

B.Sc. in Microbiology Syllabus (Single Major and Single Minor), NBU, 2024

**Course syllabus for
Single Major and Single Minor
B.Sc. in Microbiology Syllabus
(Semester I)
(FYUGP Regulation 2024-25)
University of North Bengal**

**B.Sc. Syllabus in Microbiology according to the Course syllabus for
Single Major and Single Minor together with allied courses (FYUGP 2024-25)**

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UG Syllabus scheme in microbiology for 1st Semester

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Scheme of the 1st Semester Syllabus under Single major and single minor Combination**

Papers	No. Of Courses	Credit Distribution in each paper		Total Credit
		Theory	Practical	
Major	2	3	1	2x4=8
Minor	1*	3	1	1x4=4
AEC#	0	0	0	0
VAC#	1	4	0	1x4=4
IDC#	0	0	0	0
SEC#	1	2	1	1x3=3
Total Courses	5		Total Credit	19

** This course structure only depicts the syllabus for Microbiology as Major and Microbiology Minor Papers, University of North Bengal.

*Minor subject will be chosen by the students who have major subjects other than microbiology and as decided in the combination list provided by University of North Bengal.

Course structure as decided/recommended and listed centrally by university of North Bengal.

Courses for 1st Semester

Courses	Code	Course Name		Credit
Major Paper 1	MICRMAJ101	Theory	Introduction to microbiology and microbial diversity	3
		Practical	Introduction to microbiology and microbial diversity	1
Major Paper 2	MICRMAJ102	Theory	Biotechniques and biostatistics	3
		Practical	Biotechniques and biostatistics	1
Minor Paper 1	MICRMIN101	Theory	Microbial diversity	3
		Practical	Microbial diversity	1

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MAJOR

Paper: 1 (MAJOR) Paper code:MICRMAJ101 Paper level: 100
INTRODUCTION TO MICROBIOLOGY AND MICROBIAL DIVERSITY
(Paper type: THEORY)

Semester: I

Lecture Hours: 45 h Marks: 60 Credits: 3

Unit 1 History of Development of Microbiology

No. of Hour: 10 h

Development of microbiology as a discipline, Spontaneous generation vs. biogenesis. Contributions of Anton von Leeuwenhoek, Louis Pasteur, Robert Koch, Joseph Lister, Alexander Fleming Role of microorganisms in fermentation, Germ theory of disease, Development of various microbiological techniques and golden era of microbiology, Development of the field of soil microbiology: Contributions of Martinus W. Beijerinck, Sergei N. Winogradsky with reference to chemoautotrophy, Selman A. Waksman Establishment of fields of medical microbiology and immunology through the work of Paul Ehrlich, Elie Metchnikoff, Edward Jenner.

Unit 2 Diversity of Microbial World

No. of Hour: 30 h

General characteristics of different groups: Acellular microorganisms (Viruses, Viroids, Prions) and Cellular microorganisms (Bacteria, Algae, Fungi and Protozoa) with emphasis on distribution and occurrence, morphology, mode of reproduction and economic importance.

Bacteria

General characteristics of bacteria, Size, Shape and arrangement

• Algae

General characteristics of algae including occurrence, thallus organization, algae cell ultra structure, pigments, flagella, eyespot food reserves and vegetative, asexual and sexual reproduction. Different types of life cycles in algae with suitable examples: Haplobiontic, Haplontic, Diplontic, Diplobiontic and Diplohaplontic life cycles.

• Fungi

General characteristics of fungi including habitat, distribution, nutritional requirements, fungal cell ultra- structure, thallus organization and aggregation, fungal wall structure and synthesis, asexual reproduction, sexual reproduction, heterokaryosis, heterothallism and parasexual mechanism.

• Protozoa

General characteristics with special reference to *Amoeba*, *Plasmodium*

Unit 3 Bacteriological techniques

No. of Hour: 5 h

Pure culture isolation: Streaking, serial dilution and plating methods; cultivation, maintenance and preservation/stocking of pure cultures; cultivation of anaerobic bacteria, and accessing non-culturable bacteria. Microbiological media: Nutrient Agar and Potato Dextrose Agar.

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Paper: 1 (MAJOR) Paper code: MICRMAJ101 Paper level: 100

INTRODUCTION TO MICROBIOLOGY AND MICROBIAL DIVERSITY

(Paper type: Practical)

Semester: I

Total Hour: 30h Marks: 20 Credits: 1

1. Microbiology Good Laboratory Practices and Biosafety.
2. To study the principle and applications of important instruments (biological safety cabinets, Autoclave, incubator, BOD incubator, hot air oven, light microscope, pH meter) used in the Microbiology laboratory.
3. Preparation of culture media for bacterial cultivation and subculturing.
4. Sterilization of medium using Autoclave and assessment for sterility
5. Sterilization of glassware using Hot Air Oven and assessment for sterility
6. Sterilization of heat sensitive material by membrane filtration and assessment for sterility
7. Detection of microflora in the environment by exposing nutrient agar Plates to air.
8. Study of *Rhizopus*, *Aspergillus* using scotch tape method.
9. Study of the following protozoans using permanent mounts: *Amoeba*, *Plasmodium*
10. Preservation of bacterial cultures by various techniques.
11. Estimation of CFU count by spread plate method/pour plate method.
12. Isolation of pure cultures of bacteria by streaking method.

SUGGESTED READING

1. Tortora GJ, Funke BR and Case CL. (2008). Microbiology: An Introduction. 9th edition. Pearson Education
2. Madigan MT, Martinko JM, Dunlap PV and Clark DP. (2014). Brock Biology of Microorganisms. 14th edition. Pearson International Edition
3. Cappuccino J and Sherman N. (2010). Microbiology: A Laboratory Manual. 9th edition. Pearson Education Limited
4. Wiley JM, Sherwood LM and Woolverton CJ. (2013) Prescott's Microbiology. 9th Edition. McGraw Hill International.
5. Atlas RM. (1997). Principles of Microbiology. 2nd edition. W.M.T. Brown Publishers.
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**Paper: 2 (MAJOR) Paper code: MICRMAJ102 Paper level: 100
BIOTECHNIQUES AND BIostatISTICS**

(Paper Type: Theory)

Semester: I

Lecture Hours: 45h Marks: 60 Credits:3

A. BIOTECHNIQUES

Unit 1 Microscopy

No. of Hours: 8 h

Brightfield and darkfield microscopy, Fluorescence Microscopy, Phase contrast Microscopy, Confocal Microscopy, Electron Microscopy (Scanning and Transmission Electron Microscopy) and Micrometry.

Unit 2 Chromatography

No. Of Hours: 7 h

Principles and applications of paper chromatography (including Descending and 2-D), Thin layer chromatography. Column packing and fraction collection. Gel filtration chromatography, ionexchange chromatography and affinity chromatography, GLC, HPLC

Unit 4: Electrophoresis

No. Of Hours: 4 h

Agarose gel electrophoresis, SDS-PAGE, Native-PAGE, 2D-gel electrophoresis

Unit 5 Spectrophotometry

No. of Hours: 2h

Lamberts Beers Law; Working Principle of UV and visible spectroscopy.

Unit 4 Centrifugation

No. Of Hours: 2 h

Sedimentation coefficient, differential centrifugation, density gradient centrifugation and ultracentrifugation.

B. BIostatISTICS

No. Of Hours: 22 h

Classification of data; Measures of central tendency (Mean, median and mode from grouped and ungrouped data); Measures of dispersion (Range, Standard deviation, mean deviation, standard error and coefficient of variation); skewness, kurtosis; Elementary Probability and basic laws; Discrete and Continuous Random variable, Correlation and Regression. Emphasis on examples from Biological Sciences; Sampling distribution; Concept of Sample and population, Testing of Hypothesis, Null and alternative hypothesis, Type1 and Type2 error, critical regions, Level of Significance and Degree of Freedom, Small sample test based on t-test, standard error of mean, confidence limits of mean.

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BIOTECHNIQUES AND BIostatISTICS**

(Paper Type: Practical)

Semester: I

Total Hour:30h Marks:20 Credits: 1

1. Separation of mixtures (Amino acids/carbohydrate) by paper / thin layer chromatography.
2. Demonstration of column packing in any form of column chromatography.
3. Separation of protein mixtures by ion exchange chromatography.
4. Gel electrophoresis.
5. Determination of λ_{max} for an unknown sample and calculation of extinction coefficient.
6. Separation of components of a given mixture using a laboratory scale centrifuge.
7. Calibration of microscope by stage and ocular micrometer.
8. Mean, Median and Mode from grouped and ungrouped experimental data sets.
9. Range, Standard deviation, mean deviation, Standard error and coefficient of variation of experimental data sets.
10. Skewness and Kurtosis of experimental dataset.
11. Correlation and regression analysis of experimental dataset.
12. Testing of Hypothesis- t-test .

SUGGESTED READINGS

1. Wilson K and Walker J. (2010). Principles and Techniques of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. 7th Ed., Cambridge University Press.
2. Nelson DL and Cox MM. (2008). Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry, 5th Ed., W.H. Freeman and Company.
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MINOR

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MICROBIAL DIVERSITY

(Paper type: THEORY)

Semester: I

Lecture Hours: 45 h Marks: 60 Credits: 3

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Unit 2 Microscopy

No. Of Hours: 8 h

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Unit 3 Diversity of Microbial World

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Unit 4 Systems of classification

No. Of Hours: 5 h

Binomial Nomenclature, Whittaker's five kingdom and Carl Woese's three kingdom classification systems and their utility. Difference between prokaryotic and eukaryotic microorganisms, evolutionary chronometers, rRNA oligonucleotide sequencing. Differences between eubacteria and archaebacteria.

Unit 5 Bacteriological techniques

No. Of Hours: 4 h

Pure culture isolation: Streaking, serial dilution and plating methods; cultivation, maintenance and preservation/stocking of pure cultures. Culture media: complex media, synthetic media, selective media and differential media.

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MICROBIAL DIVERSITY

(Paper type: Practical)

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3. Preparation of different media and isolation of microorganism in the preaperd media: Synthetic media- Simon citrate agar, Complex media-McConkey agar, EMB agar.
4. Sterilization of medium using Autoclave and assessment for sterility.
5. Study of *Rhizopus* using scotch tape method
6. Preservation of bacterial cultures by various techniques.
7. Estimation of CFU count by spread plate method/pour plate method.
8. Isolation of pure cultures of bacteria by streaking method.

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Format of question papers for semester end examination

1. For 60 Marks (Theory papers)

Sl.No	Question to be answered	Out of	Marks of each question	Total Marks
1.	06	08	01	1X6=6
2.	05	07	06	6X5=30
3.	02	04	12	12X2=24
			Total	60

2. For 20 Marks (Practical Papers)

Sl.No	Question to be answered	Marks of each question	Question type	Total Marks
1.	01	08	Practical	8X1=8
2.	01	05	Parctical	5X1=5
3.	01	05	Viva	5X1=5
4.	01	02	Lab recods	2X1=2
All questions are compulsory			Total	20