DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE – 1:
EUKARYOTIC MICROBES: BIOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY

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		
MICROB-DSE1: **EUKARYOTIC MICROBES: BIOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY**	**4**	**2**	**0**	**2**	**Class XII pass with Biology/ Biotechnology/ Biochemistry**	**NIL**

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- The main objective of the course is to make students familiar with eukaryotic microorganisms namely algae, protozoa and fungi. They will become aware of their characteristics and applications in various fields such as industry, food, environment and medical science.
- They will understand how eukaryotic microbes can be used to develop eco-friendly and sustainable solutions to problems we are encountering in various fields.

Learning outcomes

The Learning Outcomes of this course are as follows:

- Student will be able to explain the characteristics of major algal types, the applications of micro and macro algae in different fields, and algae mass cultivation methods.
- Student will be able to describe different types of protozoa and their salient features, the significance of protozoa in medical, environmental and other fields.
- Student will be able to explain the characteristics of different types of fungi, their benefits and harmful effects, the biology and commercial importance of mushrooms.
- Student will be able to demonstrate the isolation and identification of green algae from pond water, the extraction and analysis of chlorophyll pigment. They will be able to discuss the thallus organization of different types of algae and the taxonomic position of Euglena.
- Student will be able to identify different types of protozoa and explain their major characteristics, the life cycles of some protozoa which cause diseases transmitted through insects or by contaminated food and water.

- Student will be able to describe different types of fungi and will be able to identify them based on their macroscopic and microscopic characteristics. They will be able to demonstrate fungal techniques, the difference between edible and poisonous mushrooms, steps of mushroom cultivation through visit to mushroom cultivation centre.

Theory component

Unit 1: (10 hours)

Algae structure, ecology and significance: General characteristics and brief account of habitat and thallus organization of major algal types: Chlorophyta, Bacillariophyta, Dinoflagellates, Xanthophyta, Phaeophyta and Rhodophyta. Applications of algae in wastewater treatment, biofuel and bioenergy products, pharmaceutical industries and food and feed sectors with reference to *Chlorella, Euglena, Dunaliella, Porphyra, Gracilaria,* diatoms*, Sargassum* and *Laminaria.* Mass cultivation of algae in open and closed photobioreactors.

Unit 2: (10 hours)

Protozoa structure, ecology and significance: An overview of habitat, cell structure, locomotion, and nutrition of different protozoa: *Entamoeba, Plasmodium, Giardia, Tetrahymena, Trypanosoma and Leishmania*. Disease causing protozoa: list of diseases, causative agent, mode of transmission, preventive measures currently in use (if any). Significance of protozoa in food web and water purification. Marine protozoa as source of filtering agents, chalk, abrasive and building material. Role of protozoa in symbiosis therapy and drug discovery. Role of *Tetrahymena* as model organism.

Unit 3: (10 hours)

Fungal structure, ecology and significance: An overview of habitat, thallus structure, nutrition and positive and negative importance (ecological, industrial, and medical) of different fungi: *Neocallimastix, Saccharomyces, Penicillium, Neurospora, Agaricus* and *Armillaria.* Detailed account of biology and commercial importance of Mushrooms: History, classification and distribution, life cycle, cultivation, nutrient and medicinal values; Edible and poisonous mushrooms.

Practical component **60 Hours**

Unit 1: (24 hours)

Isolation, identification and pigment analysis of algae: Study of the following algae by temporary mounts/permanent slides/photographs (at least one alga to be studied by making temporary mounts): *Chlorella, Porphyra, Gracilaria,* diatoms*, Sargassum, Dunaliella, Caulerpa, Ulva.* Comparison of the vegetative thallus organization. Isolation

of green algae from pond water and their identification by making temporary mounts. Recording of macroscopic and microscopic characterteristics of isolated algae. Extraction of pigment (chlorophyll) from algae and its analysis using chromatography or spectrophotometry. Study of the structure of *Euglena* cell highlighting its algal and protozoa characteristics discussion of its 'taxonomic enigma' status.

Unit 2: (16 hours)

Identification of protozoa and their importance: Study of different protozoa (*Entamoeba, Plasmodium, Giardia, Tetrahymena, Trypanosoma and Leishmania***)** with the help of permanent slides / photographs. Comparison of their structure and important characteristics. Study of the different stages of disease cycles of arthropod-borne protozoal diseases (*Plasmodium, Trypanosoma* and *Leishmania*) with the help of pictorial aids. **Student research study project**: Transmission, symptoms, prevention and cure of these diseases. Study of food and water-borne diseases caused by protozoa (*Entamoeba* and *Giardia*) in reference to life cycle, transmission, symptoms, prevention and cure. Comparison of the disease cycles of *Entamoeba* and *Giardia*.

Unit 3: (20 hours)

Identification of fungi and their importance: Study of fungi by temporary mounts/ permanent slides/photographs (at least one fungus to be studied by making temporary mounts): *Neocallimastix, Saccharomyces, Penicillium, Neurospora, Agaricus* and *Armillaria.* Observation of macroscopic and microscopic identifying characteristics. Preparation of spore suspension of fungus (*Aspergillus niger*) and counting of spores / ml using hemocytometer. Study of edible and poisonous mushrooms with the help of samples/photographs. Visit to mushroom cultivation center to learn various steps involved in mushroom cultivation.

Suggested Reading (Theory & Practical):

1. Brock Biology of Microorganisms by M.T. Madigan,J. Aiyer,D. Buckley,W.Sattley and D. Stahl.16th edition. Pearson, USA. 2021.
2. A Textbook on Mushroom Cultivation: Theory and Practice by A. Aggarwal, Y. P. Sharma, and E.Jangra.1st edition. Newrays Publishing House, India. 2021.
3. Prescott's Microbiology by J.M.Willey, K.Sandman and D. Wood. 11th edition. McGraw Hill Higher Education, USA. 2019.
4. Paniker's Textbook of Medical Parasitology by C.K. J. Paniker and S. Ghosh.8th edition. Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers, India. 2018.
5. Laboratory Manual for Algae and Fungi by B.K.Chetri.1st edition.Lulu.com publisher.2018.
6. Textbook of Algae by O.P.Sharma. Tata McGraw Hill Publishing Co. Ltd, India. 2017.

7. Algae Biotechnology: Products and Processes by F.Bux, and Y. Chisti (Eds.) 1st edition. Springer International Publishing, USA. 2016.

8. Algae: Anatomy, Biochemistry, and Biotechnology by L. Barsanti and P.Gualtieri. 2nd edition.CRC Press, Taylor and Francis group,USA. 2014.

9. Introductory Mycology by C.J. Alexopoulos, C.W. Mims and M. Blackwell. 4th edition. John Wiley and Sons, New York. 2012 (reprint).

10. Manual of Soil Fungi by J.C. Gilman. 1st edition. Biotech Books, India. 2012 (Reprint).

11. Introduction to Fungi by J. Webster and R.W.S. Weber. 3rd edition. Cambridge University Press. USA. 2007.

12. The Fungi by G.Sumbali. 2nd edition. Narosa Publishing India House, India. 2005.

13. Protozoa by R.L. Kotpal. 12th edition. Rastogi Publication, India. 2006.

14. Manual of Phycology by G.M.Smith.1st edition. Scientific Publishers Journals, India.1994

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