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		
Tools for Genetic Engineering (BCH-GE-11)	**04**	**02**	**00**	**02**	**Class XII with Science and Biology**	**Basic course in Molecular Biology**

Learning Objectives

The objective of the course is to teach:

- Basics of theoretical and practical aspects of recombinant DNA technology.
- Various techniques for DNA manipulation in prokaryotes and eukaryotes.

Learning outcomes

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

1. Grow bacterial culture and obtain single isolated colonies
2. Estimate the concentration of DNA by UV spectroscopy
3. Extract plasmid DNA from recombinant *E. coli*
4. Perform restriction digestion and evaluate the end products by agarose gel electrophoresis
5. Perform Polymerase chain reaction and amplify a DNA fragment
6. Explain the various methods for expression of recombinant genes in *E.coli*
7. Perform gene cloning

SYLLABUS OF GE-11

BCH-GE-11 : TOOLS FOR GENETIC ENGINEERING
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2.2 Course Contents

Theory (Credit 2)

Total Hours: 30

UNIT I: Introduction to recombinant DNA technology (5 Hours)

Overview of gene cloning. Restriction and Modification systems, Restriction endonucleases, DNA modifying enzymes (DNA polymerase I, Taq polymerase, DNAse I, DNA Ligase).

UNIT II: Cloning vectors for prokaryotes and eukaryotes (6 Hours)

Salient features of vectors (pBR322, pUC8, Lambda bacteriophage, Ti plasmid) used in cloning.

UNIT III: **Introduction of DNA into cells and selection of recombinants (9 Hours)**

Ligation of DNA molecules: linker, adapters, homopolymer tailing. Introduction of DNA into bacterial cells, selection of transformed cells, insertional inactivation. Identification of recombinant phages. cDNA and Genomic DNA libraries. Clone identification by colony and plaque hybridization.

UNIT IV: Basics of Polymerase Chain Reaction and DNA sequencing (5 Hours)

Fundamentals of polymerase chain reaction, designing primers for PCR. DNA sequencing by chain-termination method, pyrosequencing.

UNIT V: Expression of cloned genes (5 Hours)

Vectors for expression of foreign genes in *E. coli,* expression cassettes. Hybrid promoters trc, tac, λpL and T7 promoter-based expressionvectors. Challenges in producing recombinant protein in *E. coli.* Fusion tags (poly-histidine, GST) and their role in purification of recombinant proteins.

2.3 Practicals

Credits : 2 **Total Hours: 60**

1. Growing a culture of *E.coli* and obtaining isolated colonies by streak-plate method.
2. DNA estimation by UV spectrophotometry.
3. Isolation of plasmid DNA from *E. coli.*
4. Restriction digestion of plasmid DNA and agarose gel electrophoresis.
5. Amplification of a DNA fragment by PCR (demonstration)

2.4 Essential Readings

1. Gene Cloning and DNA Analysis (2016) 7th ed., Brown, T.A., Wiley Blackwell Publishing (Oxford, UK), ISBN: 978-1-119-07256-0.
2. Molecular Biotechnology: Principles and Applications of Recombinant DNA (2010) 4th ed., Glick B.R., Pasternak, J.J. and Patten, C.L., ASM Press (Washington DC), ISBN: 978-1-55581-498-4 (HC).

3. Key Words

Genetic Engineering, Recombinant Proteins, PCR, DNA Sequencing

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