

Course code	Course Title	C	H	I	E	T
17P3BMC7	GENETICS, CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY	5	6	25	75	100

Objectives:

To understand the basic tenets of inheritance and variations of traits of organisms from one generation to other.

Learning Outcome:

Learners can accomplish principles of inheritance, functional compartmentalization of a cell and expression aspects of genes

Unit I (20 hr)

Meiosis and its significance in inheritance. Mendelian laws: law of segregation and law of independent assortment with examples. Multiple alleles. Pleiotropy. Gene interactions – complementary genes and epistasis. Linkage and crossing over. Chromosome mapping. Sexlinkage, sexlimited and sexinfluenced traits. Population genetics: gene pool and gene frequency – Hardy-Weinberg law.

Unit II (15 hr)

Structure and chemistry of plant cell organelles. Organelle genetics – leaf variegation in plants, cytoplasmic male sterility in maize. Metabolic defects in yeast.

Unit III (20 hr)

Central dogma of molecular biology. DNA as the genetic material – experimental proofs. Topology of nucleic acids, chromosome structure in prokaryotes and eukaryotes. C- value paradox, DNA denaturation kinetics. Replication of DNA in prokaryotes and eukaryotes.

Unit IV (20 hr)

Gene structure and Gene expression – transcription in prokaryotes and eukaryotes. Post transcriptional modifications, translation in prokaryotes and eukaryotes. Regulation of gene expression in prokaryotes (Operon concept – lac, ara and trp) and eukaryotes – (rbcl gene in plants), RNAs in gene regulation – RNAi, siRNA and miRNA.

Unit V (15 hr)

Mutation and its types – mutagens and molecular basis of mutation, DNA repair mechanisms.
Natural gene transfer mechanisms in bacteria – Transformation, Transduction and Conjugation.
Recombination mechanisms – homologous, site specific and transposition.

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Practicals

1. Solving problems in genetics given in the syllabus
2. Chromosome mapping in eukaryotes.
3. Population genetics
4. Illustration of different types of microscopes
5. Illustration of specimen preparations for Electron microscope observations.
6. Illustration of cell organelles
7. Karyotyping and Idiograms
8. Bacterial transformation and conjugation