

SPACES DEGREE COLLEGE
B.Sc. Biochemistry Semester wise Syllabus

Semester-III
Course: Enzymology, Bioenergetics and Intermediary Metabolism

Code: BCH-III

Unit-I: Enzymology

12 hours

Introduction to Biocatalysis, differences between chemical and biological catalysis. Nomenclature and classification of enzymes. Definition of holo-enzyme, apo-enzyme, coenzyme, cofactor. Active site, Enzyme specificity. Principles of energy of activation, transition state. Interaction between enzyme and substrate-lock and key, induced fit models. Fundamentals of enzyme assay, enzyme units. Outlines of mechanism of enzyme action, factors affecting enzyme activity. Commercial application of enzymes.

Unit- II: Bioenergetics and Biological oxidation

12 hours

Bioenergetics: Thermodynamic principles – Chemical equilibria; free energy, enthalpy (H), entropy (S). Free energy change in biological transformations in living systems; High energy compounds. Energy, change, oxidation-reduction reactions.

Organization of electron carriers and enzymes in mitochondria. Classes of electron-transferring enzymes, inhibitors of electron transport. Oxidative phosphorylation. Uncouplers and inhibitors of oxidative phosphorylation. Mechanism of oxidative phosphorylation.

Unit-III: Carbohydrate Metabolism.

12 hours

Concept of anabolism and catabolism. Glycolytic pathway, energy yield. Fate of pyruvate-formation of lactate and ethanol, Citric acid cycle, regulation, energy yield, amphipathic role. Anaplerotic reactions. Glycogenolysis and glycogenesis. Pentose phosphate pathway. Gluconeogenesis. Photosynthesis- Light and Dark reactions, Calvin cycle, C₄ Pathway. Disorders of carbohydrate metabolism- Diabetes Mellitus.

Unit-IV: Lipid Metabolism 12 hours

Catabolism of fatty acids (β - oxidation) with even and odd number of carbon atoms, Ketogenesis, *DE NOVO* synthesis of fatty acids, elongation of fatty acids in mitochondria and microsomes, Biosynthesis and degradation of triacylglycerol and lecithin. Biosynthesis of cholesterol. Disorders of lipid metabolism.

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Unit-V: Metabolism of Amino acids

12 hours

General reactions of amino acid metabolism- transamination, decarboxylation and deamination, Urea cycle and regulation, Catabolism of carbon skeleton of amino acids- glycogenic and ketogenic amino acids. Metabolism of glycine, serine, aspartic acid, methionine, phenylalanine and leucine. Biosynthesis of creatine. Inborn errors of aromatic and branched chain amino acid metabolism.

Practical – BCP-301: Quantitative analysis

1. Assay of amylase.
2. Assay of urease.
3. Assay of catalase
4. Effect of pH, temperature and substrate concentration on enzyme activity.
5. Estimation of glucose by DNS method.
6. Estimation of glucose by Benedict's titrimetric method.
7. Estimation of total carbohydrates by Anthrone method.
8. Tests for lipids- Salkowski test, Lieberman-Burchardtest.
9. Estimation of amino acid by Ninhydrin method.
10. Estimation of protein by Biuret method.

Recommended books:

1. Understanding enzymes: Palmer T., Ellis Harwood Ltd., 2001.
2. Enzyme structure and mechanism. Alan Fersht, Freeman & Co. 1997
3. Principles of enzymology for food sciences: Whitaker Marc Dekker 1972.
4. Principles of Biochemistry, White. A, Handler, P and Smith.
5. Biochemistry, Lehninger A.L.
6. Biochemistry, LubertStryer.
7. Review of physiological chemistry, Harold A. Harper.
8. Text of Biochemistry, West and Todd.
9. Metabolic pathways – Greenberg.
10. Mitochondria, Munn.
11. Biochemistry, 2nd Edition, G. Zubay.