

2. Comprehend microbial growth, including the definition of growth, generation time, and the different phases of growth. They will also learn about factors influencing microbial growth and methods for measuring it.
3. Gain knowledge of thermodynamics in biological systems, including concepts of free energy, enthalpy, and entropy. They will also learn about ATP structure and properties, oxidation-reduction reactions, and carbohydrate breakdown pathways.
4. Understand microbial respiration, including aerobic and anaerobic respiration, chemoautotrophy, and fermentative modes.
5. Differentiate the processes of oxygenic and anoxygenic photosynthesis.

UNIT I: Microbial Nutrition

No. of hours: 9

1. Nutritional requirements of Microorganisms
2. Methods of uptake of nutrients by cells- Primary and secondary active transport, concept of uniport, symport and antiport Group translocation; Iron uptake
3. Nutritional groups of microorganisms-based on C, energy and electron. sources
4. Growth media - synthetic, nonsynthetic, selective, enrichment and differential media.

UNIT II: Microbial Growth

No. of hours:9

1. Microbial Growth- Definitions of growth, generation time and specific growth rate; different phases of growth in batch cultures;
2. Synchronous, continuous, biphasic growth.
3. Factors influencing microbial growth
4. Methods for measuring microbial growth - Direct microscopy, viable count estimates, turbidometry and biomass.

UNIT IV: Thermodynamics; Breakdown of Carbohydrates

No.of hours: 9

1. Thermodynamics in biological systems - Concept of free energy, Enthalpy, Standard Free Energy change of reaction, Entropy. First and Second law of Thermodynamics. Open and Closed system.
2. Structure and properties of ATP, Standard Free energy change of hydrolysis of ATP and other high energy compounds. Biological oxidation-reduction reactions. Structure and Function of NAD and FAD.
3. Breakdown of carbohydrates· Glycolytic pathways- EMP, HMP shunt/pentose phosphate pathway and ED; TCA cycle.

UNIT V: Microbial Respiration and Fermentation

No. of hours: 9

1. Aerobic respiration - ETS and oxidative phosphorylation
2. Anaerobic respiration, chemoautotrophy - oxidation of inorganic compounds - N, S, Fe and H.

3. Fermentative modes in microorganisms with special reference to alcoholic, Lactic acid fermentations

UNIT V: Bacterial Photosynthesis

No. of hours:9

1. Photosynthetic pigments, Photosynthetic apparatus in prokaryotes
2. Outline of oxygenic photosynthesis in bacteria
3. Outline of anoxygenic photosynthesis in bacteria

II. Skill Outcomes:

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

1. Understand the impact of temperature and pH on bacterial growth and metabolism.
2. Gain proficiency in colony counting techniques for microbial enumeration.
3. Analyze and interpret growth curve data to understand bacterial growth dynamics.
4. Develop skills in observing and identifying cyanobacteria under the microscope.
5. Apply knowledge of microbial growth factors and techniques to interpret and analyze experimental results.

IV SEMESTER
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1. Effect of Temperature on bacterial growth 2.Effect of pH on bacterial growth
2. Colony count in Plates
3. Study and plot the growth curve of E. coli by turbidometric and standard plate count methods
4. Observation and identification of permanent slides of cyanobacteria

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5. Voet,D. and Voet J.G (2004) Biochemistry 3rd edition, John Wiley and Sons
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V Co-Curricular Activities:

1. Assignments in nutrient utilization, energy production, metabolic pathways,
2. Students can study microbial growth curves, metabolic pathways, or physiological responses to environmental factors.
3. Organize seminars where students can deliver presentations on specific topics in microbial physiology and metabolism.
4. Create visual representations of microbial metabolic pathways.