

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous),  
Mumbai



Syllabus of the courses offered by the  
Department of Life Science and Biochemistry  
(2019-20)



# St. Xavier's College – Autonomous Mumbai

## Syllabus For 7<sup>th</sup> Semester Courses in **M.Sc. Life Science** (June 2018 onwards)

### Contents:

Syllabus (Theory and Practical) for Courses:

SLSC701	Cell Biology
SLSC702	Scientific communication, Research methodology, Intellectual Property Rights, Entrepreneurship
SLSC703	Biochemistry
SLSC704	Laboratory Management and Analytical Techniques

Template for theory and practical question paper

## LIFE SCIENCE

**M.Sc.**

**Course No.: SLSC701**

**Title: Cell Biology**

### Learning Objectives:

On completion of the course, the student must be able to:

1. Understand the structure and function of components of eukaryotic cells - membranes, organelles and cytoskeleton
2. Describe the various types of cellular transport involved in movement of material into the cell and between various compartments of the cell.
3. Explain the concept of intercellular communication using diffusible solutes and cell membranes
4. Enlist stages of cell cycle and discuss the basis of its regulation
5. Summarize the causes and regulation of programmed cell death
6. Compare & contrast the various methods used to study cellular processes

**Number of lectures: 60**

### UNIT I (15 lectures)

1. Origin and Evolution of Cells (1)
2. Limits of cellular compartment - The Plasma Membrane (3)
3. Sub-cellular compartmentalization (with reference to evolutionary origin, structure, and function) (Guided self-study) (4)
  - a. The Endomembrane System – ER, Golgi apparatus, Lysosome, Vacuole, Peroxisome
  - b. Mitochondria
  - c. Chloroplast
  - d. Nucleus
4. Cytoskeletal Organization (6)
  - a. Microtubules, Microfilaments & Intermediate filaments : types, structure and function
  - b. The cytoskeleton and cell behaviour : cilia, flagella; cytokinesis
5. Motor proteins – prototype structure & role in cellular cargo transport (1)

### UNIT II (15 lectures)

1. Membrane Transport (6)
  - a. Passive diffusion
  - b. Facilitated diffusion
  - c. Active transport – primary & secondary
  - d. Transport of ions
  - e. Endocytosis, Exocytosis, Bulk transport
2. Vesicular Transport Pathways (6)
  - a. ER to Golgi,
  - b. Golgi to plasma membrane/ secreted out
  - c. Golgi to lysosomes
3. Signal Sequences in Protein Targeting: nuclear, mitochondrial and chloroplast (1)
4. Overview of Protein Degradation Pathways (2)

**UNIT III** **(15 lectures)**

1. Cell signalling **(9)**
- a. Concept of signal transduction
- b. Receptor types –G-protein receptor, enzyme coupled receptors (tyrosine kinase, ser-thr kinase), ionotropic receptors
- c. Signalling pathways – Adenylate Cyclase-cAMP, IP3-DAG, Calcium/Calmodulin
2. Intercellular interactions **(6)**
- a. Cell junctions – need & organization
- b. Types of junctions – composition & function of occluding & adherens junctions, communicating junctions
- c. Cell-ECM interactions – Integrins & cell anchoring

**UNIT IV** **(15 lectures)**

1. Cell Cycle and its Regulation **(7)**
- a. An overview of Cell Cycle
- b. Cyclin and Cyclin-dependant kinases, Cdk inhibitor proteins
- c. Cell Cycle Check points
- d. Cell Division – Mitosis & Cytokinesis; Meiosis
2. Apoptosis **(8)**
- a. Cellular changes underlying apoptosis, Apoptosis-dependent developmental/physiological processes
- b. Apoptotic pathways : Extrinsic and Intrinsic Pathways
- c. Caspases as executioners of apoptosis, DNA fragmentation regulators.
- d. Techniques for apoptosis detection : TUNEL, COMET assay, Flow Cytometry based assays
- e. Imbalance between proliferation and apoptosis – Endometrial Hyperplasia, neoplasia

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## **LIFE SCIENCE**

**M.Sc.**

**Course No.: SLSC702**

**Title: Scientific communication, Research methodology, Intellectual Property Rights, Entrepreneurship**

### **Learning Objectives:**

The objectives of this course are to enable a student to:

1. Comprehend and write a scientific research paper.
2. Use scientific software to analyze and present data for research.
3. Design, execute and statistically analyze experiments using the principles of scientific research methodology.
4. Understand Intellectual property rights and patent law applicable to bio-entrepreneurship.
5. To convert an idea into a viable business model for entrepreneurship.

**Number of lectures: 60**

### **UNIT I: Communication Skills (15 lectures)**

1. Introduction to the structure of a scientific research paper
2. Reading a scientific research paper and construction of an abstract
3. Usage of software in writing research paper (to construct graphs, bibliography, etc.)
4. Writing a scientific research paper
5. Designing a poster/ MS-Powerpoint presentation from a paper.

### **UNIT II: Research Methodology (15 lectures)**

1. Introduction - Basic research, Applied research, Need-based research
2. Identifying and defining the problem
3. Planning a research project
4. Literature search - information sources, library resources - books, journal, abstracts hand books, procedure manuals, encyclopaedia, annual reports, data banks, CDROMS, online literature search - internet access, websites, directories of information resources
5. Experimental design - approaches to research design - descriptive, correlational, experimental, semi-experimental, meta-analysis, pilot study
6. Progress of research - Research communication - use of statistical tools in presentation of research findings, need for peer-review, publication of research findings (impact factor, citation index)

### **UNIT III: Intellectual Property Rights (15 lectures)**

1. Intellectual property rights: meaning, evolution - classification and forms
2. Rationale for protection of IPRs - importance of IPRs in the fields of science and technology
3. Patents - concepts and principles of patenting - patentable subject matter (Biotechnology and IPR - microorganisms as inventions, plant varieties, food security, genetic engineering, biodiversity, bioinformatics software protection, sharing of biological R&D material)
4. Procedure for obtaining patents - rights of patents - infringement of patent rights
5. Remedies for infringement of patent right - Patentability and emerging trends (National and International scenario - IPO, TRIPs)

**UNIT IV: Entrepreneurship**

**(15 lectures)**

1. Concept, definition, structure and types of entrepreneurship
2. Process of entrepreneurial development
  - a. Planning a New Enterprise
  - b. Policies and Schemes
  - c. Entrepreneur competency (leadership)
3. Product planning and development
  - a. Concept of projects, project management
  - b. Search for business idea - opportunity identification, project selection and formulation
  - c. Design and network analysis - Institutional interphase for enterprise  
eg. Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Small industries, Service institute, Banks and financial institutions
  - d. Project report and project appraisal (case study)
4. Ethical decision making, ethical dilemmas

**References:**

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## LIFE SCIENCE

**M.Sc.**

**Course No.: SLSC703**

### **Title: Biochemistry**

#### **Learning Objectives:**

On completion of the course, the student must:

1. Know the various physical forces that exist between molecules, the relative movements and interactions that arise due to these forces and the theories that explain them.
2. Understand fundamental thermodynamics and free energy changes that drive biochemical reactions.
3. Acquire a clear understanding of protein structure and folding, and its relation to protein function.
4. Comprehend enzyme kinetics and inhibition, and the role of coenzymes in enzyme function.
5. Understand metabolism, hormonal regulation and the association of metabolic disorders with biomolecules.

#### **Number of lectures: 60**

#### **UNIT I (15 lectures)**

1. Introduction to Forces in Biology (6)
  - a. Van der Waals forces.
  - b. Electrostatic and double layer forces (DLVO theory).
  - c. Hydration and hydrophobic forces.
  - d. Polymer-mediated tethering forces (steric, bridging and depletion forces).
  - e. Formation of micelles and liposomes.
2. Concepts of Solute Movement in Cells and Tissues (3)
  - a. Brownian motion.
  - b. Diffusion and osmosis.
  - c. Viscosity (Reynolds numbers, motors and propulsion).
3. Thermodynamics (6)
  - a. Free energy- standard free energy and its relation to temperature & pressure.
  - b. Near equilibrium conditions for biochemical reactions.
  - c. Redox reactions & high energy phosphate bonds.

#### **UNIT II (15 lectures)**

1. Protein structure– primary,secondary,super-secondary,tertiary & quaternary structure. (3)
2. Protein folding : (6)
  - a. Levinthal paradox
  - b. Models of protein folding
  - c. Role of GroEL-ES system in *in vivo* protein folding
3. Supramolecular assembly – T-even phage /Lipid Bilayer / Quadruplex DNA/ Protein or enzyme assembly (2)
4. Co-operativity in protein function – Hb – O<sub>2</sub> binding, muscle contraction. (2)
5. Function of multi-subunit protein – ATCase enzyme / PFK enzyme. (2)

**UNIT III (15 lectures)**

1. General principles of enzyme catalysis – acid-base, covalent, metal-ion assisted. (2)
2. Kinetics of single substrate enzyme-catalysed reactions: (3)
  - a. Michaelis-Menten equation, Kinetic studies using MM plot
  - b. Lineweaver Burk plot and Eadie Hofstead plot
3. Kinetics of allosteric enzyme-catalysed reactions: Hill's equation, Hill's coefficient and its significance. (2)
4. Enzyme inhibition: reversible, irreversible, allosteric (Competitive, Uncompetitive, Non-competitive) (2)
5. Role of coenzymes in enzyme function: Mechanism of action of any 2 coenzymes, (3)  
Examples of reactions involving all the coenzymes derived from water soluble vitamins.

**UNIT IV (15 lectures)**

1. Basic cellular metabolism (schematics only). (9)
  - a. Carbohydrates: Glycolysis, HMP shunt, TCA cycle, Gluconeogenesis, Glycogen metabolism
  - b. Lipids: Synthesis and breakdown of TAGs & fatty acids; synthesis and utilization of ketone bodies and their significance in pregnancy, diabetes mellitus, starvation, alcoholism and in weight loss programs
  - c. Amino acids: Deamination, transamination, Urea cycle, inborn errors in the metabolism of amino acids( Phenylketonuria/Alcaptonuria)
  - d. Significance of ATP in metabolism
2. Hormonal regulation and integration of metabolism. (1)
3. Metabolic disorders (as guided study/assignments/presentations) (2)  
For example: Diabetes mellitus (endocrine), Hepatic dysfunction (alcohol-induced cirrhosis), Anorexia (psychosomatic), Dyslipidemia/ Hypercholesterolemia (dietary)]]
4. Physiological role of Fat soluble vitamins and disorders associated with their deficiency/excess (3)

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## LIFE SCIENCE

**M.Sc.**

**Course No.: SLSC704**

### **Title: Laboratory Management and Analytical Techniques**

#### **Learning Objectives:**

To introduce the students to:

1. Basic clinical laboratory setup as well as GLP and accreditations
2. Various approaches used in the study of biological samples.
3. The principles of separation and investigation applied to analysis of biological samples.
4. Current trends in calibrations and certifications association with instrumentation techniques (to be covered in practicals).

#### **UNIT I: Laboratory setup and management (15 Lectures)**

1. Introduction to Clinical Laboratory (8)
  - a. Standard Clinical Laboratory set up
  - b. General Safety guidelines
  - c. Decontamination and Disinfection.
  - d. Sterilization techniques
  - e. Hazard analysis, Safety Data Sheets, and First Aid Kit.
2. Total Quality Management: (7)
  - a. Quality Control mechanisms, (Internal and External)
  - b. Preparation of lab report and cataloguing.
  - c. Basic principles of accreditation of labs, (ISO and NABL).
  - d. GLP

#### **UNIT II: Separation methods (15 Lectures)**

Principle, instrumentation and application in biomolecular analysis of

1. Chromatography (6)
  - a. Column, thin layer, paper, adsorption
  - b. Partition, ion exchange, affinity chromatography, Size exclusion
  - c. HPLC, GC, Reverse Phase
2. Electrophoresis (5)
  - a. Agarose, SDS PAGE, Capillary Electrophoresis
  - b. 2D PAGE, Pulse Field Gel Electrophoresis
  - c. Western Blot, Southern Blot
3. Centrifugation (4)
  - a. Factors affecting centrifugation
  - b. Differential centrifugation
  - c. Density gradient
  - d. Analytical centrifugation

**UNIT III: Techniques based on Microscopy and Electromagnetic Spectrum**  
(15 Lectures)

Principle, instrumentation and application of

1. Microscopy (7)
  - a. Light microscopy, Dark Field, Phase Contrast, DIC
  - b. Fluorescence, Confocal microscopy
  - c. Electron Microscopy (Scanning and Transmission), specimen preparation, Cryo TEM
  - d. Scanning Probe microscopy (AFM)
2. Spectrometry (8)
  - a. Colorimeter and UV-Visible spectrophotometer, Beer-Lamberts Law
  - b. Qualitative and quantitative methods of analysis-protein estimation methods, Hypo and hyper-chromicity coupled assays
  - c. Fluorescence and Luminescence analysis
  - d. Turbidimetry

**UNIT IV: Techniques for composition, sequence or structure determination**  
(15 lectures)

Principle, instrumentation, technique and application of

1. Atomic absorption and emission spectroscopy (2)
2. ORD/CD spectroscopy (1)
3. IR and Raman Spectroscopy (2)
4. Mass Spectroscopy (Biomolecules) (3)
5. X-Ray Diffraction (3)
6. NMR spectroscopy (2)
7. Next Generation Sequencing for Nucleotides (2)

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**Practicals:**

**Course: SLSC7PR**

*Protein Biochemistry and Biostatistics*

1. General Laboratory Instructions, Safety and Rules
2. Making of Solutions.
3. Calibration, Accuracy and Precision
  - a. Quality assurance; IQ, OQ, PQ and DQ
  - b. GLP and GMP compliance
  - c. Classification of Instrumental methods
  - d. Methods of expressing accuracy and precision
  - e. Calibration of Micropipettes, Glass pipettes and other Measuring containers.
4. Use of general lab instruments and their calibration and care: pH meter, Balance etc.
5. Study of Henderson-Hasselbach Equation and calculations for Buffer preparation
6. Estimation of Protein by various methods. Comparison of the sensitivity of estimation methods
7. Comparison of different methods for cell-lysis (yeast cells/bacterial cells and estimation of protein content in cell free supernatant)
8. Protein Purification: extraction and semi-purification of an enzyme (Beta-Amylase/Acid Phosphatase/ beta-galactosidase)
  - a. Crude enzyme assays and determination of optimum conditions
  - b. Cell lysis
  - c. Ammonium sulfate fractionation and dialysis
  - d. Column chromatography (Ion exchange/ Gel filtration)
  - e. Determination of Specific activity.
  - f. Enzyme kinetics
  - g. Effect of inhibitors on enzyme reaction
  - h. Immobilization of enzyme/ yeast (invertase) and determination of enzyme activity
9. Electrophoresis of Proteins
  - a. Native PAGE (Activity staining: LDH/Amylase)
  - b. SDS PAGE (CBB/ Silver Staining)
  - c. Demonstration of Western Blot

**Template of Theory Question paper**  
**M.Sc. Life Science**  
**701, 702, 703, 704**

**CIA I – 20 marks, 45 mins.**

Objectives/Short questions

**CIA II – 20 marks, 45 mins.**

Test/ Survey/ Assignment/ Presentation/ Poster/ Essay/ Review

**End Semester exam – 60 marks, 2 hours**

Choice is internal- within a unit and could be between 50% to 100%

**M.Sc. Life Science**  
**Practical Evaluation**  
**Course: SLSC7PR**

**CIA & End Semester Practical Exam**

CIA

ESE

**Total marks: 200**

80 marks

120 marks

For CIA: (20 marks journal + 60 marks experiments/viva etc)



# St. Xavier's College – Autonomous Mumbai

## Syllabus For 8<sup>th</sup> Semester Courses in **M.Sc. LIFE SCIENCE** (June 2018 onwards)

Contents:

Syllabus (theory and practical) for Courses:

SLSC801	Human Physiology I
SLSC802	Basic Mathematics and Biostatistics
SLSC803	Fundamentals of Immunology
SLSC804	Microbial Diseases

Template for theory and practical question paper

## LIFE SCIENCE

M.Sc.

Course No.: SLSC801

### Title: Human Physiology I

#### Learning Objectives:

The course aims at:

1. Imparting knowledge and understanding of the structural organization of the human body and its functional segregation into various systems, and understand the physiological interdependence of various systems.
2. Introducing the students to the physiological and cellular mechanisms underlying disorders of various organ systems.

**Number of lectures: 60**

#### UNIT I (15 lectures)

1. **Introduction to Physiology:** Structural and functional organization of the human body; General characteristics of homeostatic control systems. (3)
2. **Gastrointestinal Physiology:** Overview of digestive process; Secretory functions of the alimentary canal; Cephalic, gastric and intestinal phase of stomach secretion; Digestion and absorption in the G.I. tract; Role of accessory glands – liver, pancreas, gall bladder; Neural and endocrine control of GI function; Overview of the absorptive and Post-absorptive state; Basal Metabolic Rate. (6)
3. **Disorders of the GI system:** Liver Cirrhosis, Obesity, Vitamin deficiencies (6)

#### UNIT II (15 lectures)

1. **Cardiovascular system:** Anatomy of the heart; Blood flow through the heart; Cardiac cycle; Rhythmic excitation of the heart. (5)
2. **Circulatory system:** Components of blood; Blood flow and resistance; Functions of the arterial and venous system; Cardiac output and venous return; Humoral and nervous control of circulation; Blood pressure control. (5)
3. **Lymphatics** (1)
4. **Cardiovascular disorders:** Atherosclerosis, Cardiac arrhythmia, Anaemia, Thalassemia. (4)

#### UNIT III (15 lectures)

1. **Urinary system:** Physiologic anatomy of the Kidneys; Overview of the process of urine formation – Glomerular filtration, Tubular reabsorption, Tubular secretion; Micturition reflex; GFR and Renal Blood flow; Neural control and Auto-regulation of GFR and Renal Blood Flow. (7)
2. **Disorders:** Acute and chronic renal failure (2)
3. **Physiology of Muscle Contraction:** Gross anatomy of skeletal, smooth muscles and cardiac muscles; Molecular mechanism of muscle contraction. (4)
4. Neural control of muscle contraction: the Neuromuscular Junction. (2)

**UNIT IV** **(15 lectures)**

1. **Respiratory system:** Overview of the respiratory system; Pulmonary ventilation; Measuring lung function – Lung Compliance, Pulmonary Volumes and Capacities; Principles of gaseous exchange; Relationship between Pulmonary ventilation and Pulmonary capillary blood flow; Transport of gases in the blood - Hemoglobin and oxygen transport; Carbon dioxide and blood pH; Neural and chemical control of ventilation. **(7)**
2. **Respiratory disorders:** Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorders, Cystic fibrosis **(4)**
3. **Musculoskeletal disorders:** Osteoporosis, Osteoarthritis, Duchenne's Muscular Dystrophy **(4)**

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1. Arthur C. Guyton, John E. Hall (2006) "Textbook of Medical Physiology" *Elsevier Saunders*.
2. Ken Saladin (2003) "Anatomy & Physiology: The Unity of Form and Function" *The McGraw-Hill Companies*.
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5. Rhodes R, Tanner G (2003) "Medical Physiology" *Lippincott Williams & Wilkins*.



## LIFE SCIENCE

M.Sc.

Course No.: SLSC802

### Title: Basic Mathematics and Biostatistics

#### Learning Objectives:

1. To equip students with mathematical and statistical concepts and methods.
2. To introduce students to the display and communication of statistical data. This will include graphical and exploratory data analysis.
3. To help students understand estimation, testing and interpretation for single group summaries such as mean, median, variance, correlation and regression.
4. To promote an understanding of the basics of hypothesis testing, confidence intervals and the interpretation and application of commonly used statistical tests – Z, t, Chi square.
5. To aid in the understanding of the basic concepts of ANOVA.

**Number of lectures: 60**

<b>UNIT I</b>	<b>(15 lectures)</b>
1. Matrices and determinants	(5)
2. Limits and derivatives	(5)
3. Differential equations	(5)
<b>UNIT II</b>	<b>(15 lectures)</b>
1. Collection, tabulation and graphical representation of data, frequency distribution.	(2)
2. Measures of central tendency (for grouped & ungrouped data)	(3)
3. Skewness and Kurtosis	(1)
4. Measures of dispersion	(3)
5. Concept of sampling, sampling techniques, standard error	(3)
6. Simple correlation and regression	(3)
<b>UNIT III</b>	<b>(15 lectures)</b>
1. Concepts of Probability	(1)
2. Theories of Probability – Additive and multiplicative theory	(2)
3. Binomial, Poisson and Gaussian ( Normal)distribution	(2)
4. Measure of location (Z score, percentile rank and percentile)	(2)
5. Hypothesis Testing - Null hypothesis, Alternative hypothesis, Levels of significance, Type I , Type II error, Critical region	(2)
6. Test of significance of Mean :(Z test and t test), Test for proportion	(6)
<b>UNIT IV</b>	<b>(15 lectures)</b>
1. One-way ANOVA, Tukey's post hoc test	(3)
2. Two-way ANOVA	(4)
3. Design of experiment : randomized design, randomized block and factorial experimental designs	(3)
4. Non- parametric tests- Chi-square test of goodness of fit. Sign test, Wilcox test for unpaired test	(5)

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6. Mathematics problems and study pack provided by the course instructor.

## LIFE SCIENCE

M.Sc.

Course No.: SLSC803

### Course Title: Fundamentals of Immunology

#### Learning Objectives:

To help students:

1. Understand the concept of innate and adaptive immunity.
2. Describe the organization and the role of the various cells and organs of the immune system.
3. Understand the role of innate and adaptive immunity and the factors that contribute towards immunity.
4. Understand the disorders in immune response such as allergies, immunodeficiencies and modulation of the immune response during transplantation and for allergic responses.

#### Unit I: Introduction to the Immune System (15 Lectures)

1. Concept of Innate and Adaptive, Acquired and Passive Immunity (1)
2. Cells, tissues, organs of immunology. (8)
  - a. Innate Immunity:
    - i. Physicochemical barriers to infection, Antimicrobial peptides and proteins, Acute phase proteins, C-reactive proteins.
    - ii. Complement System
    - iii. Cellular players (Phagocytic cells, NK cells, Mast cells)
    - iv. Pathogen Associated Molecular Patterns, Pattern Recognition Receptors, Signalling pathways
    - v. Inflammation.
    - vi. Mechanisms by pathogens to evade innate defences.
  - b. Acquired Immunity: (3)
    - i. Lymphoid Organs
    - ii. APC, B Cell, T Cell
    - iii. Antibodies (Structure, types and functions)
    - iv. Bispecific antibodies, humanized antibodies, scFv
3. Immunological Methods: (3)
  - a. Antigen antibody interaction and its applications: Agglutination, Precipitation, Immunodiffusion, Immunoelectrophoresis, ELISA, Radioimmunoassay, Immunohistochemistry, Flow Cytometry

#### Unit II: Antigen recognition and diversity of the immune receptors (15 Lectures)

1. Molecular basis of Antigen recognition and binding by Immunoglobulin (1)
2. T-Cell Receptor (TCR) and Antigen recognition by TCR (2)
3. MHC restriction, MHC I and II, Non-classical MHC, Generation of T-cell receptor ligand (3)
4. Genetic diversity of the Immune receptors (7)
  - a. Primary Immunoglobulin gene rearrangement

- b. Secondary diversification of antibody repertoire.
  - c. TCR gene rearrangement.
  - d. MHC locus and function.
5. Evolution of the adaptive immune response (2)

**Unit III: Development of the Acquired Immune Response (15 Lectures)**

1. Humoral Immune Response: (4)
  - a. Development of B lymphocytes.
  - b. B cell activation and antibody production.
    - i. T-cell dependent and independent pathways.
  - c. Distribution and functions of Immunoglobulin classes.
2. Cell-mediated immunity: (5)
  - a. T cell development
    - i. In the Thymus.
    - ii. Positive and negative selection of T cells
    - iii. In the peripheral lymphoid tissue and gamma-delta T cells in the gut.
  - b. Priming of naive T cells and effector T cells
  - c. T cell-mediated cytotoxicity
  - d. Macrophage activation by TH1 cells
  - e. Role of TH17 cells
3. Dynamics of the immune response to infection (3)
  - a. Course of immune response to infection
  - b. Immunological memory.
4. Mucosal Immune System: (3)
  - a. Organization of the mucosal immune system
  - b. Mucosal response to infections
  - c. Regulation of the mucosal immune response

**Unit IV: Immune system in health and disease (15 Lectures)**

1. Tolerance, Allergy and Hypersensitivity: (5)
  - a. Tolerance Mechanisms
    - i. Central thymic and Post-thymic T-cell tolerance
    - ii. B cell tolerance.
  - b. Regulatory T cells: CD4, T<sub>REGS</sub> and CD8 alpha-alpha cells
  - c. Allergy: Effector mechanisms, IgE, mast cells and basophil mediated response.
  - d. Hypersensitivity: Types and mechanisms
2. Autoimmunity and Immunodeficiencies (4)
  - a. Cellular and Systemic Autoimmune disorders (Any 4 disorders)
    - i. Mechanisms, Clinical manifestation and management.
  - b. Deficiency in the innate and adaptive immune response (2 deficiencies each)
    - i. Clinical manifestation and management.
3. Transplantation (6)
  - a. Barriers to transplantation

- b. Role of T cells in rejection
- c. Clinical manifestations of rejection
- d. Prevention of rejection.
- e. Transplantation of kidney/liver/bone marrow

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8. Reviews papers published recently on relevant topics.

## LIFE SCIENCE

**M.Sc.**

**Course No.: SLSC804**

### **Title: Microbial Diseases**

#### **Learning Objectives:**

1. To understand host–parasite interactions by in-depth study of pathogenesis of various microbial parasites and immune response of the host to them
2. To study and understand infectious agents colonizing various organs and systems in human body.
3. To equip the students with a thorough knowledge of not only the clinical features and diagnosis of each of these diseases but also promote a clear understanding of the mechanisms for preventing the disease.

**Number of lectures: 60**

#### **UNIT I (15 lectures)**

1. Types of infectious diseases (1)
  - a. Reservoirs of Infection
  - b. Sites of entry, exit and transmission, types of transmission between humans, transmission from animals.
2. Pathogenesis of bacterial diseases (5)
  - a. Reservoirs of bacterial pathogens
  - b. Mechanisms of bacterial invasion growth and multiplication of pathogens
  - c. Regulation of bacterial virulence factors
  - d. Bacterial toxins
3. Pathogenesis of viral diseases (3)
  - a. Entry, contact, and primary replication
  - b. Viral spread and cell tropism
  - c. Cell injury and clinical illness
  - d. Recovery from infection
  - e. Virus shedding
4. Interaction of the pathogen with the Innate and Adaptive Immune System (6)
  - a. Immune response to bacterial, viral and fungal diseases.

#### **UNIT II (15 lectures)**

Detailed Study of the following infections including Etiology, Transmission, Pathogenesis, Clinical Manifestations, Lab. diagnosis, Prophylaxis, and Treatment.

1. Respiratory tract infections: (7)
  - a. The common cold
  - b. Influenza virus infection
  - c. Pneumonia- Bacterial & Viral
2. Central nervous system infections: (8)
  - a. Meningitis / Japanese Encephalitis
  - b. Tetanus
  - c. Polio
  - d. CJD, Kuru

**UNIT III** **(15 lectures)**

1. Urinary tract infections: Pathogenesis, clinical features, complications, laboratory diagnosis, treatment, prevention. **(4)**
2. Gastrointestinal tract infections: **(6)**
  - a. Diarrheal diseases caused by bacterial or viral infection
  - b. Helicobacter pylori and gastric ulcer disease
  - c. Round worm
  - d. Typhoid
3. Sexually transmitted diseases: **(5)**
  - a. Syphilis
  - b. Human papilloma virus infection
  - c. Human immunodeficiency virus

**UNIT IV** **(15 lectures)**

1. Vector borne infections: **(6)**
  - a. Malaria
  - b. Dengue
  - c. Filariasis
2. Multi system zoonosis: **(4)**
  - a. Anthrax
  - b. Plague
3. Infections of skin and soft tissue: **(3)**
  - a. Fungal infections of skin- Dermatophytosis / Candidiasis
  - b. Bacterial infections of the skin
  - c. Viral infections eg herpes simplex, chicken pox
4. Obstetric and perinatal infections **(2)**
  - a. Congenital infections – Rubella virus

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## **Practicals Semester 8:**

### **Course: SLSC8PR**

#### *Medical Microbiology and Immunology*

1. GLP, media preparation, sterilization protocols, culturing methods (aerobic and anaerobic)
2. Preservation of micro-organisms: subculturing, glycerol stocks and lyophilization
3. Antibiotic sensitivity test -
  - a. Minimum inhibitory concentration & minimum lethal concentration of an antibiotic (agar dilution/ broth dilution/ E-MIC strip agar diffusion)
4. Isolation of antibiotic resistant mutants from soil/ sewage/UV exposure
5. Medical Microbiology
  - a. Pure culture Study of Microorganisms on selective media
  - b. Study of Biochemicals for identification of microorganisms: Oxidase, Catalase, Nitrate Reduction, IMViC, TSI, Urease, Sugar Fermentation, Lysine Decarboxylase, Phenylalanine deaminase, Coagulase, Haemolysin
  - c. Identification of microorganism based on cultural characteristics on selective media and biochemical characteristics.
  - d. AST
6. Agglutination Reactions:
  - a. Study of Blood groups: Forward and reverse typing
  - b. Isohemagglutinin titre in blood
  - c. Quantitative Widal Test
7. Precipitation Reaction:
  - a. Single (Radial) immunodiffusion
  - b. Double immunodiffusion (Ouchterlony)
8. Separation of Mononuclear cells (lymphocytes) using a gradient and the determination of viable count of the same.
9. Purification of IgG from serum.
10. Innate Immunity: Testing the effects of saliva, tears, lysozyme on Staphylococcus, Streptococcus.
11. Bioassay (microbiological assay) for determination of antibiotics and or vitamin(Vit B12)
12. Use of MS Excel and SPSS for Plotting Graphs and to solve problems

**Template of Theory Question paper**  
**M.Sc. Life Science**  
**801, 802, 803, 804**

**CIA I – 20 marks, 45 mins.**

Objectives/Short questions

**CIA II – 20 marks, 45 mins.**

Test/ Survey/ Assignment/ Presentation/ Poster/ Essay/ Review

**End Semester exam – 60 marks, 2 hours**

Choice is internal- within a unit and could be between 50% to 100%

**M.Sc. Life Science**  
**Practical Evaluation**  
**Course: SLSC8PR**

**CIA & End Semester Practical Exam**

CIA

ESE

**Total marks: 200**

80 marks

120 marks

For CIA: (20 marks journal + 60 marks experiments/viva etc)



# St. Xavier's College – Autonomous Mumbai

## Syllabus For 9<sup>th</sup> Semester Courses in **M.Sc. Life Science** (June 2019 onwards)

### Contents:

Syllabus (Theory and Practical) for Courses:

SLSC901	Human Physiology II
SLSC902	Molecular Biology and Recombinant DNA Technology
SLSC903	Bioinformatics and Routine Diagnostics
SLSC904	Clinical Microbiology and Public Health

Template for theory and practical question paper

## LIFE SCIENCE

M.Sc.

Course No.: SLSC901

### Title: Human Physiology II

#### Learning Objectives:

The course aims at:

1. Imparting knowledge and understanding of the structural organization of the human body and its functional segregation into various systems, and understand the physiological interdependence of various systems.
2. Introducing the students to the physiological and cellular mechanisms underlying disorders of various organ systems.

**Number of lectures: 60**

#### UNIT I

**(15 lectures)**

##### Nervous system:

1. Neurons and Glia – structural and functional features. (2)
2. Nerve Impulse transmission; Channels and Transporters. (3)
3. Synapse: Types of synapses, Synaptic Transmission, Synaptic Potentials, Synaptic Plasticity and long-term potentiation. (4)
4. Structural and functional organization of the Nervous system: CNS and PNS (2)
5. Understanding brain anatomy & function, Anomalous examples of behavior, Brain imaging techniques – CT, PET, MRI (2)
6. The Autonomic Nervous system. (1)
7. Organization: The sensorimotor pathways (1)

#### UNIT II

**(15 lectures)**

1. Neurotransmitters: Acetylcholine, Catecholamines (Norepinephrine, Dopamine), Glutamate, GABA: mode of actions, receptor types and functional diversity. (5)
2. Neuronal signal transduction process and related disorders:
  - a. Phototransduction: Structural organization of the retina, photoreceptors, mechanism of phototransduction
  - b. Chemotransduction: olfaction and gustation: receptors, structure and mechanism of transduction
  - c. Mechanotransduction: Auditory system: cochlea and organ of Corti, receptors and mechanism of transduction, auditory pathway (6)
3. Neurological disorders: Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, Schizophrenia, Bipolar disorder (4)

#### UNIT III

**(15 lectures)**

##### Endocrine system:

1. Concept of cell signaling: Endocrine, autocrine, paracrine. Chemical nature of hormones, general mode of action on target cells. (2)
2. The Hypothalamus and Pituitary – Structural and Functional relationship; Hormones of the Anterior and Posterior Pituitary; Growth hormone: function and disorders (3)
3. Target Tissues of the Tropins and their Hormones: Thyroid (Thyroid disorders), Parathyroid, Adrenals, Pancreas (insulin, glucagon; Disorder: Diabetes mellitus). (7)

4. Homeostasis and Hormonal regulation –Water, electrolytes and acid-base balance; Thermoregulation; Blood volume control. **(3)**

**UNIT IV** **(15 lectures)**

**A) Reproductive System:**

1. Differentiation of sex and development of male and female reproductive systems; Oogenesis and Spermatogenesis. **(2)**
2. Overview of the reproductive systems; The Hypothalamus-Pituitary-Gonadal axis; Cellular and molecular interactions in ovary and testis; Menstrual Cycle – Cyclic changes at Ovarian and Uterine level. **(3)**
3. Hormonal Regulation of Fertilization and Implantation. **(2)**
4. Hormonal Changes during Pregnancy, Parturition and Lactation. **(2)**

**B) Male and Female Fertility Management:**

1. Common causes of male and female infertility – anatomical, hormonal, genetic. **(1)**
2. Disorders of Folliculogenesis and ovulation: Polycystic Ovary Syndrome; Abnormal spermatogenesis. **(2)**
3. Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ARTs) – IVF-ET, ICSI, GIFT, ZIFT; Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis; Researchable areas and Ethical issues in ARTs **(1)**
4. Contraception and Family Planning **(1)**
5. Menopause and Hormone Replacement Therapy; Synthetic Estrogens and Phytoestrogens. **(1)**

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M.Sc.

Course No.: SLSC902

### Title: Molecular Biology and Recombinant DNA Technology

#### Learning Objectives:

This course aims to provide a molecular understanding of the information processing pathways in the cell that lead to the expression of the genetic information in DNA.

1. To understand the molecular processes of DNA replication, transcription, and translation, and how they are managed in cells.
2. To understand protein and nucleic acid structure and function, and the relationship between them, both in vitro and in vivo.
3. To understand the principles of gene expression and its regulation in prokaryotes and eukaryotes.
4. To understand the principles and application of gene cloning in industry and medicine

Number of lectures: 60

#### UNIT I (15 lectures)

1. DNA topology: Supercoiling, denaturation and renaturation kinetics, C-value paradox (2)
2. DNA replication: DNA replication in *E. coli* (guided self study), Eukaryotic DNA replication (guided self study), and Viral DNA replication (Rolling circle model) (3)
3. DNA damage and repair: UV/chemicals, Repair systems (mismatch, nucleotide excision, base excision, recombination lesion, photoreactivation, SOS) (4)
4. DNA recombination: homologous, and site-specific (4)
5. Mobile Genetic Elements: Prokaryotic and eukaryotic Transposons one eg each. (2)

#### UNIT II (15 lectures)

1. Concept of a gene (self study) (2)
2. Transcription: prokaryotic and eukaryotic transcription (3)
3. Post-transcriptional processing: capping, splicing, polyA tail addition of mRNA; self splicing. (5)
4. Genetic code: universality, mitochondrial codon usage, wobble hypothesis (self study) (1)
5. Translation: protein synthesis in prokaryotes and eukaryotes (3)
6. Post-translational modifications (self study) (1)

#### UNIT III (15 lectures)

1. Protein-nucleic acid interactions: eg transcription factors; types of DNA binding motifs, interactions with DNA, gel-mobility shift assay, chromatin immunoprecipitation (6)
2. Regulation of gene expression in prokaryotes: (1)
  - a. The Lactose Operon in *E. coli* (self study)
  - b. The Tryptophan/ arabinose Operon in *E. coli* (guided self study)
3. Regulation of gene expression in eukaryotes: (8)
  - a. Gene rearrangement in immunoglobulin genes
  - b. Maternal gene expression in drosophila development

**UNIT IV** **(15 lectures)**

1. Restriction endonucleases: Type II R.E and its mechanism of cleavage (self study) **(1)**
2. Vectors: plasmid, phage, transcription vectors, expression vectors (pGLO, lacZ), eukaryotic vectors **(1)**
3. Selection methods: antibiotic resistance, lacZ, GFP (self study) **(1)**
4. Cloning of genes: using genomic DNA libraries, cDNA cloning, PCR cloning **(1)**
5. Screening of cloned genes: nucleic acid hybridization, immunochemical method, Southern blots **(1)**
6. DNA sequencing: Chain termination method, pyrosequencing, whole genome sequencing, contig mapping **(4)**
7. Applications of gene cloning: RFLPs, DNA fingerprinting, production of useful molecules, transgenic animals, transgenic plants, whole animal cloning, gene therapy, knock outs, knock down, knock-ins. **(6)**

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## LIFE SCIENCE

M.Sc.

Course No.: SLSC903

### Course title: Bioinformatics and Routine Diagnostics

#### Learning Objectives:

1. Introduce students to the interdisciplinary field of bioinformatics and computational biology that integrates the use of computational power to organize, manage, analyze and interpret the voluminous biological data in the post-genomic era.
2. Make students adept at using basic bioinformatics tools available online to analyze sequence, structure and evolutionary data and give an overview of the fast developing fields of systems biology and big data analyses.
3. Help students understand routine analysis of biological fluids and specific organ function tests, and their clinical significance.
4. Introduce students to non-invasive methods for diagnosis.

#### UNIT I: Computers in Biology (15 lectures)

1. Introduction to Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (1)  
(Overview of the field, need, applications, types of biological data)
2. IT basics (1)  
Types of computers and their construction, Hardware and software,  
Types of operating systems (1)  
Computer programming and programming languages (C++, Bioperl) (2)  
Unix fundamentals and its use in data presentation (2)
3. Databases & Annotation – Relational, Object-oriented db (2)  
(Literature – PubMed, PubChem, PharmaWiki (2)  
Sequence - NCBI GenBank, DDBJ, EMBL  
Structure – PDB, PROSITE, PFAM, ExPASy, RFAM  
Metabolic Pathways – KEGG  
Genome databases – SGD, XBASE, MYCOB) (2)
4. Sequence Analysis (7)  
(Sequence input formats- GenPept, FASTA; Sequence alignments - Pairwise and  
Multiple, Dot Matrix and FASTA methods of sequence alignment, NCBI BLAST,  
different BLAST programs and their use, Scoring an alignment: Scoring Matrices –  
BLOSUM, PAM, Score, E value, Query coverage)

#### UNIT II: Basic Bioinformatics & Computational Biology (15 lectures)

1. Phylogenetic Analysis (6)  
(Rooted and unrooted trees, Tree construction – UPGMA, Neighbour joining,  
Maximum Parsimony, Maximum Likelihood,  
Validation – Boot strapping, Jack-knifing,  
Software: CLUSTAL OMEGA, MEGA, PHYLIP)
2. Structure Prediction and Modelling – Proteins, Nucleic Acids (6)  
(Comparative modelling, HMM, Fold recognition/ threading,  
Ab-initio predictions, Structure visualization using RASMOL, PYMOL)
3. Molecular Modelling and Dynamics (2)  
(Molecular interactions: Small molecule – protein, Nucleic acid – protein,



protein – protein. Energy minimization. Basics of Molecular Docking and Drug design

4. Emerging areas in Bioinformatics: Systems Biology and Big Data Analysis: (1)  
Guest Lecture (Applications of Bioinformatics in Agriculture, Human Health, Environment, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Neuroscience, Drug design)

**UNIT III: Routine Diagnostics (15 lectures)**

1. Cardiac profile tests (3)
2. Routine Blood tests (2)
  - a. Complete Blood Count and Hematological Indices.
  - b. PCV, ESR
  - c. Reticulocyte count
3. Variants of hemoglobin and abnormal hemoglobin identification. (1)
4. Erythrocyte disorders (at least two) (1)
5. Hemostasis, coagulation and routine coagulation tests (2)
  - a. Mechanism of coagulation
  - b. Congenital deficiencies of hemostatic factors (self study)
  - c. Routine coagulation tests
  - d. Bleeding disorders
  - e. Bleeding time, clotting time, prothrombin time, Partial Thromboplastin time and Activated PTT
6. Basic principles of blood banking. (1)
7. Liver function tests (3)
8. Histopathological approaches to diagnosis (2)
  - a. Fixation and fixative tissue processing
  - b. Immunostaining
  - c. PAP smear

**UNIT IV: Routine Diagnostics (15 lectures)**

1. Kidney function tests (2)
2. Routine analysis of body fluids; urine, sputum, CSF, semen, cavity fluids: pericardial, peritoneal and synovial. (4)
3. Parasitology and routine examination of feces. (2)
4. Thyroid function tests (2)
5. Pulmonary function tests (3)
6. Non-invasive imaging techniques-MRI, CT scan, PET scan, fdg-PET (2)

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5. S C Rastogi, N Mendiratta, P Rastogi. Bioinformatics: Methods and Applications – Genomics, Proteomics and Drug Discovery. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. *PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi*.
6. University websites (Online).
7. Research papers, review articles.

## LIFE SCIENCE

M.Sc.

Course No.: SLSC904

### Title: Clinical Microbiology and Public Health

#### Learning Objectives:

On completion of the course, the student must be able to

1. Understand the principles of the diagnostic methods used in Clinical Microbiology.
2. This course provides an elaborate overview of all the possible mechanisms of controlling microbial growth and disease.
3. This course also aims to allow the students to have an insight into epidemiology of infectious diseases, analysing different public health measures that goes in to understanding the spread of the disease and its eradication.

**Number of lectures: 60**

#### UNIT I: Diagnostic methods in Clinical Microbiology (15 lectures)

1. Common staining procedures in Clinical Microbiology: Ziel Neelson Stain Spore stain (2)
2. Invitro culture principles and applications: Culture media for inoculation of specimens, recommended procedure for inoculation of specimens, tests for distinguishing Gram positive organisms, tests for distinguishing Gram negative bacteria. (5)
3. Serological diagnosis - Western blot, ELISA- types and applications (3)
4. Developments in diagnostic techniques (5)
  - a. Immunohistologic techniques
  - b. Molecular biology techniques
  - c. In situ hybridization
  - d. PCR
  - e. Microarrays.

#### UNIT II: Control and Prevention of Microbial Growth (15 lectures)

1. **Antimicrobials:** (two examples of each) (5)
  - a. Antibacterial agents – chemistry, category, mode of action, mechanism of resistance
  - b. and side effects of Cell wall inhibitors, inhibitors of protein synthesis, inhibitors of membrane function, DNA inhibitors, inhibitors with other modes of action, antituberculous agents
  - c. Antifungal antimicrobics
  - d. Antiprotozoan antimicrobics
  - e. Antiviral agents
  - f. Antiparasitic agents
2. **Antibiotic Use and Misuse:** Mechanisms of Resistance: Transfer and Expression (4)
  - a. Natural Resistance
  - b. Acquired Resistance eg. Tuberculosis

- c. Physiologic Mechanisms of Drug Resistance
- 3. **Vaccines** (6)
  - a. Aims of Vaccination, Requirements of a good vaccine. Active and Passive
  - b. Immunisation
  - c. Designing vaccines for active immunization – Live, Attenuated vaccines, “Inactivated” or “killed” vaccines, Subunit vaccines, Conjugate vaccines, DNA vaccines.
  - d. Current vaccine practices- Recombinant vector vaccines (any two)
  - e. New and experimental vaccines (any two)
  - f. Monoclonal Antibodies
  - g. Phage display libraries.

**UNIT III: Epidemiology and Public Health** (15 lectures)

- 1. Definition, scope and uses of epidemiology (1)
- 2. Epidemiology and Public health – Cause of disease, Natural history, health status of populations, evaluating interventions (2)
- 3. Achievements in epidemiology (4)
  - a. Small pox
  - b. Iodine deficiency diseases
  - c. HIV/ AIDS
  - d. SARS
- 4. Measuring health and disease (3)
- 5. Public health surveillance: purpose and characteristics , identifying health (5)
- 6. problems for surveillance, collecting data for surveillance, analyzing and interpreting
- 7. data, disseminating data and interpretation, evaluating and improving surveillance

**UNIT IV: Emerging Infectious Diseases** (15 lectures)

- 1. Emerging disease patterns
- 2. Determinants of Emerging disease: (2)
  - a. Host- change in demographics
  - b. Pathogen- origins, adaptation, change (genotypic and phenotypic)
  - c. Environment- climatologic, geographic, topographic, ecologic.
- 3. Prevention goals (CDC, OIE, USDA: APHIS and others). (1)
- 4. Emerging viral diseases (6)
  - a. Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
  - b. H1N1 Influenza
  - c. Avian Influenza
- 5. Emerging Bacterial Infections (4)
  - a. Multi-drug resistant tuberculosis
  - b. MRSA
  - c. E. coli 0157:H7
- 6. Emerging Zoonotic Bacterial Pathogens (2)  
Helicobacter species

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**Practical Semester 9:**

**Course: MS.LSC.9.PR**

*Cell Culture Techniques, Molecular Biology, Physiology and Medical Laboratory Diagnostics*

1. Preparation of single cell suspension and viability count (dye exclusion/fluorescence)
2. Setting up Primary fibroblast cultures of chick embryo/ chicken liver
3. Trypsinization of monolayer and subculturing
4. MTT assay for cell viability
5. Cryopreservation of cultured cells
6. Preparation of paraffin blocks and tissue sectioning (microtomy) as a demonstration experiment
7. Histological studies of vertebrate tissue using HE staining (mouse/chick)
8. Isolation of DNA from *E. coli*.
  - a. Determination of purity of DNA using UV absorbance 260:280
  - b. Separation of DNA using agarose gel electrophoresis.
9. Isolation of plasmid DNA by the Alkali lysis method.
10. PCR amplification of a desired gene
11. RE digestion and insertion of DNA
12. Preparation of competent cells and transformation.
13. Selection and Screening of transformed cells.
14. Expression of recombinant protein-induced v/s un-induced state
15. Construction of a restriction map of plasmid DNA
16. Cognitive function tests (COG LAB): Tests for Attention, working and Memory span.
17. Neuronal enzyme assays: AChE/Na-K ATPase
18. Basic Hematology
  - a. CBC, platelet count, PCV, ESR.
  - b. Bleeding time, Clotting time.
19. Biochemistry of body fluids
  - a. Serum glucose by GOD-POD method and GTT
  - b. SGPT, SGOT and Bilirubin
  - c. Total protein and albumin
  - d. Serum cholesterol, Lipid profile: Triglycerides, LDL, HDL
20. Visit to Industry/ Research Institute/ IVF lab. (Optional)

**Template of Theory Question paper**  
**M.Sc. LIFE SCIENCE**  
**Courses: 901, 902, 903, 904**

**CIA I – 20 marks, 45 mins.**

Objectives/Short questions

**CIA II – 20 marks, 45 mins.**

Test/ Survey/ Assignment/ Presentation/ Poster/ Essay/ Review

**End Semester exam – 60 marks, 2 hours**

Choice is internal- within a unit and could be between 50% to 100%

**M.Sc. Life Science**  
**Practical Evaluation**  
**Course: SLSC9PR**

**CIA & End Semester Practical Exam**

CIA

ESE

**Total marks: 200**

80 marks

120 marks

For CIA: (20 marks journal + 60 marks experiments/viva etc)



# St. Xavier's College – Autonomous Mumbai

## Syllabus For 10<sup>th</sup> Semester Courses in **M.Sc. LIFE SCIENCE** (June 2019 onwards)

Contents:

Syllabus (theory and practical) for Courses:

SLSC1001	Medical Genetics
SLSC1002	Pharmacology and Clinical Research
SLSC1003	Cancer Biology and Stem Cell Biology
SLSC1004	Applied Biology

Template for theory and practical question paper

## LIFE SCIENCE

**M.Sc.**

**Course No.: SLSC1001**

**Course title: Medical Genetics**

### Learning Objectives:

On the completion of the course, the student must understand:

1. The inheritance pattern of Mendelian and Non-Mendelian traits
2. Multifactorial conditions that defer from the classical Mendelian single gene disorders
3. Techniques of conventional and molecular cytogenetics
4. The concepts and practice of genetic counseling
5. The organization of the human genome and the applications of the Human Genome Project.

**Number of lectures: 60**

### UNIT I: (15 lectures)

1. History of Human Genetics (1)
2. Pedigrees- gathering family history, pedigree symbols, construction of pedigrees, presentation of molecular genetic data in pedigrees (3)
3. Monogenic traits (5)
  - a. Autosomal inheritance-dominant, recessive
  - b. Sex-linked inheritance
  - c. Sex-limited and sex-influenced traits
  - d. Mitochondrial inheritance - nonpenetrance, variable expressivity, pleiotropy, late onset, dominance problems, anticipation, genetic heterogeneity, genomic imprinting and uniparental disomy, spontaneous mutations, mosaicism and chimerism, male lethality, X-inactivation
4. Complex traits (6)
  - a. Polygenic inheritance of continuous (quantitative) traits, normal growth charts, Dismorphology
  - b. Polygenic inheritance of discontinuous (dichotomous) traits- threshold model, liability and recurrence risk
  - c. Genetic susceptibility in multifactorial disorders (alcoholism, diabetes mellitus, obesity)
  - d. Estimation of genetic components of multifactorial traits: empiric risk, heritability, coefficient of relationship
  - e. Approaches to analysis of complex traits- 'Nature vs nurture', role of family and shared environment, monozygotic and dizygotic twins and adoption studies

### UNIT II: (15 Lectures)

1. Human cytogenetics (2)
2. Techniques in human chromosome analysis (including molecular techniques) (3)
3. Human karyotype: banding techniques – C, G, R, Q, High resolution banding, nomenclature of banding (3)
4. Nomenclature of aberrant karyotypes (1)
5. Common syndromes due to numerical chromosome changes (3)
6. Molecular Cytogenetics – FISH, Principle, probes used, Types of FISH, CGH, spectral, Karyotyping (3)



**UNIT III: (15 Lectures)**

1. Historical overview of genetic counseling (4)
  - a. Models of Eugenic, Medical/Preventive, Decision making Psychotherapeutic counseling; current definition and goals
  - b. Philosophy and ethos of genetic services and counseling,
2. Physical examination
  - a. General and dysmorphology examination
  - b. Documentation
3. Prenatal and pre-implantation diagnosis (3)
  - a. Indications for prenatal diagnosis
  - b. Indications for chromosomal testing
  - c. Noninvasive methods
  - d. Invasive methods
4. Legal and ethical considerations (1)
5. Common syndromes due to structural alterations (translocations, duplications, deletions, microdeletion, fragile sites). Common chromosome abnormalities (Autosomal, sex linked, mitochondrial). (4)
6. Genome imprinting Syndromes: Prader-Willi & Angelman syndromes, Beckwith-Wiedeman Syndrome (3)

**UNIT IV: (15 Lectures)**

1. The Human Genome project (4)
  - a. History, organization and goals of human genome project
  - b. Mapping strategies, current status of various maps; DNA segment nomenclature
2. Organization of human genome (6)
  - a. Mitochondrial genome
  - b. Gross base composition of nuclear genome
  - c. Gene density
  - d. CpG islands
  - e. RNA-encoding genes
  - f. LINES and SINES
3. Gene families (5)
  - a. Multigene families – Classical gene families, families with large conserved domains, families with small conserved domains
  - b. Gene superfamilies
  - c. Gene families in clusters and dispersed - globin genes and histone genes
  - d. Pseudogenes
  - e. Repetitive DNA and transposable elements
  - f. Origin of gene families

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4. John Reid & Tom Strachan (2011) "Human Molecular Genetics" *Garland Science, Taylor and Francis Group*.
5. Daniel L. Hartl and Maryellen Ruvolo (2012) "Genetics – Analysis of Genes and Genomes" *Jones and Bartlett India Pvt. Ltd*.
6. Peter Turnpenny and Sian Ellard (2013) "Emery's Elements of Medical Genetics" *Churchill Livingstone Pub*.

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M.Sc.

Course No.: SLSC1002

### Title: Pharmacology and Clinical Research

#### Learning Objectives:

On completion of the course, the student must be able to:

1. Understand the basis of drug action (pharmacodynamics)
2. Describe the various strategies used in pharmacotherapy
3. Explain the concept drug metabolism (pharmacokinetics)
4. Discuss the influence of genetic constitution of an individual on drug response
5. Summarize the principles of clinical pharmacology
6. Understanding the scope of clinical research and its application

**Number of lectures: 60**

#### UNIT I: General Principles of Pharmacology (15 lectures)

1. Introduction to Pharmacology (3)
  - a. Basic terminology
  - b. Sources of drugs and nomenclature of drugs
  - c. Routes of drug administration
2. Drug-receptor interactions (pharmacodynamics) (4)
  - a. Classification of drug receptors
  - b. Principles of drug action – quantal and graded dose-response curves
  - c. Theories of drug-receptor interaction – occupancy theory (agonist / antagonist), modified occupancy theory (agonist), allosteric theory (partial agonist)
3. Factors modifying drug-receptor interactions
4. Drug transporters (1)
5. Drug Enzyme interactions (pharmacodynamics) (3)
  - a. Classification of enzymes inhibitors
  - b. Examples of drugs that are enzymes inhibitors (competitive, non-competitive, uncompetitive and irreversible)
5. Drug Metabolism (4)
  - a. Definition, Need, Consequences
  - b. Organs involved in DM, Enzymes involved
  - c. Phase-I and phase-II transformations
  - d. Concept of hard and soft drugs

#### UNIT II: Pharmacotherapy (15 lectures)

1. Strategies in drug therapy (based on **any one** prototype drug for each) (5)
  - a. Central nervous system: antidepressants
  - b. Respiratory system: pharmacotherapy of bronchial asthma
  - c. GI system: antacids
  - d. Cardiovascular system: beta adrenergic blockers
  - e. Endocrine system: thyroid modulators
2. Drug delivery systems in pharmacotherapy (4)
  - a. Modified or Controlled drug release systems
  - b. Targeted delivery system: liposomes
  - c. Nanoparticulate systems: coated-nanoparticles, nanogels

3. Pharmacogenomics (6)
  - a. Genomics of PD profile (receptor-allelic variation)
  - b. Genomic of PK profile (*CYP*-allelic variation)
  - c. Database resources in pharmacogenomics
  - d. Methods in pharmacogenomics: association- & expression-based cheminformatics

**UNIT III: Drug safety and efficacy (15 lectures)**

1. General pathway of drug discovery/development (3)  
Pharmacological screening models for therapeutic areas (one case study) (6)
2. Toxicological screening (6)

**UNIT IV: Clinical trials (15 lectures)**

1. Clinical trials – rationale and phases (3)
2. Ethical and regulatory aspects of clinical trials in India (2)
3. Clinical Research - regulations, guidelines, ethics (2)
4. Searching, understanding and evaluating current clinical research (2)
5. Planning, Biostatistics, Protocol, Conduct, Results (3)
6. Communication clinical research - written and verbal (3)

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1. Ed. Hardman JG, Limbird LE (2001) "Goodman Gillman's The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics" *McGraw Hill Press*.
2. Ed. Shargel L. (1999) "Applied Biopharmaceutics and Pharmacokinetics" *Prentice-Hall International*.
3. Ghosh MN (1984) "Fundamentals of Experimental Pharmacology". *Scientific Book Agency*.
4. Forman JC, Johansen TJ (1996) "Textbook of Receptor Pharmacology" *CRC Press*.
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6. Pharmacology-related journals from PubMedCentral (refer study pack for papers)

## LIFE SCIENCE

**M.Sc.**

**Course No.: SLSC1003**

### **Title: Cancer Biology and Stem Cell Biology**

#### **Learning Objectives:**

1. Understanding the genetic basis of cancer
2. To identify the various factors that can transform a cell to become cancerous
3. Elucidate the underlying principles of how cancer cells bypass the normal controls
4. Understanding how cancer can be tackled by targeting the characteristics specific to the cancerous cells.
5. Provide the student with information of basic principles, recent developments and scope of some contemporary areas of stem cell research in biology research and medicine.

**Number of lectures: 60**

#### **UNIT I: Cancer biology - 1 (15 lectures)**

1. Introduction & The Hallmarks of Cancer and cancer assays and models (3)
2. Cell cycle control (1)
3. Pathways that contribute to tumour progression (11)
  - a. Rb pathway
  - b. Signal transduction
  - c. BCR-Abl
  - d. Myc
  - e. Checkpoint signalling

#### **UNIT II: Cancer Biology – 2 (15 lectures)**

1. Pathways contributing to tumour progression (7)
  - a. p53
  - b. Telomerase
  - c. BRCA1
  - d. Mis-match repair
  - e. APC and Wnt signalling
2. Tumour Immunology
3. Angiogenesis (2)
4. Epigenetics and Cancer (2)
5. Cancer stem cells (2)
6. Metastasis (2)

\* including but not limited to

#### **UNIT III: Embryonic Development and Embryonic Stem Cells (15 Lectures)**

1. The Evolving Concept of a Stem Cell: Definitions, Criteria and Standards (2)
2. Embryonic Development: Overview of Human Embryogenesis - Fertilization to Gastrulation (3)
3. Totipotency, Pluripotency and Multipotency (2)
4. Molecular pathways of Pluripotency (NOTCH, BMP, Sonic Hedgehog pathways) (4)
5. Human Embryonic Stem cells and Directed Differentiation, Cord Blood Stem Cells(4)

<b>UNIT IV: Stem Cell Research</b>	<b>(15 Lectures)</b>
1. The Stem Cell Niche	(2)
2. Adult Stem Cells - Hematopoietic, Neural, Mesenchymal Stem cells	(3)
3. Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells (iPSCs)	(3)
4. Transdifferentiation	(3)
5. Ethical and Religious issues and Regulatory considerations	(1)
6. Potential applications and Future Challenges:	
a. Cell Replacement Therapies	(3)
b. Tissue Engineering	
c. Stem Cell Gene Therapy (Translational Stem Cell Medicine)	

**References:**

1. Hanahan D and Weinberg R (2011) 'Hallmarks of Cancer: The Next Generation' *Cell* 144, 646-674.
2. Weinberg R (2013) 'The Biology of Cancer' *Garland Science*.
3. Alberts B (2016) 'Molecular Biology of the Cell' *Garland Science*.
4. Kleinsmith L (2005) 'Principles of Cancer Biology' *Pearson*.
5. Lanza R. et al (2009) 'Essentials of Stem Cell Biology' *Springer*.
6. Considering the wide scope and dynamic nature of the topics being dealt with, review articles and research papers shall also be a major information resource.

## LIFE SCIENCE

**M.Sc.**

**Course No.: SLSC1004**

### **Title: Applied Biology**

#### **Learning Objectives:**

1. To understand the concepts of culturing animal cells, setting up a basic cell culture laboratory and applications of Animal tissue culture.
2. To explain the tenets in the emerging field of nutraceuticals
3. Provide the student with information of basic principles, recent developments and scope of some contemporary areas of nanosciences.
4. An understanding of the implications of a toxic exposure in humans and relevant experimental models.
5. An understanding of general toxicology principles and their application in the prevention and management of toxic exposure.

#### **Number of lectures: 60**

#### **Unit I: Introduction to Animal Cell and Tissue Culture (15 lectures)**

1. Advantages and Disadvantages of animal cell culture and tissue culture. (1)
2. Basics of Lab Set up, Sterilization, Liquid handling, Biosafety Levels and cabinets, Incubators, Culture vessels (3)
3. Media: Common Components, Types with examples, Serum free media (1)
4. Growth of cells in vitro, cell culture growth parameters (2)
5. Methods of cell dissociation/separation and preparation of primary cell culture, maintaining a cell line (3)
6. Contamination: detection and prevention. (1)
7. Organ culture and cryopreservation of tissues and cell lines. (2)
8. Advances in tissue culture: Tissue engineering, 3D Printing of organs (2)

#### **UNIT II: Nutraceuticals and Cosmeceuticals (15 lectures)**

1. Concept of nutraceuticals and functional foods (1)
2. Classification of nutraceuticals – chemical and biochemical basis (1)
3. Sources and uses of nutraceuticals (4)
4. Disease-management using nutraceuticals (case studies) (4)
5. Monitoring of multi-component phytopharmaceuticals (3)
6. Safety issues regarding nutraceutical consumption (case studies) (2)
7. Cosmeceuticals (2)

#### **UNIT III: Nanotechnology (15 lectures)**

1. Introduction to Nanoscience and Nanotechnology
  - a. History, Definitions, Dimensions – The 'Nano' Scale (1)
  - b. Overview of different nanomaterials available (4)  
Carbon based materials – CNT, Fullerenes; Quantum dots; Self-assembled nanomaterials; Core-shell particles [Metals and alloys, Semiconductors, Ceramic and glassy materials, Composites, Zeolites, Porous silicon, Aerogels, Hydrogels]
  - c. Unique properties of nanoscale material (2)  
Importance of surface, particle size and particle orientation

- Mechanical, Structural, Optical and Magnetic properties, Melting, Electrical conductivity
- d. Synthesis and fabrication of nanomaterials (Guided self-study) (1)  
Physical, Chemical, Biological (Microbes, Plant extracts, Protein and DNA)  
Tools of Nanoscience (Self study) (1)  
Electron microscopy, SEM, TEM
2. Applications of Nanotechnology:
- a. Biomedical - Imaging and diagnostics, Cancer detection, Drug delivery, Tissue regeneration (3)  
b. Environmental - Water, Air and Soil – Monitoring and mitigation (1)  
c. Energy (Solar cells, fuel cells, batteries) (1)

**UNIT IV: Toxicology (15 lectures)**

1. General Principles of Toxicology:
- a. Dose-Response Relationship (2)  
b. Animal models as predictors of human toxicity (2)
2. Mechanisms of Toxicity (9)
- a. Chemical Carcinogens/Radiation  
b. Alcohols/Analgesics  
c. Pulmonary/Inhalation Toxicants  
d. Tobacco, Marijuana  
e. Psychostimulants/Antidepressants  
f. Pesticides  
g. Bacterial, Insect & Snake Toxins  
h. Heavy Metals

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1. Freshney RI (2015) "Culture of Animal Cells: A Manual of Basic Technique and Specialized Applications" *John Wiley & Sons*.
2. Davis JM (2011) "Animal Cell Culture: Essential Methods" *John Wiley & Sons*.
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**Template of Theory Question paper**  
**M.Sc. LIFE SCIENCE**  
**Courses: 1001, 1002, 1003, 1004**

**CIA I – 20 marks, 45 mins.**

Objectives/Short questions

**CIA II – 20 marks, 45 mins.**

Test/ Survey/ Assignment/ Presentation/ Poster/ Essay/ Review

**End Semester exam – 60 marks, 2 hours**

Choice is internal- within a unit and could be between 50% to 100%

**M.Sc. Life Science**  
**Practical Evaluation**  
**Course: SLSC10PR**

**Research Project/ Literature Survey = 200 marks**

For the project:

Internal: Literature survey = 25 marks, Laboratory work = 50 marks and Poster/ Paper = 25 marks

External: Dissertation = 60 marks and Final presentation = 40 marks