

IV Semester/ Botany Core Course –

4 Plant Physiology and Metabolism

(Total hours of teaching – 60 @ 04 Hrs./Week)

Theory:

Learning outcomes:

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

- Comprehend the importance of water in plant life and mechanisms for transport of water and solutes in plants.
 - Evaluate the role of minerals in plant nutrition and their deficiency symptoms.
 - Interpret the role of enzymes in plant metabolism.
 - Critically understand the light reactions and carbon assimilation processes responsible for synthesis of food in plants.
 - Analyze the biochemical reactions in relation to Nitrogen and lipid metabolisms.
 - Evaluate the physiological factors that regulate growth and development in plants.
 - Examine the role of light on flowering and explain physiology of plants under stress conditions.
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Unit – 1: Plant-Water relations

10 Hrs.

1. Importance of water to plant life, physical properties of water, diffusion, imbibition, osmosis. water potential, osmotic potential, pressure potential.
2. Absorption and lateral transport of water; Ascent of sap
3. Transpiration: stomata structure and mechanism of stomatal movements (K^+ ion flux).
4. Mechanism of phloem transport; source-sink relationships.

Unit – 2: Mineral nutrition, Enzymes and Respiration

14 Hrs.

1. Essential macro and micro mineral nutrients and their role in plants; symptoms of mineral deficiency
2. Absorption of mineral ions; passive and active processes.
3. Characteristics, nomenclature and classification of Enzymes. Mechanism of enzyme action, enzyme kinetics.

4. Respiration: Aerobic and Anaerobic; Glycolysis, Krebs cycle; electron transport system, mechanism of oxidative phosphorylation, Pentose Phosphate Pathway (HMP shunt).

Unit – 3: Photosynthesis and Photorespiration

12 Hrs.

1. Photosynthesis: Photosynthetic pigments, absorption and action spectra; Red drop and Emerson enhancement effect
2. Concept of two photosystems; mechanism of photosynthetic electron transport and evolution of oxygen; photophosphorylation
3. Carbon assimilation pathways (C₃, C₄ and CAM);
4. Photorespiration - C₂ pathway

Unit – 4: Nitrogen and lipid metabolism

12 Hrs.

1. Nitrogen metabolism: Biological nitrogen fixation – asymbiotic and symbiotic nitrogen fixing organisms. Nitrogenase enzyme system.
2. Lipid metabolism: Classification of Plant lipids, saturated and unsaturated fatty acids.
3. Anabolism of triglycerides, β -oxidation of fatty acids, Glyoxylate cycle.

Unit – 5: Plant growth - development and stress physiology

12 Hrs.

1. Growth and Development: Definition, phases and kinetics of growth.
 2. Physiological effects of Plant Growth Regulators (PGRs) - auxins, gibberellins, cytokinins, ABA, ethylene and brassinosteroids.
 3. Physiology of flowering: Photoperiodism, role of phytochrome in flowering.
 4. Seed germination and senescence; physiological changes.
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Text books:

- Botany – IV (Vrukshasastram-II) : Telugu Akademi, Hyderabad
- Pandey, B.P. (2013) *College Botany, Volume-III*, S. Chand Publishing, New Delhi
- Ghosh, A. K., K. Bhattacharya & G. Hait (2011) *A Text Book of Botany, Volume-III*, New Central Book Agency Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata

Books for Reference:

- Aravind Kumar & S.S. Purohit (1998) *Plant Physiology – Fundamentals and Applications*, AgroBotanica, Bikaner
- Datta, S.C. (2007) *Plant Physiology*, New Age International (P) Ltd., Publishers, New Delhi
- Hans Mohr & P. Schopfer (2006) *Plant Physiology*, Springer (India) Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi
- Hans-Walter Heldt (2005) *Plant Biochemistry*, Academic Press, U.S.A.
- Hopkins, W.G. & N.P.A. Huner (2014) *Introduction to Plant Physiology*, Wiley India Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi
- Noggle Ray & J. Fritz (2013) *Introductory Plant Physiology*, Prentice Hall (India), New Delhi
- Pandey, S.M. & B.K. Sinha (2006) *Plant Physiology*, Vikas Publishing House, New Delhi
- Salisbury, Frank B. & Cleon W. Ross (2007) *Plant Physiology*, Thomsen & Wadsworth, Australia & U.S.A
- Sinha, R.K. (2014) *Modern Plant Physiology*, Narosa Publishing House, New Delhi
- Taiz, L. & E. Zeiger (2003) *Plant Physiology*, Panima Publishers, New Delhi
- Verma, V. (2007) *Text Book of Plant Physiology*, Ane Books India, New Delhi

Practical Syllabus of Botany Core Course – 4 / Semester –

IV Plant Physiology and Metabolism

(Total hours of laboratory exercises 30 Hrs. @ 02 Hrs. /Week)

Course outcomes: On successful completion of this practical course, students shall be able to:

1. Conduct lab and field experiments pertaining to Plant Physiology, that is, biophysical and biochemical processes using related glassware, equipment, chemicals and plant material.
2. Estimate the quantities and qualitative expressions using experimental results and calculations
3. Demonstrate the factors responsible for growth and development in plants.

Practical Syllabus

1. Determination of osmotic potential of plant cell sap by plasmolytic method using *Rhoeo/ Tradescantia* leaves.
2. Calculation of stomatal index and stomatal frequency of a mesophyte and a xerophyte.
3. Determination of rate of transpiration using Cobalt chloride method / Ganong's potometer (at least for a dicot and a monocot).
4. Effect of Temperature on membrane permeability by colorimetric method.
5. Study of mineral deficiency symptoms using plant material/photographs.
6. Demonstration of amylase enzyme activity and study the effect of substrate and Enzyme concentration.
7. Separation of chloroplast pigments using paper chromatography technique.
8. Demonstration of Polyphenol oxidase enzyme activity (Potato tuber or Apple fruit)
9. Anatomy of C₃, C₄ and CAM leaves
10. Estimation of protein by biuret method/Lowry method
11. Minor experiments – Osmosis, Arc-auxonometer, ascent of sap through xylem, cytoplasmic streaming.