

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE – 04 Industrial and Environmental Microbiology

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Industrial and Environmental Microbiology BOT-DSE-04	4	2	0	2	Class XII pass with Biology/ Biotechnology	Nil

Learning Objectives:

- To introduce students to the concepts, principles, scope and applications of industrial and environmental microbiology.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- understand how microbiology is applied in manufacturing of industrial products
- know about design of bioreactors
- understand the rationale in medium formulation, design for microbial fermentation, sterilization of medium and air
- comprehend the techniques and the underlying principles in upstream and downstream processing
- learn the occurrence, abundance and distribution of microorganism in the environment and their role in the environment and also learn different methods for their detection
- understand the basic principles of environment microbiology and application of the same in solving environmental problems - waste water treatment and bioremediation
- comprehend the various methods to determine the quality of water

Unit 1: Microbes and quality of environment

04 hours

Introduction and scope of microbes in industry and environment; Distribution and isolation of microorganisms from soil, air and water.

Unit 2: Bioreactors/Fermenters and fermentation processes

08 hours

Solid-state and liquid-state (stationary and submerged) fermentations; Batch and continuous Fermentations; Components of a typical bioreactor, Types of bioreactors: laboratory, pilot

scale and production fermenters; Constantly stirred tank fermenter, tower fermenter, fixed bed and fluidized bed bioreactors and air-lift fermenter.

Unit 3: Microbial production of industrial products **10 hours**

Microorganisms generally regarded as safe (GRAS); Downstream processing and uses; Filtration, centrifugation, cell disruption, solvent extraction, precipitation and ultrafiltration, lyophilization; Production of industrially important products: enzyme (amylase); organic acid (citric acid); alcohol (ethanol); antibiotic (penicillin)

Unit 4: Microbial enzymes of industrial importance **03 hours**

Applications of industrially important enzymes (protease, lipase, and penicillin acylase); Methods of immobilisation and its advantages.

Unit 5: Microbial flora of water **05 hours**

Water pollution: various sources and control measures; Role of microbes in sewage and domestic wastewater treatment systems. Microorganisms as indicators of water quality: coliforms and faecal coliforms.

Practicals **60 hours**

1. Principles and functioning of instruments: autoclave, laminar air flow, incubators, types of fermenters.
2. Preparation of different culture media (Nutrient medium/ Luria Bertani medium/Potato dextrose medium/Czapek Dox medium).
3. Hydrolysis of casein and starch by microorganisms.
4. Alcohol production by yeast using sugar/ jaggery.
5. Serial dilution method for isolation of microorganisms from water and soil and study of aero-microflora.
6. To determine the BOD of sewage water.
7. To qualitatively check the enzyme activity (phosphatase/amylase/cellulase) in soil samples.
8. To determine the microbial activity in soil by Triphenyltetrazolium chloride (TTC) assay or by measuring the CO₂ evolution.
9. Determination of coliforms in water samples using eosin methylene blue (EMB) medium.
10. Visit to any educational institute/ industry and a report to be submitted

Suggested Readings:

1. Bertrand, Jean-Claude, Caumette, P., Lebaron, P, Matheron, R., Normand, P., Sime• Ngando, T. (2015). Environmental Microbiology: Fundamentals and Applications. Amsterdam, Netherlands, Springer.
2. Joe, S., Sukesh (2010). Industrial Microbiology. S.Chand & Company Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi, Delhi.

3. Mohapatra. P.K. (2008). Textbook of Environmental Microbiology. I.K. International Publishing House Pvt.Ltd. New Delhi, Delhi.
4. Okafer, Nduka (2007). Modern Industrial Microbiology & Biotechnology. Science Pubishers, Enfield, NH, USA.
5. Pelzar, M.J. Jr., Chan E.C. S., Krieg, N.R. (2010). Microbiology: An application based approach. New Delhi, Delhi: McGraw Hill Education Pvt. Ltd., Delhi.

Additional Resources:

1. Alef K, and Nannipieri P (1995). Methods in Applied Soil Microbiology and Biochemistry, First Edition Academic Press, USA.
2. Atlas, Bartha. (1997). Microbial Ecology: Fundamentals and Applications. San Fransisco, SF. Pearson.
3. Casida, J.R. (2016). Industrial Microbiology. New Delhi, Delhi, New Age International Publishers.
4. Hurst C.J., Crowford R.L., Garland J.L. and Lipson D.A. (2007). Manual of Environmental Microbiology, American Society of Microbiology, USA.
5. Patel, A.H. (2008). Industrial Microbiology, Bangalore, India: McMillan India Limited.
6. Sharma, P.D. (2005). Environmental Microbiology. Meerut, UP: Alpha Science International, Ltd.
7. Stanbury, P.F., Whitaker, A., Hall, S.J. (2016). Principles of Fermentation Technology. Amesterdam, NDL:Elsevier Publication.
8. Tortora, G.J., Funke, B.R., Case. C.L. (2007). Microbiology (9th edition). San Francisco, SF: Pearson Benjamin Cummings.

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.