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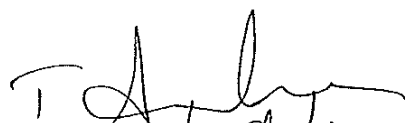
Model Syllabus for Zoology (Minor) in consonance with Curriculum framework

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## COURSE STRUCTURE

Year	Semester	Course	Title of the Course	No. of Hrs /Week	No. of Credits
II	III	1	Animal Diversity-I Biology of Non-Chordates	3	3
			Animal Diversity-I Biology of Non-Chordates-Practical	2	1
	IV	2	Animal Diversity-II Biology of Chordates	3	3
			Animal Diversity-II Biology of Chordates-Practical	2	1
III	V	3	Cell & Molecular Biology	3	3
			Cell & Molecular Biology-Practical	2	1
		4	Genetics	3	3
			Genetics-Practical	2	1
	VI	5	Animal Physiology: Life Sustaining Systems	3	3
			Animal Physiology: Life Sustaining Systems-Practical	2	1
		6	Evolution and Zoogeography	3	3
			Evolution and Zoogeography-Practical	2	1

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## SEMESTER-III

### COURSE 1: ANIMAL DIVERSITY-I BIOLOGY OF NON-CHORDATES

Theory

Credits: 3

3 hrs/week

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#### COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- To understand the taxonomic position of protozoa to helminthes.
- To understand the general characteristics of animals belonging to Protozoa to Hemichordate.
- To understand the structural organization of animals phylum from protozoa to Hemi chordata.
- To understand the origin and evolutionary relationship of different phyla from Protozoa to Hemi chordata.
- To understand the origin and evolutionary relationship of different phylum from annelids to hemichordates.

#### LEARNING OUTCOMES:

By the completion of the course the graduate should able to –

- Describe concept of animal kingdom classification and general characters of Protozoa
- Classify Porifera and Coelenterate with taxonomic keys
- Classify Phylum Platy & Nematelminths using examples, parasitic adaptation
- Describe Phylum Annelida & Arthropoda using examples and economic importance of vermicomposting & economic importance of insects.
- Describe Mollusca, Echinodermata & Hemi chordata with suitable examples in relation to the phylogeny

#### SYLLABUS:

##### UNIT-I:

- 1.1 Whittakers five kingdom concept and classification of Animal Kingdom.
- 1.2 Protozoa General Characters and classification up to classes with suitable examples
- 1.3 Protozoa Locomotion & nutrition
- 1.4 Protozoa reproduction

*Activity: Assignment /Seminar on the above*

*Evaluation: Marks to be awarded for written and oral presentations*

##### UNIT –II:

- 2.1 Porifera General characters and classification up to classes with suitable examples
- 2.2 Canal system in sponges
- 2.3 Coelenterata General characters and classification up to classes with suitable examples
- 2.4 Polymorphism in coelenterates & Corals and coral reefs

*Activity: Assignment /Seminar /Quiz/Project on the above*

*Evaluation: Evaluation of Written part Evaluation of oral Presentation, Assessment of students in Quiz participation and Ranking - Evaluation of Project Report and oral presentation*

### UNIT – III:

- 3.1 Platyhelminthes General characters and classification up to classes with suitable examples
- 3.2 Parasitic Adaptations in helminthes
- 3.3 Nematelminthes General characters and classification up to classes with suitable examples
- 3.4 Life cycle and pathogenicity of *Ascaris lumbricoides*

*Activity: Assignment /Seminar /Quiz/Project/Peer teaching on the above*

*Evaluation: Instructor supposed to prepare a detailed Rubrics for the evaluation of the above activity*

### UNIT – IV:

- 4.1 Annelida General characters and classification up to classes with suitable examples
- 4.2 Vermiculture - Scope, significance, earthworm species, processing, Vermicompost, economic importance of vermicompost
- 4.3 Arthropoda General characters and classification up to classes with suitable examples
- 4.4 *Peripatus* - Structure and affinities

*Activity: Assignment /Seminar /Quiz/Project/Peer teaching on the above*

*Evaluation: Instructor supposed to prepare a detailed Rubrics for the evaluation of the above activity*

### UNIT – V:

- 5.1 Mollusca General characters and classification up to classes with suitable examples
- 5.2 Pearl formation in Pelecypoda
- 5.3 Echinodermata General characters and classification up to classes with suitable examples  
Water vascular system in star fish
- 5.4 Hemichordata General characters and classification up to classes with suitable examples  
*Balanoglossus* - Structure and affinities

*Activity: Assignment /Seminar /Quiz/Project/Peer teaching on the above*

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### CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

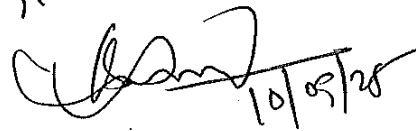
- Preparation of chart/model of phylogenic tree of life, 5-kingdom classification
- Visit to Zoology Museum or Coral Island as part of Zoological tour
- Charts on polymorphism
- Clay models of canal system in sponges
- Plaster-of-paris model of *Peripatus*
- Construction of a vermicompost in each college, manufacture of manure by students and donating to local farmers
- Chart on pearl forming layers using clay
- Visit to a pearl culture rearing industry/institute
- Live model of water vascular system
- Observation of *Balanoglossus* for its tubicolous habit

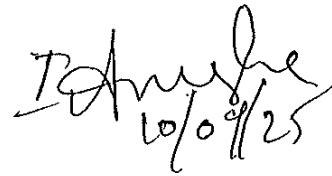
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## SEMESTER-III

### COURSE 1: ANIMAL DIVERSITY-I BIOLOGY OF NON-CHORDATES

Practical

Credits: 1

2 hrs/week

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#### COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To understand the importance of preservation of museum specimens
- To identify animals based on special identifying characters
- To understand different organ systems through demo or virtual dissections
- To maintain a neat, labelled record of identified museum specimens

#### SYLLABUS:

- Study of museum slides / specimens / models (Classification of animals up to orders)
- Protozoa: *Amoeba*, *Paramecium*, *Paramecium Binary fission and Conjugation*, *Vorticella*, *Entamoeba histolytica*, *Plasmodium vivax*
- Porifera: *Sycon*, *Spongilla*, *Euspongia*, *Sycon*- T.S & L.S, Spicules, Gemmule
- Coelenterata: *Obelia* – Colony & *Medusa*, *Aurelia*, *Physalia*, *Veella*, *Corallium*, *Gorgonia*, *Pennatula*
- Platyhelminthes: *Planaria*, *Fasciola hepatica*, *Fasciola* larval forms – *Miracidium*, *Redia*, *Cercaria*, *Echinococcus granulosus*, *Taenia solium*, *Schistosoma haematobium*
- Nematelminths: *Ascaris* (Male & Female), *Dracunculus*, *Ancylostoma*, *Wuchereria*
- Annelida: *Nereis*, *Aphrodite*, *Chaetopteurs*, *Hirudinaria*, Trochophore larva
- Arthropoda: *Cancer*, *Palaemon*, *Scorpion*, *Scolopendra*, *Sacculina*, *Limulus*, *Peripatus*,
- Larvae - Nauplius, Mysis, Zoea, Mouth parts of male & female *Anopheles* and *Culex*, Mouthparts of Housefly and Butterfly.
- Mollusca: *Chiton*, *Pila*, *Unio*, *Pteredo*, *Murex*, *Sepia*, *Loligo*, *Octopus*, *Nautilus*, Glochidium larva
- Echinodermata: *Asterias*, *Ophiothrix*, *Echinus*, *Clypeaster*, *Cucumaria*, *Antedon*, Bipinnaria larva
- Hemichordata: *Balanoglossus*, Tornaria larva

#### Dissections:

Computer - aided techniques should be adopted or show virtual dissections Dissection of edible (Prawn/Pila) invertebrate as per UGC guidelines

An "Animal album" containing photographs, cut outs, with appropriate write up about the above-mentioned taxa. Different taxa/ topics may be given to different sets of students for this purpose

#### REFERENCE WEB LINKS:

- <https://virtualmicroscopy.peabody.yale.edu/>
- <https://tnhm.in/category/assorted-gallery-for-vertebrates-and-invertebrates/invertebrates/>
- <http://www.nhc.ed.ac.uk/index.php?page=24.25.312>
- <https://biologyjunction.com/invertebrate-notes/>
- <https://lanwebs.lander.edu/faculty/rsfox/invertebrates/>
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## SEMESTER-IV

### COURSE 2: ANIMAL DIVERSITY-II BIOLOGY OF CHORDATES

Theory

Credits: 3

3 hrs/week

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#### COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- To understand the animal kingdom.
- To understand the taxonomic position of Protochordata to Mammalia.
- To understand the general characteristics of animals belonging to Fishes to Reptilians.
- To understand the body organization of Chordata.
- To understand the taxonomic position of Protherian mammals.

#### LEARNING OUTCOMES:

By the completion of the course the graduate should be able to –

- Describe general taxonomic rules on animal classification of chordates
- Classify Protochordata to Mammalia with taxonomic keys
- Understand Mammals with specific structural adaptations
- Understand the significance of dentition and evolutionary significance
- Understand the origin and evolutionary relationship of different phyla from Protochordata to Mammalia.

#### SYLLABUS:

##### UNIT – I:

- 1.1 General characters and classification of Chordata up to classes
- 1.2 Salient features of Cephalochordate, Salient features of Urochordata
- 1.3 Structure and life history of *Herdmania*, Retrogressive metamorphosis –Process and Significance
- 1.4 Cyclostomata, General characters, Comparison of Petromyzon and Myxine

*Activity: Model preparation /Assignment /Students Seminar/Quiz/Project/Peer teaching/Report writing after watching any video on the above*

*Evaluation: Instructor supposed to prepare a detailed Rubrics for the evaluation of the above activity*

##### UNIT – II:

- 2.1 General characters of Fishes, Salient features Dipnoi
- 2.2 *Scoliodon*: External features, Digestive system, Respiratory system
- 2.3 *Scoliodon* Structure and function of Heart, Structure and functions of the Brain.
- 2.4 Migration in Fishes, Types of Scales

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### UNIT – III:

- 3.1 General characters of Amphibia, General characters of Reptilia
- 3.2 *Rana hexadactyla*: External features, Respiratory system, Structure and function of Heart
- 3.3 *Rana hexadactyla* structure and functions of the Brain
- 3.4 *Calotes*: External features, Digestive system, structure and function of Brain
- 3.5 Identification of Poisonous snakes

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### UNIT – IV:

- 4.1 General characters of Aves
- 4.2 *Columba livia*: External features, Digestive system, Respiratory system
- 4.3 *Columba livia*: Structure and function of Heart, structure and function of Brain
- 4.4 Migration in Birds, Flight adaptation in birds

*Activity: Model preparation/Assignment /Students Seminar/Quiz/Project/Peer teaching/Report writing after watching any video on the above*

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### UNIT – V:

- 5.1 General characters of Mammalia
- 5.2 Classification of Mammalia up to sub - classes with examples
- 5.3 Comparison of Prototherians, Metatherians and Eutherians
- 5.4 Dentition in mammals, Aquatic mammals Adaptations

*Activity: Model preparation/Assignment /Students Seminar/Quiz/Project/Peer teaching/Report writing after watching any video on the above*

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### CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIE:

- Preparation of charts on Chordate classification (with representative animal photos) and retrogressive metamorphosis
- Clay models of Herdmania and Amphioxus
- Visit to local fish market and identification of local cartilaginous and bony fishes
- Maintaining of aquarium by students
- Model of fish heart and brain
- Preparation of slides of scales of fishes
- Visit to local/nearby river to identify migratory fishes and prepare study notes
- Preparation of Charts on above topics by students (Eg: comparative account of vertebrate heart/brain/lungs, identification of snakes etc.)

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- Collecting and preparation of Museum specimens with dead frogs/snakes/lizards etc., and/or their skeletons
- Additional input on types of snake poisons and their antidotes (student activity).
- Collection of bird feathers and submission of report on Plumology
- Taxidermic preparation of dead birds for Zoology Museum
- Map pointing of prototherian and metatherian mammals
- Chart preparation for dentition in mammals


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- M. Ekambaranatha Ayyar, 1973. A manual of zoology. Part II. (S. Viswanathan Pvt. Ltd., Madras).
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- Sandhu, G.S. & H. Bhaskar, H. 2004. Textbook of Chordate Zoology. Campus Books, 2 vols., xx, 964 p., figs.
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## SEMESTER-IV

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2 hrs/week

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#### SYLLABUS:

1. Protochordata: *Herdmania*, *Amphioxus*, *Amphioxus* T.S through pharynx.
2. Cyclostomes: *Petromyzon* and *Myxine*.
3. Pisces: *Pristis*, *Torpedo*, *Hippocampus*, *Exocoetus*, *Echeneis*, *Labeo*, *Catla*, *Clarius*, *Channa*, *Anguilla*.
4. Amphibia: *Ichthyophis*, *Ambystoma*, *Axolotl* larva, *Hyla*,
5. Reptilia: *Draco*, *Chamaeleon*, *Uromastyx*, *Testudo*, *Trionyx*, *Russel viper*, *Naja*, *Krait*, *Hydrophis*, *Crocodile*.
6. Aves: *Psittacula*, *Eudynamis*, *Bubo*, *Alcedo*.
7. Mammalia: *Ornithorhynchus*, *Pteropus*, *Funambulus*.
8. Dissections-As per UGC guidelines *Scoliodon IX* and X, Cranial nerves *Scoliodon* Brain  
Mounting of fish scales

- Note: 1. Dissections are to be demonstrated only by the faculty or virtual.  
2. Laboratory Record work shall be submitted at the time of practical examination.

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