation methods, microbial growth measurement, microbiology of food, milk and water and finally various methods of controlling microbes.

Course Objectives:

(a) Describe how to cultivate various microorganisms in different media and growth conditions.
(b) Discuss and apply various methods of isolation techniques for bacteria.
(c) Explain different methods of culture preservation.
(d) Express bacterial growth and multiplication, relate to bacterial growth curve and effect of pH and temperature on bacterial growth.
(e) Exploit techniques related to measurement of microbial growth.
(f) Describe topics related to microbial assessment of food, food spoilage, food borne pathogenic microbes and their control.
(g) Summarize microorganisms associated with milk and pasteurization.
(h) Recognize microbial water pollution, indicator organism and coliform bacteria.

(i) Identify different practices for controlling of microbes.

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Cultivation of microorganisms	Definition and types of culture media (chemically defined media, complex media, selective media, differential media and enriched media); Sterilization of media; Aerobic and anaerobic culture methods; Pure culture, mixed culture and contaminated culture.	**4**
2: General methods of isolation	Serial dilution; Pour plate and spread plate technique; Membrane filtration technique; Mud-pie technique; Streak dilution technique	**4**
3 Maintenance and preservation of cultures	Introduction to maintenance and preservation of cultures; Methods of culture preservation; Culture collections.	**2**
4: Growth of bacteria	Growth and multiplication of bacteria; Growth curve; Generation time and growth rate; Effect of temperature and pH on bacterial growth	**4**
5: Measurement of microbial growth	Direct microscopic count; Viable cell count (plate count and membrane filtration count); Determination of dry weight.	**2**
6: Microbiology of food	Microbiological examination of foods; Microbial food spoilage; Food borne infection and intoxications; Methods of food preservation (temperature, drying and chemical preservatives)	**4**
7: Microbiology of milk	Microorganisms associated with milk; Milk quality determination by phosphatase test and methylene blue reduction test; Pasteurization	**2**
8: Microbial water pollution	Introduction to microbial water pollution; Indicator organisms and; coliform bacteria; Total and fecal coliforms; Determination of coliform bacteria by MPN technique and membrane filtration technique	**2**
9: Control of microorganisms	Physical control with heat, filtration and radiation; Chemical control with phenol, halogen and alcohol; Control with chemotherapeutic agents and antibiotics	**4**
10: Course review	Review of course content, Discussion on whole Syllabus for preparation of final exam, problem solving, In-course exam script and number showing and discussion on it.	**2**

Unit-wise Learning Outcomes

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• define and categorize diverse types of bacteriological culture media • identify uses of different bacteriological culture media and compare between them • explain function of media sterilization and autoclaving • analyze mechanism of an autoclave machine • execute nutrient agar preparation and sterilization by autoclaving in practical class • report aerobic and anaerobic bacterial culture techniques • discuss pure culture, mixed culture and contaminated culture
2	• explain and demonstrate Serial dilution technique • analyze and distinguish Pour plate and Spread plate technique • describe Membrane filtration technique • report and perform Mud-pie technique for isolation of *Azotobacter* sp. from soil • perform aseptic techniques for isolation of microbes • record and conduct streak dilution technique
3	• review importance of culture preservation • discuss different methods of bacterial culture preservation • compare between different methods of culture preservation • locate important bacterial type culture collections of the world
4	• explain growth and multiplication of bacteria • estimate bacterial growth in logarithmic scale

	• sketch and interpret a bacterial growth curve and its different phases • analyze and calculate generation time and Growth rate of a bacterial population • summarize effect of pH and temperature on bacterial growth • categorize bacteria based on their optimum growth pH and temperature
5	• describe method of direct microscopic count • calculate bacterial population using direct microscopic count • discuss viable cell count for plate technique and membrane filtration technique • Memorize process of dry weight measurement for microbial populations
6	• diagnose different food items for presence of microbes using various methods • explain microbial food spoilage basing on food biochemical types • express symptoms and reasons of food-borne infections and intoxications • discuss and imply methods of food preservation using heat, drying and chemicals
7	• categorize microorganisms associated with milk • determine milk quality using phosphatase enzyme test • practice methylene blue reduction test to investigate milk quality of various sources • explain principle of pasteurization • list and describe techniques used for milk pasteurization
8	• catalogue microbes responsible for water-borne diseases • identify indicator organism and its importance • differentiate and characterize total coliform and fecal coliform bacteria • estimate coliform bacteria from a water sample using mpn technique • recall membrane-filtration technique for testing the presence of coliform bacteria
9	• explain various physical methods for controlling a microbial population using heat, filtration and radiation • discuss different chemical methods for controlling a microbial population using phenol, halogen and alcohol • summarize control of microbes using chemotherapeutic agents and antibiotics • analyze modes of action of antibiotics on a bacterial cell • report on culture and Sensitivity (C/S) test and E (epsilometer) test

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Instructional Strategies:

- Lectures followed by discussion
- Participatory question-answer
- Open discussion
- Guided discussion
- Video demonstration on related topics
- In hand demonstration of different laboratory techniques

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units

Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-4.

BOT 402: Marine Botany **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

This is a basic course in four years integrated B. S. (Hons.) in Botany Program. We know that the Earth is unique within our solar system for a number of reasons. Its marine ecosystem covers a large portion of biosphere, over

71% (360 million km^2) of Earth's surface with an average depth of 4 km. So, Marine potential is massive. Marine Environment is highly diverse. Marine ecosystems are hot spots for the diversity of flora and fauna. But, total biodiversity including plankton, algae, seaweeds, sea grasses, flowering plants, salt marsh plants, mangroves etc. are still unknown. This course is structured in a way that students will be able to acquire knowledge about marine ecology, its structure, different factors affecting marine environment, plankton and its composition, role and distribution of seaweeds, phytogeography of sea weeds, importance and huge commercial benefits from it, estuarine ecology, Sundarbans and its threat and reclamation. Since marine environments are being damaged due to coral bleaching and several anthropogenic activities like fishing, pollution, habitat alteration, introduction of exotic species and climate change, the environment of these areas are drastically undergoing degradation, so inhabiting organisms could possibly become extinct in near future. So, this course will give the students a clear understanding how marine environment and marine resources act as balancing factors of the earth and how and why we are to take care of it.

Course objectives

(a) To know about marine ecology including life habitat, populations and interactions among organisms and surrounding environment including physical, chemical factors that affect the ability of organisms to survive and reproduce.
(b) To gather knowledge on the diversity of marine phytoplanklton, their classification, productivity, seasonal variation, adaptation and importance.
(c) To explore seaweeds and uses of seaweeds as foods and feeds, know their enormous importance; apply different methods for the cultivation and production of different industrial and pharmaceutical useful products.
(d) To gather knowledge on estuarine ecology, Sundarbans and its reclamation
(e) Production of biofuel from algae, extraction of phycocolloids from marine resources
(f) Sea grass, salt marshes, reefs, marls and stromatoliths, toxic algae and human health
(g) Impact of humans on marine environment
(h) Marine environment a balancing factor of the earth
(i) The course is suitable to equip students with knowledge and solution to our marine ecosystem problems.

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1	Marine Botany: General aspects, The Oceanic Environment: the Oceans and Seas, Marine plants and their habitats, Marine ecology: (a) physical (light, temperature, waves and current, circulation, density etc.) and (b) Chemical (nutrient elements, pH, salinity, oxygen, Carbon cycle, etc.) properties of seawater. (c) Horizontal and vertical zonations of seas and oceans.	**4**
2	Marine phytoplankton: Classification and diversity and adaptation of phytoplankton, Food chain and energy transfer, productivity of phytoplankton and biomass and seasonal variation/distribution of plankton.	**4**
3	Seaweeds: Introduction to the seaweeds, general morphology, seaweeds and their occurrences, diversity and importance of seaweeds, edible seaweeds, factors (Oceanic currents, temperature, surf, waves etc.) affecting seaweed distribution, biomass and phytogeography of seaweeds.	**4**
4	Sea grasses: characteristics, evolution and distribution, adaptations. Salt marshes: introduction, geographic distribution, adaptations	**2**
5	Estuarine ecology: introduction, evolution and biogeographic distribution, biodiversity of mangroves, Sundarbans: geo-ecological status, its flora nd fauna, salinity effects on it, formation and causes of degradation of Sundarbans and its reclamation, services of Sundarbans, management of estuarine ecology	**4**
6	Marine environment a balancing factor of the earth: Role of phytoplankton and seaweeds (Carbon sink, Cleanser of the atmosphere, cooling of the Earth, etc.).	**2**
7	Formation, morphology and fossil records of reef, marls and stromatoliths, marine plants of coral reefs	**2**
8	Blooms and their impact on aquatic biota and human being	**2**
9	Marine biotechnology: Algal industry, status of seaweed cultivation, production and utilization in different countries of the world (e. g., China, Japan, Korea etc.) and in Bangladesh. Seaweed culture in the coastal area of Bangladesh. (a) Seaweed farming model, cultivation of nori, kelp etc. (b) Biofuel production from algae (c) Extraction of phycocolloids and uses as food and industrial and pharmaceutical products.	**4**
10	The Impact of Humans on the Marine Environment: Modification and destruction of habitats, pollution, threatened and endangered species, conserving and enhancing the environment.	**2**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• Define and understand Marine Botany • Different factors including different chemical and physical properties of Oceans and seas • Horizontal and vertical zonations of Oceans and seas
2	• Know about the diversity of phytoplankton • Importance of phytoplankton, classification and adaptation • How different factors affects biomass of phytoplankton • Seasonal variation of plankton
3	Concept on Seaweeds • Morphology, diversity and importance of seaweeds • Factors affecting seaweed distribution • Biomass of seaweeds • Phytogeography of seaweeds
4	• Sea grasses: characteristics, evolution and distribution, adaptations. • Salt marshes: introduction, geographic distribution, adaptations
5	• Estuarine ecology: introduction, evolution and biogeographic distribution, biodiversity of mangroves • Estuarine Ecology and its importance • Sundarbans: geo-ecological status, its flora and fauna, salinity effects on it, formation and causes of degradation of Sundarbans and its reclamation, services of Sundarbans, management of estuarine ecology
6	• How a marine environment acts as a balancing factor of the earth • Role of phytoplankton and seaweeds • Carbon sink, cleanser of the atmosphere, cooling of the earth.
7	• Formation, morphology and fossil records of Reef, marls and stromatolites, • Marine plants of coral reefs
8	• Blooms and their impact on aquatic biota and human being
9	• Seaweeds identification, cultivation and processing • Identify phycocolloids, their production and uses • Methods of Marine biotechnology • Potentiality of extraction of biofuels from algae • Seaweeds use as food, industrial and pharmaceuticals products
10	• Destruction of marine habitats, pollution, • Threatened and endangered species, • Conserving and enhancing the environment.

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Instruction strategies

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question answer
- Guided discussion
- Project discussion
- Demonstration
- Field visit to important marine and estuarine environments.

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units
Assessment: In-course examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-9.

BOT 403: Ethnobotany **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

Ethnobotany is the study of relationships between plants and people. The topics covered include: basic ideas of ethnobotany, historical development of the subject, scopes and main areas of ethnobatanical research, traditional botanical knowledge, plants in material culture, research methods in ethnobotany, ethnopharmacology, sampling techniques, screening techniques, ethical issues in plants collection for the research, understanding of plant world, how perceptions change, cognitive ethnobotany and plant human interaction, applied aspects of ethnobotany, local and global interest in ethnobotanical data, biocultural reserves, laws protocols. Special effort will be paid on individual research project development.

Course objectives

(a) Traditional knowledge of plants including medicinal plants, food and vegetable, arts and technologies etc.
(b) Indigenous knowledge of agriculture, environment, germplasm management, biodiversity conservation techniques.
(c) Health care knowledge of medicinal plants and potential plants for drug discovery program
(d) Way to apply ethnobotanical data for resource conservation, community development, sustainable economic growth.
(e) How to conduct individual project related to applied ethnobotany

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Introduction	Definition and history, current scope and potential applications.	**4**
2: Traditional Botanical Knowledge (TBK)	Basic approaches to the study of traditional botanical knowledge (TBK) and subsistence, Wild plant resources, Domesticated plants and Traditional agriculture.	**4**
3: Methods in ethnobotanical study	Research protocol, types of interviews and questions, techniques of inquiries for data collection, sampling and sample consideration, data reliability using models.	**5**
4: Ethnopharma-cology	Definition, novel compounds, sampling methods, types of screening, plant collection for phytochemical analysis, preserving the plants, field note and ethical issues.	**4**
5: Plants in material culture	Plants used as timber, in construction, in art and technology, ritual and symbolism, as fibers, plant extracts and exudates, managing resources for material culture.	**5**
6: **Understanding traditional plant use and management**	Understanding the decision-making environment, factors affecting environmental perception, Ethnotaxonomy and perceived environment.	**2**

7: History of plant-human interaction	Paleoethnobotanical evidence	**2**
8: **Applied and applying ethnobotany**	Practical applications of ethnobotanical data and Sustainability and viability of ethnobotany-based projects, Legal mechanism and ethical codes.	**4**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• will be able to define the subject ethnobotany and historical background of development and also to know the applications of the subject in the modern world.
2	• will be able to learn the traditional knowledge of wild and domesticated plants and to know traditional agriculture systems and also to know the basic approaches of the studies of traditional botanical knowledge of plants
3	• will be able to learn the techniques of ethnobotanical studies and also to know the data analysis and presentation strategies, to know the techniques to conduct individual project on ethnobotany.
4	• will be able to know the ethnopharmacology techniques for the validation folk medical knowledge and ethical issues
5	• will be able to know the list of plant species used in different aspects of material culture.
6	• will be able to learn how to perceive plant environment by the local people and also to learn folk taxonomy of plant world.
7	• will be able to know the evidences of plants and human interactions.
8	• will be able to gain knowledge from the practical application of ethnobotanical data and to know the legal status in the use of traditional knowledge.

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Instruction strategies

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question answer
- Guided discussion
- Project discussion
- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units

Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-4.

BOT 404: Climate Change Biology **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

Global climate change is not a new idea. Initially the focus was on the physical and biological sciences. There is a general lack of consensus in the scientific communities concerning both a comprehensive definition and the conceptual scope of global climate change. As evidence, the three problems that have been given greatest attention - climate change, ozone depletion and loss of biodiversity - are all of anthropogenic in origin. The processes of

global changes tend to be highly non-linear and are characterized by human responses that can have positive or negative feedbacks. Therefore, the human dimensions and the essential role of plant scientists must be recognized in resolving global environmental problems. To familiarize the students with the global climate systems and changes being happening, this course focuses on the atmospheric and oceanic circulation, effects of climate changes on functions of organisms and ecosystems etc.

Course objectives

(a) Global climate systems

(b) Ocean structure and circulation

(c) Consequences of natural and anthropogenic processes on organisms, and complexity and functions of ecosystems

(d) Adaptation to climate changes

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Understanding global climate	Earth's climate system, atmospheric structure and circulation, Hadley cell, Ferrell cell, Polar cell, mean residence time (MRT), intertropical convergence zone (ITCZ), ocean structure and circulation, El-Nino and La-Nina.	**8**
2: Causes of global climate change	Factors affecting the changes of earth's average temperature, human drivers of change, terrestrial and marine sink of CO_2, CO_2 effects on climate. (5 classes)	**5**
3: Climate change phenomena	Evidence and consequences of global climate change, projecting future changes in the earth's climate.	**4**
4: Landform effects and vegetation	Influence on climate, temporal variability in climate, long term change, anthropogenic climate change, relationship of climate to ecosystem distribution and structure.	**4**
5: Impacts of global climate change	Responses of different organisms and ecosystems to climate change, extinction risks, challenges to agriculture in the context of Bangladesh.	**3**
6: Mitigation and adaption	Mitigation and adaptation mechanisms for the global climate change, Solar radiation management (SRM), C-sequestration, C-trading and global climate model (GCM), global initiatives. Solar Radiation Management (SRM)	**5**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcome
1	• will be able to acquire information on the complexity and function of the climate systems
2	• will be able to critically evaluate and synthesize their knowledge about the factors involved in global changes.
3	• will have knowledge about the future programs to mitigate climate change
4	• will have good understanding on the effects of different land uses and vegetation cover on climate
5	• will be able to evaluate the influence of climate changes on different organisms and ecosystems
6	• will have sufficient knowledge about the current trends of the world regarding climate change

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Instruction strategies

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question answer
- Guided discussion
- Project discussion
- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units
Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-3.

BOT 405: Autecology and Environment Credit hour: 2

Introduction
Ecology is a branch of science that systematically studies the interactions between living organisms as well as between living and non-living components of the environment. It deals with the interactions that determine adaptation, distribution and abundance of organisms. Therefore, studying the surrounding environment of the organisms is also important since the periphery of the environment starts from the time of conception till the death of any living being. Environmental Science is such a field where numerous current significant subjects are being coincided in a single point. With a handsome amalgamation, Environmental Science deals with some very important aspects like pollution, waste management, hydrology, atmospheric-oceanic environment, climate change, natural resource management, meteorology, biodiversity conservation, environmental impact assessment and so on.

Specific objectives:
This course focuses on training students with a broad understanding on areas covered by plant ecology, environmental science and relevant research approaches. The course will include basic concepts of environment of plants, interactions among organisms, ecosystem stability and environmental pollution.

Course contents, unit-wise learning outcomes, number of lectures per unit

Sl.	Unit	Subtitle	Unit-wise learning outcomes	Lecture
Section A: Autecology				
1	Introduction	• Definition, historical development and contribution of the prominent Ecologists of the world • Plant growth, Influence of the environment, Population response, Adaptability and adaptedness	Students will learn the history of the development of the discipline	2
2	The environment of plants	• The hydrosphere • The atmosphere • The lithosphere • The biosphere • The ecosphere	Students will learn about the characteristics of ecospheres	2
3	Radiation environment	• The Sun-a thermonuclear energy source • Radiation • Irradiance • Leaf canopies • Effects of radiation and irradiance on plants	Students will learn about the role of solar radiation on the growth of plants and the supply of foods	2

4	Energy environment	• Energy exchange in the natural environment • Radiation balance • Spatial and temporal variation in radiation balance • Energy budget of the different climatic zones	Focuses on the availability and exchange of energy	2
5	Salinity	• Definition of salinity • Sources of salinity • Salt cycles in nature • Classification of saline habitats • Adaptive features of halophytes	Extent and sources of salinity and the features of halophytic plants	3
6	Plant response to environmental stress	• Introduction • Response to temperature • Response to ionic toxicity • Response to gaseous toxicity	Students will learn about the detrimental effects of environmental effects on plant	2
7	Interactions between organisms	• Definition and significance • Types of interactions: competition (competitive superiority; occurrence, extent and ecological effects), predation and parasitism (nature of attack, plant defense, plant responses), allelopathy (Mechanism, allelopatthy in perspective)	Students will learn about the community organization and interactions	2
Section B Environment				
8	Basic concept of Environment and Environmental Science	• Definition of Environment and Environmental science and its importance • Sustainable development • Global environmental issues • Six key themes of Environmental Science • Human-environment interaction • Ecological footprint • Environmental ethics and environmentalism	Students will gain foundation knowledge about environment	4
9	Marine environment	• Classification of marine habitat • Productivity in relation to the Bay of Bengal • Mathematical models • Marine pollution	Focuses on the structure and productivity of marine environment	2
10	Soil environment	• Physical properties • Chemical properties	Properties of soil in relation to the distribution of plants	2
11	Ecosystem balance and imbalance	• Ecosystem stability and homeostasis • Factors influencing ecosystem balance • Human impacts on ecosystems	Students will learn the factors that regulate ecosystem stability	2
12	Water resources	• Basic water requirements • Global picture of water use • Global water availability • Sources of natural water • Causes and impacts of water shortage (drought and floods) • Remedies of water shortage	Students will know about the importance, availability and shortage of water resource. They will also learn about the solutions to the shortage of this resource.	3
13	Environmental toxicology	• Toxicity • Mechanism of toxicity • Toxic substances (e.g. heavy metals, plastics etc) and their effects • Extent of arsenic toxicity in water, soil and plants in Bangladesh	Students will learn about the nature, types and mechanisms of toxicity as well as the extent of arsenic toxicity in Bangladesh	2

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Instructional strategies and Learning experiences:

- Class lecture using black board/white board/multimedia projector
- Question/answer
- Guided discussion
- Practical demonstration
- Field visits/Study tour

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on selected topics.
Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken on selected Lectures. Term-Final examination will be held after completing the course contents.

BOT 406: Plant Physiology and Plant Nutrition **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

This is a basic course in 4-years integrated BS (Hons) in Botany program. Plant Physiology is a sub-discipline of botany concerned with the physical, chemical and biological functioning of plants. Plant Physiology is usually divided into three major parts: the physiology of nutrition and metabolism; the physiology of growth, development and reproduction; and environmental physiology. In this course, topics covered - photosynthesis in C_4 and CAM plants, photorespiration, mineral nutrition, ion absorption of plants, plant hormones, nitrogen fixation and enzymes.

Course objectives

(a) develop cogent and critical arguments based on the course material;
(b) integrate related topics from separate parts of the course;
(c) build up the knowledge in pertinent plant physiological processes such as photosynthesis, respiration, mineral nutrition, transport, growth substances etc;
(d) on satisfying the requirements of this course, students will have the increased knowledge of metabolic and physiological processes unique to plants, together with a better understanding of significance of mineral nutrition, mechanism of ion absorption, regulation of growth and development, influence of enzymes and environment.

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Photosynthesis	Details of C_4 and CAM pathways, (b) Comparison of C_3, C_4 and CAM pathways.	**4**
2: Respiration:	Pentose phosphate pathway and Photorespiration.	**4**
3: Growth and development	Discovery, classification, distribution, transport and chemical nature of plant growth substances, Physiological effects of auxin, gibberellin, cytokinin, ethylene and abscisic acid.	**3**

4: Enzymes:	Nomenclature and modern classification of enzymes with examples, Michaelis-Menten equation, Factors affecting enzyme activity.	**3**
5: Mineral nutrients	Essential elements, sources and functions of essential elements, role and deficiency symptoms of essential elements.	**6**
6: Ion absorption of plants:	Mechanism of ion absorption: Passive absorption: Donnan equilibrium and Cation exchange theory. Active absorption: Evidence of active absorption; Carrier concept; and Anion respiration or Lundegardth theory.	**4**
7: Pathways of translocation of ions	Apoplastic and symplastic pathway.	**2**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• enhance knowledge on different pathways of photosynthesis in plants; state the differences among C_3, C_4 and CAM pathways;
2	• itemize and describe Pentose phosphate pathway and Photorespiration and reveal the environmental influences upon carbon metabolism in plants (e.g. with respect to alternative fixation pathway and photorespiration);
3	• describe the major effects and physiological mechanisms of growth regulators (hormones) in plants;
4	• procure knowledge and understand the basic functions of enzyme activity;
5	• have clear conception of essential mineral elements and the role of these minerals play in organic molecule synthesis and use; also perceive the deficiency symptoms of essential elements;
6	• comprehend and integrate the mechanisms of absorption of mineral ions by plants;
7	• discern apoplastic and symplastic pathway.

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question answer
- Guided discussion
- Project discussion
- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units

Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-4.

BOT 407: Genomics, Proteomics and Bioinformatics **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

This is a basic course in 4 years integrated BS (Hons) in Botany program. It is structured in a way that the students develop clear understanding of the concept of Genomics, Proteomics and Bioinformatics. Students will also get the chances to learn about isolation and characterization of DNA, RNA and Proteins, subdividing the genome by restriction digestion and separating them by gel electrophoresis. The student will be able know about various bioinformatics tools for the analysis DNA, RNA and Protein sequences to identify the function and finding similar genes available in databases.

Course objectives

(a) Define and explain Genomics, Proteomics and Bioinformatics

(b) To know the techniques of genome and proteome analysis.

(c) Learn the principles of different sequencing techniques
(d) To know the various bioinformatic data bases
(e) Learn the sequence analysis using bioinformatic tools
(f) Understand necessity of drug design using bioinformatic tools

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Genomics	Organization and structure of genomes- Genome size, Sequence complexity, Genome structure in viruses and prokaryotes, the organization of nuclear DNA in eukaryotes. Subdividing the genome- Fragmentation of DNA with restriction enzymes, Separating large fragments of DNA, Isolation of chromosomes, Chromosome micro-dissection, Vectors for cloning DNA, Choice of vector. Genome sequence acquisition and analysis- Physical mapping of genomes, sequencing whole genomes- sequencing methods and strategies, Benefits of genome sequencing.	**10**
2: Proteomics	Introduction to Proteomics, Protein Structures and folding, Protein-protein interaction study: Yeast-2-hybrid systems. Protein separation for sequencing: 2-D gel electrophoresis, mass spectrometry/MALDI-TOF. Analysis of protein Sequences: Identification of Protein families and evolutionary relationships, Basic principles of protein sequence comparison, finding distant relationships, revealing protein motifs, 3D structural comparisons.	**10**
3: Bioinformatics	Introduction of Bioinformatics, Similarity Searches on Sequence Databases, Pair-wise alignments, multiple sequence alignment, Phylogenetic analysis, Application of bioinformatics. Networks in Bioinformatics/proteomics**:** Biological networks (Protein interaction networks, gene regulation networks), Bioinformatics Databases and search tools, Genomics circuits in single gene. Functional genomics: Identification and characterization genes from newly sequenced genome, Drug design based on bioinformatic tools.	**10**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• understand the Organization and structure of genomes of prokaryotes, eukaryotes and archea. • learn process of isolation is single chromosome and segment of a particular chromosome. • learn the techniques of subdividing the genome and know about the vectors for cloning DNA • learn the high throughput Genome sequencing techniques and analysis of the sequences.
2	• know the types of Protein Structures and folding and the importance of protein folding related to specific function. • learn the techniques of protein separation, studying protein-protein interaction and sequencing of peptide. • learn the study of phyllogenetic relationship among members of different protein families. • learn the use of softwares to predict protein 3D structure and finding the domains and motifs.
3	• know the different bioinformatic databases. • learn the principles and application procedure of different tools for analysis of DNA, RNA and Proteins. • know the different alignment techniques for nucleotide or peptide sequences with their principles. • identify the unknown nucleotide or peptide sequences through blast search analysis as well as the principles of similarity search tools. • learn the study of Phylogenetic analysis and functional genomic analysis of unknown gene sequences. • know the principles of drug design based on bioinformatic tools.

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Instruction strategies

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question answer
- Guided discussion
- Project discussion
- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units

Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-2.

BOT 408: Plant Tissue Culture **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

In spite of a doubling of the world population in the last three decades, agricultural production rose at an adequate rate to meet world food needs. However, an additional 3 billion people will be added to the world population in the next three decades, requiring an expansion in world food supplies to meet the projected needs. As the world population increases, there would be a need for an agricultural production system that is a pace with population growth. Unfortunately, arable land is in short supply, stemming from new lands that have been brought into cultivation in the past, or surrendered to urban development. Consequently, more food will have to be produced on less land. This calls for improved and high-yielding varieties to be developed by plant breeders.

The Green Revolution contributed significantly towards increasing the yields of major crops have dramatically changed over the years. However, the productivity of most of the major crops are almost in the peak and there is a little scope to increase the productivity further using conventional breeding techniques. Another major concern is that most of the population growth will occur in developing countries where food needs are currently most serious, and where resources for feeding people are already most severely strained, because of natural or human-made disasters, or ineffective political systems. It is under this background the application of plant tissue culture and modern biotechnology may play a vital role towards development of high yielding, abiotic and biotic stress tolerant crops which could be grown in stress prone areas like salinity and drought.

Studying this course students will have the opportunity to gather an in depth knowledge on various aspects and methods of plant tissue culture and biotechnology as well as their application in crop improvement. This course will also highlights the methods of developing genetically modified crops as well as the methods of producing industrially important secondary metabolites. Both theoretical presentations and practical laboratory demonstrations will allow students to gain experience in different basic and applied concepts and methods of plant tissue culture and modern biotechnology to be utilized for crop improvement.

Course objectives

(a) Provide basic principles and historical background of plant tissue culture and biotechnology
(b) Provide information on basic requirements for setting up a plant tissue culture laboratory, procedures and terminology of aseptic culture.
(c) Describe the applications of tissue culture for large scale propagation of economically important Plants for commercial utilization
(d) Provide lession on specialized cell culture techniques and their uses in plant science research and industry.
(e) Methods and applications of meristem culture, anther culture and somatic hybridization
(f) Describe methods for the production of secondary metabolites familiarize students with the technology of plant genetic engineering

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures

1	Historical background of plant tissue culture and biotechnology.	**2**
2	Laboratory organization, plant tissue culture media and other nutritional and hormonal supplements, sterilization of tissue culture media, equipments and plant materials.	**5**
3	Cellular totipotency, establishment and maintenance of callus, cell suspension culture.	**4**
4	*In vitro* organogenesis and somatic embryogenesis.	**4**
5	Micro-propagation and its commercial application.	**2**
6	Production of disease-free plants through meristem culture, virus indexing using ELISA test.	**2**
7	Somaclonal and gametoclonal variations: causes, stability and applications.	**2**
8	Anther and pollen culture for haploid, factors affecting haploid production and application of haploid in crop improvement.	**3**
9	Isolation and culture of protoplasts, somatic hybridization and cybridization.	**2**
10	Production of secondary metabolites through *in vitro* culture techniques.	**2**
11	Plant genetic engineering, concepts, methods and applications.	**2**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• students will know the importance and developmental history of plant tissue culture and biotechnology
2	• will be able to design and setting up of a plant tissue culture laboratory based on the need of the users
3	• will familiarize the requirements and various ingredients of plant tissue culture media including plant growth regulators essential for plant tissue culture
4	• will know how to maintain aseptic environment during culturing of cell and tissues as well as sterilization of various equipments and appliances
5	• will familiarize different specialized cell culture techniques including callus culture, *in vitro* organogenesis and somatic embryogenesis, micropropagation, etc.
6	• will know how to regenerate virus free plants through meristem culture techniques and their indexing using immunological methods
7	• will know the mechanisms of somaclonal and gametoclonal variation produced through *in vitro* culture techniques
8	• will know the various factors that affects haploid production using *in vitro* culture techniques and the significance of anther culture in crop improvement
9	• will be able to know the procedure of isolation of protoplasts and fusion process of somatic cells and their importance in overcoming breeding barriers
10	• will know the process of production of industrially important secondary metabolites using *in vitro* culture techniques including their advantages ad limitations
11	• students will be able to know the concepts and applications of plant genetic engineering towards developing crops tolerant to biotic and abiotic stresses as well as with enhanced nutritional qualities

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by Question-answer
- Guided discussion

- Project discussion
- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units

Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-6.

BOT 409: Horticulture and Agronomy **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

This is a basic course in 4-years integrated BS (Hons) in Botany program. It is structured in a way that the students develop clear understanding of the concept of horticulture and agronomy, scopes of horticulture in Bangladesh, classification of horticultural plants and vegetables, seed bed preparation, propagation of horticultural plants, fertilizer and irrigation. Students also learn about horticultural aspects and intensive cultivation of different crops viz. vegetables (Olericulture), fruits (Pomology) and flowers (Floriculture).

Course objectives

(a) Distinguish between horticulture and agronomy.
(b) Classify horticultural plants and vegetables with special reference to Bangladesh.
(c) Prepare an ideal seed bed and raise seedlings in it following scientific method.
(d) List and describe various methods of vegetative propagation.
(e) Apply the knowledge of vegetative propagation in novel situation e.g. repairing injuries, increasing quality of fruit, imparting disease resistance etc.
(f) Justify among different scientific methods to properly irrigate and fertilize fields or gardens.
(g) Establish garden of different vegetables (e.g. tomato, brinjal, lady's finger etc.), fruits (mango, pineapple, lemon etc.) and flowers (e.g. rose, tuberose, chrysanthemum etc.).

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Introduction	Definition, historical background, branches of horticulture, Distinguishing features of horticulture and agronomy, Objectives and scope of horticulture, urban horticulture.	**2**
2: Classification of horticultural plants	Botanical classification, Agronomic classification, Classification based on uses.	**2**
3: Classification of vegetables	Classification based on different criteria with examples especially from Bangladesh.	**4**
4: Preparation of seedbed:	Seed bed, soil type, location and its classification, Preparation of an ideal seed bed, Seed rate calculation, Seed sowing method, pre- and post-transplanting care of seed and soil before sowing.	**5**
5: Propagation of horticultural plants	Classification with examples, Advantages and disadvantages of vegetative propagation, Details about cutting, layering and grafting.	**5**
6: Fertilizer	Types and classification of fertilizer, Composition, dosage, time and methods of fertilizer application.	**4**
7: Irrigation	Methods and importance of irrigation, Sources, quality and quantity of irrigation water.	**4**
8: Olericulture	Horticultural aspects and cultivation of different vegetables in Bangladesh. e.g. tomato, brinjal, lady's finger.	**2**
9: Pomology	Horticultural aspects, plantation and cultural practices of fruit yielding plants. e.g. mango, pineapple, lemon.	**1**

10: Floriculture	Floricultural aspects and cultivation of the flowering plants. e. g. rose, tuberose, chrysanthemum.	**1**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• gain an understanding of horticultural science and its relationships to other disciplines.
2	• classify horticultural plants.
3	• classify vegetables with special reference to Bangladesh.
4	• prepare an ideal seed bed and raise seedlings in it following scientific method.
5	• demonstrate an in-depth disciplinary knowledge and capacity to apply the knowledge of vegetative propagation at horticultural system issues in multiple cases.
6	• show the demonstrated skill in scientifically fertilizing a field.
7	• develop ability to employ irrigation knowledge to horticultural problems.
8	• gain knowledge on the intensive cultivation of different vegetables.
9	• gain knowledge on the intensive cultivation of different fruit yielding plants.
10	• gain knowledge on the cultivation of different flowering plants.

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question-answer
- Guided discussion
- Demonstration
- Quizzes
- Piazza website

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units

Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-5.

BOT 410: Biological Limnology **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

This course is taught in the 4th year classes of four years integrated BS (Honors) degree program in Botany under the University of Dhaka. The students learn Fundamentals of Limnology in their 3rd Year Honors Course. So, the present course has been designed to offer the students an up to date knowledge on the organisms of inland aquatic ecosystems, together with their functional behavior. Contribution of organisms in the energy pipeline of biological production systems is also highlighted. The goal could be best achieved via introducing the students with the qualitative and to some extent quantitative aspects of aquatic biodiversity of inland waters. The 'Grasses of water' i.e., the phytoplankton community is explained following their types, pattern, biological role and their adaptive features in the liquid environment. The methods to achieve a quantitative value in terms of organic carbon in the food chain by phytoplankton are also elaborated. Furthermore, the presence and role of aquatic angiosperms and other groups of plants in the aquatic ecosystem has been clarified. Particular emphasis has been given to the ecophysiological adaptations such as heterophylly for carrying out photosynthesis in aquatic medium by aquatic macrophytes. Some details on the geographical distribution, dispersal, endemism and example of fossil of hydrophytes have been given. The obnoxious and beneficial roles of aquatic weeds have been highlighted. After visiting this course every student will get knowledge on the biological part of limnology.

Course objectives

(a) Know aquatic biodiversity, reasons of creation, classification, patterns, energy flow

(b) Learn aspects of plankton, sinking mechanism, resistance offered, seasonality, pattern
(c) Know primary production, measurements, seasonality, consult a case study
(d) Understand nutrient utilization by plankton, specific responses, eutrophication
(e) Study biodiversity of aquatic vascular plants, distribution, evolution, adaptation
(f) Learn concept of heterophylly, role in photosynthesis, effect of turbulance
(g) Know dispersal and geographic distribution of aquatic plants, endemism and fossils
(h) Learn aquatic weeds, composition, effects, eradication, economic values

Course content

Sl. No.	Course content	No. of Lectures
Unit 1	**Aquatic biodiversity**: Water as an environment for organisms, energy flow, creation of diverse biotic communities, composition, pattern and classification.	**3**
Unit 2	**Plankton**: Introduction, definition, classification, general features, collection procedure, composition, size and shape, common aquatic algae, pigment, biomass, suspension mechanism of plankton in water, relevant to this GALD, V, SA/V, their relationships, form resistance of plankton, distribution, spatial, temporal, diacmic, monoacmic seasonal behavior of phytoplankton.	4
Unit 3	**Primary productivity**: Definition, aquatic organisms relevant to the process, methodology of determination, Light and Dark bottle O_2 and ^{14}C technique, manipulation with examples, merits and demerits of the methodologies, seasonality of primary productivity and its components in a man-made lake of Bangladesh.	**4**
Unit 4	**Resource utilization by plankton**: Phytoplankton and nutrient relationships, limiting nutrients, biomass responses of phytoplankton to different nutrients, namely, P, N, Si, relationship of *Skeletonema* plankton with various concentrations of silica. Eutrophication, concept, process of occurring, classification, causes, consequences and remedies.	**4**
Unit 5	**Aquatic macrophytes**: Vascular and avascular aquatic plants, their types, classification, horizontal and vertical distribution, evolution of aquatic tracheophytes, supporting evidences, group wise anatomical adaptive features with illustration.	**4**
Unit 6	**Heterophylly**: Concepts relevant to heterophylly in aquatic plants, its relationship with photosysnthesis, morphological adaption in promoting underwater photosynthesis, effect of turbulence on photosynthesis of laminar and capillary leaves.	**3**
Unit 7	**Dispersal and geographical distribution**: Different modes and means of dispersal, adventives species, quantitative aspects of colonization. Extensive, Eurasian, European, Asiatic, discontinuous distribution on a global scale, endemism and fossil records of hydrophytic plants.	**4**
Unit 8	**Aquatic weeds**: Definition, effects, types, typical species of weed characters, their control, manual, mechanical, biological, chemical, biomass utilization for benefits, economic values as food, feed, fodder, fertilizer, commercial, medicinal purposes, ecosystem services, interactions, biotic relationships.	**4**

Unit wise learning outcome

Unit No.	Learning outcomes
1	• Flow of energy relevant to biotic communities • Organisms associated, niche characters • Creation of diverse biotic communities • Composition, pattern and classification
2	• All about plankton, general features, classification, collection • Size, shape, examples in common, pigment, biomass • Suspension mechanism, relevant factors to it • Distribution spatial, temporal, seasonal behavior, pattern
3	• Primary productivity as central theme, organisms making it • Determination procedures of productivity, merits, demerits • Seasonal sequence of productivity and its components
4	• Nutrients, type, availability, source, depletion in concentration • Concept of limiting nutrients, their responses, governing mechanisms • *Skeletonema* and its relationship with different concentration of Si • Concept of surface water eutrophication, causes and consequences • Involved nutrients, control measures against their contamination
5	• Diversity of vascular and avascular macrophytes

	• Classification, horizontal and vertical distribution, evolution • Group wise anatomical adaptive features with illustration
6	• Concept of heterophylly in aquatic plants • Relationship between photosynthesis and heterophylly • How morphological adaptation promotes underwater photosynthesis • Turbulence effects on photosynthesis of laminar and capillary leaves
7	• Means and modes of dispersal of aquatic plants • Dispersal over continents, types, patterns, species composition • Endemic and fossil records of hydrophytes
8	• Concepts of aquatic weeds, species composition, problems • Control measures, harvested biomass utilization • Economic and environmental values of aquatic plants on global scale • Ecosystem services and biotic relationships

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question answer
- Guided discussion
- Project discussion
- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units
Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-4.

BOT 411: Numerical Cytogenetics **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

This is a basic course in 4-years integrated BS (Hons) in Botany program. Development of clear knowledge about different types of numerical aberration of chromosome. Students will get detail information regarding the cytological behavior and application of trisomy, monosomy, nullisomy, haploid, triploid, autotetraploid, allopolyploid, auto-allopolyploid and segmental allopolyploid and synthetic classification of polyploidy. Students will get knowledge about different human abnormalities caused by chromosomal aberration.

Course objectives

(a) Define, classify and explain different types of numerical aberration of chromosome.
(b) Get clear idea the cytological behavior and application of trisomy, monosomy, nullisomy, haploid, triploid, autotetraploid, allopolyploid, auto-allopolyploid and segmental allopolyploid and synthetic classification of polyploidy
(c) Explain the reason and nature of different human abnormalities caused by chromosomal aberration.

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Numerical aberration	An introduction	**1**
2: Aneuploid: (a) Hyperploid:	**Trisomics -** Definition, origin, sources, kinds, identification, cytological behaviour, phenotypic expression, segregation and genetic ratio of different types of trisomic. **(b) Hypoploid: monosomics and nullisomics -** introduction, origin, occurrence, identification, cytological and breeding behaviour.	**8**
3: Euploid:	**(a) Haploid -** Definition, origin, classification, phenotypic characters, cytological behavior and economic importance, **(b) Polyploids:**	**10**

	Definition, identification, origin, types, cytological behaviour, phenotypic characters of triploid, autotetraploid, allopolyploid, autoallopolyploid and segmental allopolyploid, synthetic classification of polyploidy, application in agriculture.	
4: Speciation through allopolyploidy and segmental allopolyploidy:	(i) *Primulakewensis*, (ii) *Spertinatownsandii*, (iii) *Raphano-brassica*, (iv) *Nicotianatabacum*, (v) *Brassica* spp., (vi)*Gossypium*spp., (vii) *Triticumaestivum*, (viii) *Triticale*, (ix) *Crepisfoetida-rubra*and (x)*Setcreaseapurpurea*.	**7**
5: Human cytogenetics:	Brief introduction, Down's syndrome, Patau's syndrome, Edward's syndrome, Klinefelter's syndrome, Triplo X/Trisomy syndrome, XYY syndrome and Turner's syndrome.	**4**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• will get idea about numerical aberrations of chromosomes.
2	• will learn about origin, distribution, occurrences, sources, cytological behavior, kinds, phenotypic expressions and consequences of different types of aneuploids.
3	• will acquire knowledge about origin, distribution, occurrences, sources, cytological behavior, significance, phenotypic expressions, evolutions, characters and consequences of haploid and polyploidy. They will also gather knowledge about synthetic classification of polyploidy and application of different polyploidy in agriculture.
4	• will get knowledge about different example of speciation through allopolyploidy and segmental allopolyploidy.
5	• will gather knowledge about different types of chromosomal aberration in human, features of different syndrome and consequences.

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question answer
- Guided discussion
- Project discussion
- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units

Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-3.

BOT 412: Microbial Plant Pathology Credit hour: 2

Introduction

Microbial plant pathology is one of the basic course in 4-years BS (Honors) in Botany program. The course aims to provide the concept of *plant diseases*, causes, types, impact of pathogens on crops. Basic methods of plant pathology is focused. It also focuses on the symptoms and control measures of plant diseases caused by Mycoplasma, Virus, Bacteria and Nematode.

Course objectives

(a) To be introduced with the basic principles and concept of plant pathology.
(b) Learn the explanation of infection of plants by different pathogens.
(c) Identify mycoplasma, bacteria, virus and nematode diseases of plants.
(d) Learn the methods of investigation of unknown diseases of plants.
(e) Learn the preventive measures of plant disease control

(f) Learn to avoid epidemic diseases of plants.

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Mycoplasma diseases:	Introduction, characteristics of phytopathogenic Mycoplasma and importance; Causal organism, symptoms and management of Rice yellow dwarf and Little leaf of brinjal.	**5**
2: Viral diseases:	Introduction; characteristics and symptoms of plant viruses. Translocation and distribution of viruses in plants; transmission of plant viruses; virus-vector relationship; physiology of virus infected plants; control of viral diseases, purification of plant viruses and serology of viruses. Causal organism, symptoms and management of selected diseases of plants. (i) mosaic of bean; (ii) potato leaf roll, (iii) vein clearing of bhendi, (iv) tungro disease of rice, and (v) bunchy top of banana.	**9**
3: Bacterial diseases:	roduction, characteristics and classification of plant pathogenic bacteria; methods of investigation of bacterial diseases; mode of entry of bacteria into the host; action of bacteria on plant tissue; symptoms and control of bacterial diseases. Causal organism, symptoms, development of disease and control measures of the following plant diseases: (i) bacterial blight of rice, (ii) gummosis of sugarcane, (iii) citrus canker, (iv) wilt of tomato, (v) soft rot of potato,(vi) angular leaf spot of cotton (vii) scab of potato.	**9**
4: Nematode diseases:	oduction, characteristics of plant pathogenic nematodes, isolation of nematodes; phytopathogenic nematodes; control of nematode diseases, symptoms and infection process. Causal organism, symptoms, and control measures of root-knot of vegetables and ufra disease of rice.	**7**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• Will be able to know the characteristics of phytopathogenic Mycoplasma. • Learn the importance of Mycoplasma. • Able to identify and control Mycoplasma diseases of plants.
2	• Able to identify viral diseases of plants. • Will identify translocation and distribution of viruses in plants. • Learn about transmission of plant viruses; virus-vector relationship. • Learn to control plant viral diseases. • Know the methods of purification of plant viruses.
3	• Able to identify plant pathogenic bacteria. • Learn the methods of investigation of bacterial diseases of plants. • Gather knowledge about the entry of bacteria into the host. • Learn the mechanism of action of bacteria on plant tissue. • Capable of identify causal organism, symptoms and control measures of bacterial diseases of plants.
4	• Able to identify nematodes. • Capable to isolate nematodes • Will be able to control nematode diseases of plants.

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question answer
- Guided discussion
- Project discussion

- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units

Assessment: In-course examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-2.

BOT 413: Seed Pathology **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

The course of Seed pathology is the sub-discipline of plant pathology in 4-years integrated BS (Hons) in Botany program. It is structured in a way that the students develop clear understanding of the concept of seed pathology, economic significance of seed-borne diseases, different seed diseases caused by seed-borne pathogens, pattern of infection, seed transmission, location of fungi in seeds of crop plants, methods of seed health testing for the detection of seed-borne pathogens and non-pathogens, seed histopathology, methods of seed-plant-seed transmission, seed certification standards, deterioration of seeds due to storage fungi and control of seed-borne inocula. Students also understand about the diseases and deterioration caused by bacteria, fungi, nematodes, viroids and viruses; and physiological and mechanical disorders.

Course objectives

(a) Discuss about the total losses of seed production due to diseases in the world.
(b) Differentiate between healthy seeds and infected seeds.
(c) Explain how the seeds are infected by fungi.
(d) Identify the causal organisms of respective seed borne diseases.
(e) Know about the field standards and seed standards of different crops *viz.*, rice, wheat, jute, etc.
(f) Apply the quarantine rules or seed health regulations during seed exchange in national level as well as international level.
(g) Discuss how the seed borne fungi reduce the seed quality as well as how they cause harmful effect on human and animal by producing different kind of mycotoxins.
(h) Establish the control measures for the specific seed borne diseases in storage
(i) Justify the rules and regulation for commercial seed certification
(j) Discuss about the "Seed ordinance, 1977

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Introduction	Historical background, scope and prospects of Seed Pathology, economic significance of seed-borne diseases.	**4**
2: Seed diseases	Seed abortion, discoloration, stromatization, necrosis, rot, physiogenic disease (marsh spot, hollow heart) etc.	**4**
3: Location of fungal hyphae in seeds	Seed infestation, infection, location of Oomycetes, Ascomycetes, Basidiomycetes and Deuteromycetous fungi in seeds of crop plants, colonization of seed tissues.	**6**
4: Seed health testing	Objectives of seed health testing, Methods of seed health testing and identification of seed-borne diseases of fungal origin.	**2**
5 : Histopathology	Microtechniques in seed histopathology: Histological methods.	**4**
Unit 6: Seed-plant-seed transmission	Types of development of seed transmission, Methods of seed-plant-seed transmission.	**2**
7: Seed certification	Methods of seed certification, field standards and seed standards for rice, wheat and jute.	**2**
8; Storage diseases	Effects of storage on seed quality, human, cattle etc.; storage facilities in Bangladesh with remedies.	**2**
9: Control of seed borne diseases	Seed treatment with special references to chemicals; integrated control and seed quarantine.	**4**

Unit wise learning outcomes

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• Will able to know about previous history of Seed Pathology, objectives and scope of learning Seed Pathology and economic significance of seed-borne diseases
2	• Will learn about different terms related to seed-borne diseases, different types of seed-borne diseases of various crops and know about causal agents of different seed-borne diseases

3	• Able to identify different sites of seed borne infection, locations of Oomycetes, Ascomycetes and Basidiomycetes in seeds and know about colonization of host tissue by pathogens
4	• Will gain knowledge about main objectives of seed health testing and different kinds of standard methods of seed health test
5	• Will able to learn about different procedures of seed softening and various kinds of histological methods to find out the internal mycelium of pathogens in the host tissues
6	• Will get idea on the mechanism of seed-plant-seed transmission • Know about eight principal types of disease cycle and infection course according to Paul Neergaard
7	• Will able to know how to do certify the seed? • To apply the idea about field and seed standards in different crops *viz.*, rice, wheat, jute, etc.
8	• Will know about the spoilage of seeds at storage condition, harmful effects of storage fungi and storage facilities in Bangladesh
9	• Will able to apply different control measures for the specific seed borne diseases in storage and know about seed quarantine

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by group discussion
- Question answer
- Guided discussion
- Project discussion
- Demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units

Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1-3.

BOT 414: Evolution **Credit hour**: 2

Introduction

Evolution is one of the unifying ideas in biology. It was emerged in the middle of the 19th century through the work of Charles Darwin. Through careful observation and study Darwin proposed that all living individuals were descended from a common ancestor and that the differences among them were due to the changes that had accumulated slowly and gradually over a long period of time. To explain these changes, Darwin invoked a mechanism that is generally called natural selection. One of the best ways to understand the present is to understand the past. Evolutionary Biology is the study of the changes in life forms over time - changes that have occurred over millions of years as well as those that have occurred over just a few decades.

This course covers the various mechanisms of evolution, how these mechanisms work, and how change is measured. This course will serve as a foundation for studying fossil records and current classification schemes in biology. The course will provide about the fundamental evidences with a look at the history of life according to the fossil record and a discussion of the broad range of life forms as they are currently classified. This course provides the lesson to understand the evolutionary concepts of selection and speciation. Through this course evolutionary change can be measured through the concept of Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium. Also, this course will introduce the materials for future study and research in macroevolution and microevolution.

This course provides a comprehensive introduction to evolutionary biology. Students are introduced to both short-term and long-term evolutionary processes and they explore the patterns that result from those processes. Topics covered include the history of evolutionary theory, evidence for evolution, the origin of life, the origin of plants and animals and genetic evolution, natural selection, sexual selection, species and speciation, human evolution, and evolutionary issues in modern society.

Course objectives

(a) Natural selection as key to understanding the natural world; how natural selection produces adaptation; the origins of genetic variation; fitness, the common methods for studying adaptive genetic change
(b) Population genetic consequences of selection, mutation, migration (gene flow), inbreeding; genetic drift, an important evolutionary force
(c) Results of natural or artificial selection on quantitative characters: the interplay between heritability and the environment
(d) Phylogenetic thinking: why we need phylogenies for a deeper understanding of all aspects of evolution
(e) How new species arise; the major species concepts
(f) The history of life; the evolution of humans

Course content

Units	Course content	No. of Lectures
1: Introduction	Origin versus creation, theory of special creation, concepts regarding origin and back ground of evolution.	**2**
2: **Pre-Darwinian concepts**	Buffon, Saint Hilaire, Robert Chambers, Herbert Spencer, Franz Unger, Lamarck, Lamarckism, criticism of Lamarckism and Neo-Lamarckism.	**2**
3: **Darwin-Wallace theory**	Brief life sketch of Charles Darwin and R. A. Wallace, voyage of the HMS Beagle by Darwin, development of the theory, essence of Darwinism, criticism of Darwinism (emotional and scientific) and Neo-Darwinism.	**4**
4: **Evidences of evolution**	Paleontological, missing link, living fossil, biogeographical and ecological regions of world, adaptive radiation, comparative anatomy, vestigial organs, embryological, cytological, biochemical and molecular evidences.	**4**
5: **Synthetic theory of evolution**	Stebbins' proposal, evolution process, genetic explanation, Hardy-Weinberg law, static and dynamics of gene in population, genetic death and genetic drift.	**4**
6: Natural selection	Types: stabilizing, directional, disruptional, sexual, frequency dependent, kin and reproductive selection.	**4**
7: Speciation	Species concept, characteristics of species, steps of evolution: micro-, macro-, mega-evolution, patterns of evolution: adaptive divergence, adaptive radiation, parallel, iterative, convergence, anagenesis, cladogenesis, stasigenesis, Isolation: pre-mating, post-mating, sympatric- and allopatric isolation.	**4**
8: **Chemical theory of origin of life**	(a) Experimental evidences-Operin-Haldane hypothesis, Miller-Urey experiment. (b) Stages of chemical evolution-origin of carbohydrate, fatty acids, purine, pyrimidine, polypeptide, pre-organic condensation, organic compound, formation of polymer (protenoid microsphere). (c) Origin of prokaryotes and eukaryotes.	**4**
9: **Human evolution**	Man's place in nature, relation with other primates, some special features of human, comparative karyotype and molecular analysis between ape and human, fossil evidences.	**1**
10: Cosmology	A brief structure of the universe and big bang theory.	**1**

Unit wise learning outcome

Units	Learning outcomes
1	• know about the concept of evolution and back ground information about evolution, understand that by biological evolution indicating that many of the organisms that inhabit the Earth today are different from those that inhabited it in the past
2	• Know about Pre -Darwinian concepts of evolution including Lamarckism and Neo-Lamarckism
3	• Know about life sketch of Charles Darwin, voyage of the HMS Beagle by Darwin, development of the theory of evolution by Darwin, and Neo-Darwinism. Understand that the four propositions underlying Darwin's theory of evolution through natural selection are: (1) more individuals are produced than can survive; (2) there is therefore a struggle for existence; (3) individuals within a species show variation; and (4) offspring tend to inherit their parents' characters. Moreover

	understanding that the three necessary and sufficient conditions for natural selection to occur are: (1) a struggle for existence; (2) variation; and (3) inheritance
4	• Know about the various evidences of evolution including fossil records, comparative anatomy, vestigial organs, embryological, cytological, biochemical and molecular evidences. Also learn about biogeographical and ecological regions of world
5	• know about the Synthetic theory of evolution including evolution process, genetic explanation, Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium and demonstrate the problem-solving use of the theory in population genetics studies of natural populations; • provide examples of the mechanisms of evolution and describe how they impact the genetic makeup of populations
6	• Know the process of Natural selection: Types of natural selection includeing stabilizing directional disruptional sexual and reproductive selection
7	• Define and apply the biological, morphological, ecological, and phylogenetic species concepts. • Distinguish between sympatric and allopatric speciation. • Define, recognize, and understand the significance of reproductive isolating mechanisms in reducing gene flow between populations. • Distinguish between prezygotic and postzygotic barriers to reproduction.
8	• know the chemical theory of origin of life on Earth, identify important evolutionary events that have occurred throughout Earth's geological history, starting with the hypotheses on the origin of life.
9	• Know about the fossil evidence for human evolution in the context of living great apes and modern humans, also the chronologically from our earliest human ancestors, up until modern humans who inhabit the world today
10	• know about the basic understanding about cosmology as a fact of universal evolution

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Instruction strategies and Learning experiences

- Lecture followed by Question-answer
- Group discussion
- Project discussion
- Practical demonstration

Assignment: Students will be given assignment on particular units

Assessment: Incourse examination will be taken after completing the lectures on units 1 to 5

Practical

BOT 415: Practical - 1 Credit hour: 3

A. Microbiological Techniques B. Marine Botany C. Biological Limnology D. Ethnobotany

A. Microbiological Techniques

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Preparation and sterilization of culture media	• Acquire knowledge about preparation culture media and sterilization by autoclaving.

2	Isolation of bacteria from soil by serial dilution method	• Development of knowledge to perform serial dilution technique to isolate bacteria from soil sample
3	Isolate pure cultures by streak dilution technique	• Purification of isolated bacteria using streak dilution technique.
4	Methylene blue reduction test	• Acquire knowledge about methylene blue reduction test used in milk quality test.
5	Isolation and observation of *Azotobacter* by mud-pie technique	• Learn about a very simplified culture technique to isolate a free living nitrogen fixing bacteria *Azotobacter* from soil.
6	Preparation of bacteriological stains	• Know about the preparation about different basic bacteriological stains *viz.* Crystal violet, Safranin, Lugol's Iodine solution etc.

B. Marine Botany

Units	Title	Learning Outcomes
1	Field trips to St. Martin's Island/Sundarbans/Patuakhali Mangrove Forests- the collection of Phytoplankton, Seaweeds and salt marsh plants.	Gain preliminary knowledge o**f** marine ecology, its structure, different factors affecting the marine environment. It would be possible to know about the diversity and classification of algae, phytoplankton, seaweeds, seagrasses, flowering plants, salt marsh plants, mangroves etc. and their distribution, cultivation and processing and production of foods, industrial and pharmaceuticals products, and their economic importance. Determination of different pigments in algae.
2	Measuring pH, salinity, specific gravity and NTU of marine water.	
3	Systematic study of some common phytoplankton, seaweeds, and sea-grasses/salt marsh plants.	
4	Commercially important seaweeds	
5	Commercial products of seaweeds.	
6	Determination of chlorophyll *a* and *b* in a green alga and phycobilins in red algae	

C. Biological Limnology

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Study on the morphology and anatomy of some selected aquatic plants covering different taxonomic groups.	Know the morphology and anatomical peculiarities of different macrophytes. Identify the specific adaptive features
2	Calculation of phytoplankton primary productivity by applying Talling's Model.	Practice the calculation of different model parameters of Tallings Integration Model on primary productivity by using the measured field data
3	Study of different life forms of aquatic plants	Learn the life forms of aquatic plants, particularly buds, turions and bulbils and also identify morphological reduction processes under adverse condition of some macrophytes
4	Qualitative and quantitative aspects of pelagic phytoplankton.	Collect, sediment and obtain a plankton concentrate from a pond water sample. Identify them and quantify them per unit volume of pond water sample.

D. Ethnobotany

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Individual research project report on particular area or community or disease.	Students will know how to develop research project, how to collect data, how to analyze data, how to write research report, and how to present research to the audience
2	Practical Ethnobotany: Observation and study of human interaction with plants in different localities, cultures and societies	Students will get practical experiences from the field and how to interact people, society and culture with plants for their daily needs including foods, health care, tools, furnishers, religion and faith, etc.

BOT 416: Practical - 2 Credit hour: 3

E. Climate Change Biology F. Microbial Plant Pathology G. Seed Pathology

E. Climate Change Biology

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Measurement of spatial and temporal atmospheric temperature variation of Dhaka city and adjacent areas	• Students will be able to recognize the changes in the temperature of atmosphere due to different human activities and natural phenomena.
2	Measurement of wetlands temperature variations in and around Dhaka city	• Students will be able to recognize the changes in the temperature of freshwater ecosystems due to different human activities and natural phenomena.
3	Measuring C-sequestration of different plant species	• Students will be able to assess the capacity of different plants species to capture and store C from the atmosphere in different parts of its body.
4	Estimation of C-reserve of soil of different places/forest lands	• Students will be able to assess the stocks of C of different terrestrial habitats and their roles in mitigation to climate changes.
5	Students will present a topics related to climate change issues (Subject matter will be determined with discussion to the course teacher).	• Students will be able to address different climate related issues and role of different world organization in combating climate changes. They will also be able to communicate different climate issues at different levels.

F. Microbial Plant Pathology

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Study of common viral, mycoplasma, bacterial and nematode diseases of plants.	• Able to identify plant diseases caused by different types of causal organisms on the basis of disease symptoms.
2	Study of disease symptoms and etiology of bacteria of diseased tomato, potato, carrot and citrus.	• Able to identify the bacteria and disease of tomato, potato, carrot and citrus
3	Culturing of bacterial pathogens.	• Learn the preparation and sterilization of culture media for bacterial growth.
4	Pathogenicity test of bacterial pathogens.	• Able to isolate bacteria from diseased plant parts following tissue planting and dilution plate methods. • Learn the techniques of inoculation and re-isolation of bacteria from plant materials.
5	Demonstration of nematodes associated with plant specimens.	• Able to observe living nematode from gall diseases of vegetables.

G. Seed Pathology

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Microtechniques in seed histopathology	• Observe the exact expanse of fungal mycelium in seed.
2	To acquaint with machinery and chemicals used in seed treatment	• To know how to use different machinery and chemicals for the proper seed treatment.
3	Seed health testing: Methods and factors	• Know about different kinds of standard methods of seed health test. Isolation of different pathogens associated with seeds.
4	Study of the effect of seed treatment with chemicals/biological agents	• Observe the inhibiting effect of chemicals as well as biological agents on the seed-borne pathogens.
5	Study of the seed-borne diseases	• Identify the causal organisms of respective seed borne diseases.
6	Collection of diseased seed samples from fields	• Observe the disease symptom of different crops associated with seeds in the field condition.

BOT 417: Practical - 3 Credit hour: 3

H. Horticulture and Agronomy I. Autecology and Environment J. Plant Physiology and Plant Nutrition

H. Horticulture and Agronomy

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Preparation of seed bed in the field and in earthen containers	Prepare an ideal seed bed in the field and earthen containers
2	Determination of viability of seeds and percentage germination	Determine viability of seeds and percentage of germination
3	Transplantation of seedlings. Pre- and post-transplantation care	Develop knowledge to transplant the seedlings and also learn about how to take care of seedlings
4	Soil correction before cultivation of crops	Develop skill to correct the soil before crop cultivation
5	Preparation of different concentrations of growth regulator	Develop capacity to prepare different concentrations of growth regulator
6	Rooting of cuttings by growth regulator application	Develop skill to form root in the cuttings by growth regulator application.
7	Identification and photograph collection of different flowers & vegetables	Identify different seasonal flowers & vegetables

I. Autecology and Environment

Sl. No.	Topic	Required classes	Learning outcomes
1	Students will maintain a field note book to study vegetation types and habitats of the campus of the University of Dhaka and also from local excursion	1	• Understand natural vegetation as well as the components and functions of the ecosystems • Understand how to analyze/ survey vegetation • Learn mechanisms of adaptation of plants • Know how to determine environmental pollution (e.g. water quality etc.) • Learn how to study soil properties
2	Determination of minimal sample area (Quadrat size) by species-area curve method	1	
3	Study of stomatal types by various methods	2	
4	Determination of leaf traits e.g. SLA (Specific Leaf Area) and RWC (Relative Water Content)	1	
5	Plants of wetland habitats	1	

6	Determination of soil texture	1	• Learn application of computer software for multivariate analysis of biotic community
7	Study of pollution level in water by determining BOD and COD	2	

J. Plant Physiology and Plant Nutrition

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Determination of osmotic pressure by plasmolytic method	• Understand the concepts of plasmolysis, deplasmolysis and also the cause of plasmolysis in peels of *Rhoeo discolor* in hypotonic and hypertonic solutions using salt solution;
2	Separation of pigments by separating funnel	• Learn about extraction and chemical separation technology, specifically, how to do a liquid phase-extraction in order to separate a mixture of molecules;
3	Determination of presence of enzymes in plant tissue	• Detect the presence of different enzymes (e.g. catalase, oxidase, peroxidase and dehydrogenase) in plant tissue;
4	Extraction and measurement of K^+ and Na^+ in plant tissue	• Visualize simple technique for making the important measurements of sodium and potassium ion in root tissue using a calibration curve by flame photometer;
5	Extraction and measurement of Cl^- in plant tissue	• Extract and determine chloride ion in plant tissue through standard titrametric method;
6	Extraction and measurement of NO_3^- in plant tissue	• Extract and analysis the amount of nitrate in plant tissue using spectrophotometer.

BOT 418: Practical - 4 Credit hour: 3

K. Plant Tissue Culture and Biotechnology L. Genomics, Proteomics and Bioinformatics M. Numerical Cytogenetics

K. Plant Tissue Culture and Biotechnology

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Handling of different laboratory equipments	• Through this topic students will have the opportunity to know how the equipments used in the plant tissue culture and biotechnology laboratory are properly handled.
2	Sterilization techniques for plant materials and equipments	• Biotechnology experiments are being carried out under aseptic conditions. Through this topic students will learn how to sterilize tissue culture media as well as equipments needed for the experiments.
3	Plant tissue culture medium preparation	• Students will know how to prepare stock solutions for different media ingredients as well as hormonal supplements and how to finally prepare the medium for specific experiments.
4	Organogenesis from multicellular explants	• Through this topic students will know how to initiate organogenesis using different explants of multicellular origin.
5	Embryo culture technique	• Students will have the opportunity to know how to isolate embryo resulted from self- or cross pollinated seeds and culture them on the nutrient medium.

6	Agrobacterium-mediated transformation using marker gene	• Students will learn the steps of transferring marker as well as gene of interest using Agrobacterium-mediated genetic transformation.

L. Genomics, Proteomics and Bioinformatics

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Restriction digestion of plant genomic DNA and electrophoretic separation in Agarose gel	• Students shall be able to perform restriction digestion of DNA and analyze the digested DNA through agarose gel electrophoresis.
2	SDS-PAGE analysis of total protein content of a plant isolated from tissues/plants of different condition	• Know the procedure of isolation, quantification and separation of proteins from different tissues.
3	Analysis of DNA, RNA or Protein sequences in Bioedit software	• Learn how to analyze DNA, RNA and Protein sequences in various purposes such as restriction map analysis, find ORF, translation of RNA to protein sequences, reverse translation, pairwise and multiples sequence alignment using Bioedit software.
4	Designing primer using Primer3+ software	• Students will know how to design primer following both manual process and using software like Primer3+.
5	BLAST search to find similar gene or protein	• Using bioinformatics techniques students will have the opportunity to study the functional analysis of unknown sequences of DNA, RNA or Protein
6	Multiple alignments of selected sequences	• Student will learn designing regenerate primers, construction of phylogenetic tree through multiple sequence alignment using Bioedit software

M. Numerical Cytogenetics

Units	Title	Learning outcomes
1	Determination of centromeric type, centromeric index, relative length and chromosome formula from the supplied plates.	• Upon successful completion of this unit, students will be capable in the determination of centromeric type, centromeric index, relative length and chromosome formula from the supplied plates.
2	Preparation of karyotypes and idiograms from the supplied plates.	• This unit will help the students to learn basic techniques of preparation of karyotypes and idiograms from the supplied plates.
3	Study of meiosis and determination of chiasma frequency in the pollen mother cells (PMCs) of *Setcresea purpurea*, (2n=24).	• After attentive response of this unit, students will be able to determine chiasma frequency from the pollen mother cells (PMCs) observed in meiotic cell division of *Setcresea purpurea* (2n=24).
4	Basic idea about different chromosome banding.	• This unit will help the students to develop basic idea about different types of chromosome banding.
5	Study of meiosis in polyploid, translocation heterozygote and different abnormalities in cell division from the supplied plates.	• After successful completion of this unit, students will gather clear knowledge about the occurrence of different abnormalities during meiosis in polyploid and translocation heterozygote

BOT 419: Viva-Voce Credit hour: 2