

Course title: Plant biotechnology laboratory – Part 1				
Course code: BBP 101		No. of credits: 7	L-T-P: (0-0-196)	Learning hours: 196
Pre-requisite course code and title (if any): None				
Department: Department of Biotechnology				
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Course type: Core			Course offered in: Semester I	
Course description:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lab safety 2. Types of hazards 3. Levels of containment. 4. Standard bio-analytical techniques. 5. Good laboratory practices and quality control. 				
Course objectives:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To introduce the students to standard techniques of molecular biology and GLPs (good laboratory practices). 2. To impart intensive hands-on-training using molecular tools in a research project mode. 3. To train the students in designing experiments with appropriate controls. 				
Course contents				
Module	Topic	L	T	P
Suggested practicals				
1	Buffer Preparation Solution chemistry and buffers			
2	Media preparation			
3	Autoclaving			
4	Principles of Instrumentation and bioanalytical techniques			
5	Microscopy, types of stains – Gram, Haematoxylin, Eosin			
6	Isolation of microbes from environmental samples			
7	Nucleic acid extraction and analysis Qualitative and quantitative analyses			
8	Fractionation techniques, e.g. Gel electrophoresis Chromatography			
9	Genetic Engineering techniques PCR, restriction enzymes, ligation, vectors			
10	Introduction of DNA into model organisms, screening and selection. Bacterial transformation Eukaryotic cell transfection			
Evaluation criteria:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attendance : 5% 2. Preparation of report(s)/lab record(s). :65% 3. Answers to written questions/viva voce. :30% 				
Learning outcomes:				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ability to conduct experiments with adequate safety precautions. 2. Capacity to compare and evaluate various approaches in solving a given experimental problem. 3. Ability to design and interpret molecular biology experiments. 4. Proficiency in defining a research problem, drawing logical inferences from results and documenting outcomes in systematic manner. 				

Materials:

Additional information (if any): Coordinator may choose experiments from this list, which should be considered merely representative, not exhaustive. The objective is to give students sufficient exposure to several aspects of experimental modern biology.

Student responsibilities:

1. Class attendance.
2. Study of course materials as specified by the instructor.
3. Performance of experiments and their timely documentation.

Course reviewers:

Reviewed and commented on by the following experts.

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