

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		
Molecules of Life	04	02	--	02	Class 12th with Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics	NA

Learning Objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- To deliver information about the chemistry of carbohydrates, proteins & enzymes and its relevance in the biological system using suitable examples.
- To understand the structural principles that govern reactivity/physical /biological properties of biomolecules as opposed to learning structural details.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the course, the students will be able to:

- Learn and demonstrate how the structure of biomolecules determines their chemical properties, reactivity and biological uses.
- Gain an insight into the mechanism of enzyme action and inhibition.
- Understand the basic principles of drug-receptor interaction and SAR.

Unit 1: Carbohydrates

Hours: 12

Classification of carbohydrates, reducing and non-reducing sugars, biological functions, general properties and reactions of glucose and fructose, their open chain structure, epimers, mutarotation and anomers, reactions of monosaccharides, determination of configuration of glucose (Fischer proof), cyclic structure of glucose. Haworth projections. Cyclic structure of fructose. Linkage between monosaccharides: structure of disaccharides (sucrose, maltose, lactose) and polysaccharides (starch and cellulose) excluding their structure elucidation.

Unit 2: Amino Acids, Peptides and Proteins

Hours: 10

Classification of amino acids and biological uses of amino Acids, peptides and proteins. Zwitterion structure, isoelectric point and correlation to acidity and basicity of amino acids. Determination of primary structure of peptides, determination of N-terminal amino acid (by Edman method) and C-terminal amino acid (with carboxypeptidase enzyme). Synthesis of simple peptides (up to dipeptides) by N-protection (t-butyloxycarbonyl) & C-activating groups (only DCC) and Merrifield solid phase synthesis, Overview of primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary structure of proteins, denaturation of proteins.

Unit 3: Enzymes

Hours: 04

Classification of enzymes and their uses (mention Ribozymes). Mechanism of enzyme action, factors affecting enzyme action, Coenzymes and cofactors and their role in enzyme action, specificity of enzyme action (including stereospecificity).

Unit 4: Nucleosides, Nucleotides and Nucleic acids

Hours: 04

Components of Nucleic acids: Adenine, guanine, thymine, cytosine and uracil (structure only), other components of nucleic acids, nucleosides and nucleotides (nomenclature), structure of polynucleotides; structure of DNA (Watson-Crick model) and RNA (types of RNA), difference between DNA and RNA

Practical

(Credits: 02, Laboratory periods: 60)

1. Estimation of glucose by Fehling's solution.
2. Determination of total sugar content by ferricyanide method (volumetric/colorimetric method).
3. Study of the titration curve of glycine and determine the isoelectric point of glycine.
4. Estimation of proteins by Lowry's method.
5. Qualitative tests for amino acids, proteins and carbohydrates.
6. Separation and identification of mixture of sugars by paper chromatography.
7. Separation and identification of mixture of Amino acids by paper chromatography.
8. Study of the action of salivary amylase on starch under optimum conditions and find the enzyme activity.
9. Study the effect of temperature on activity of salivary amylase.
10. Extraction of DNA from onion/cauliflower.

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References (Practical):

1. Furniss, B.S.; Hannaford, A.J.; Smith, P.W.G.; Tatchell, A.R. (2012), **Vogel's Textbook of Practical Organic Chemistry**, Pearson.
2. **Manual of Biochemistry Workshop**, 2012, Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi.