



University of Kerala

Discipline	ZOOLOGY				
Course Code	UK4DSCZOO202				
Course Title	Evolution and Zoogeography				
Type of Course	DSC				
Semester	IV				
Academic Level	200-299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	4	3 hours	-	2 hours	5
Pre-requisites	Pass of Class XII				
Course Summary	This course provides a comprehensive understanding of evolutionary biology, including classical and modern concepts, human evolution, and zoogeography, enabling students to grasp the complex mechanisms and patterns of life's diversity on Earth. Overall, students will gain a deep understanding of evolutionary processes, and the distribution of life forms on Earth, preparing them for advanced studies and careers in evolutionary biology, ecology, and related fields.				

Detailed Syllabus

Module	Unit	Content	45 hrs
Evolution			
I	Introduction to Evolution		5
	1.1	Theories of organic evolution: Lamarck's theory; Weisman's germplasm theory; Darwin's theory of natural selection and the contributions of Wallace. Evolution- types- Micro, Macro, Mega and Co-evolution.	2
	1.2	Natural selection- Variability, Fitness and different environmental conditions. Types of selection (brief account of the observation in <i>Biston betularia</i>).	1
	1.3	Speciation- Types; Isolation and isolating mechanisms.	1
	1.4	Hybridization- adaptive radiation with special reference to Darwin's finches.	1

II	Modern Concepts of Evolution		8
	2.1	Geological Time scale -Brief description on Paleontological evidences and Fossil dating.	2
	2.2	Modern concept of organic evolution: (Neo Darwinism), Sources of Variation: mutation, role of mutation in evolution, neutral mutation (Kimura).	2
	2.3	Genetic basis of evolution- gene pool, gene frequency, genetic drift, genetic equilibrium; factors affecting genetic equilibrium and Hardy – Weinberg law.	4
III	Human Evolution		17
	3.1	Evolution of Man- Brief account – Hominid fossils.	3
	3.2	Molecular Basis of Evolution; Contributions of Svante Paabo (Paleogenomics, Paleoanthropology).	3
	3.3	Phylogenetic Tree -Distance and Parsimony methods.	2
	3.4	Evolution of Gene families- Molecular Drive.	2
	3.5	Origin of new genes and proteins, Migration and Random Genetic Drift, Convergent Evolution-Sexual selection and gene pool mixing.	4
	3.6	Extinction - Background and mass Extinctions (causes and effects) and K-T Extinction.	3
Zoogeography			15
IV	Introduction to Zoogeography		5
	4.1	Branches of Zoogeography- Applied, Casual and descriptive.	1
	4.2	Patterns of animal distribution- cosmopolitan, dis-continuous, bipolar and isolated distribution, factors affecting animal distribution.	2
	4.3	Barriers and means of dispersal (Land and Aquatic ecosystems).	2
V	Zoogeographical realms		10
	5.1	Brief account of each realm, mention the areas, physical features and peculiarities of fauna. Palaearctic realm, Australian realm, Ethiopian realm, Nearctic realm, Oriental realm and Neotropical realm.	4
	5.2	Bio-geographical classification of India- Biodiversity hotspots in India - Western Ghats, Eastern Ghats and Himalayas. Insular Fauna: Brief account of oceanic islands (Galapagos) and continental islands (British Isles).	4
	5.3	Plate tectonics and Continental Drift theory (Brief account).	2

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Web resources:

1. <https://www.sciencedaily.com/newsletters.htm>
2. <https://evolutionnews.org/>
3. <https://www.biodiversitylibrary.org/>
4. <https://www.blackwellpublishing.com/ridley/resources.asp>

Practicum (30 hrs)

Sl. No	Contents
1	Macro evolution using Darwin Finches (Pictures)
2	Photo of Darwin, Lamark, Wallace and Svante Paabo - Identify the scientist and mention the contribution.
3	Identification of Living fossils (Specimens/Pictures)- Any three
4	Identification of geographical realms (Map).
5	Identification of respective fauna of Zoological regions (pictures).
6	Field visit to any important hotspot area (any regions in Western Ghats). OR Visit to Natural History Museum/Biodiversity Museum Submit a report
7	Phylogenetic tree preparation using suitable software's (Demonstration only) Eg: MEGA OR Demonstration of OMIM public database using LMS

References

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2. Sai Jyoti U (2022) Ecology, Zoogeography and Evolution-Lab Practical with solutions, SIA Publishers & Distributors Pvt Ltd.
3. Tripurari M (2023) Evolutionary biology with practical, Mahaveer Publications.

Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Understand the evolutionary mechanisms which can explain the genetic composition and distribution of organisms.	U	PSO-1,2
CO-2	Remember the Zoogeography and its applications for conservations of Biodiversity	R, U	PSO-1,2
CO3	Create an insight into the basic knowledge of the origin of life and molecular concepts of evolution	An	PSO-1,2
CO4	Analyse patterns of animal distribution based on geographic factors, barriers, and means of dispersal in land and aquatic ecosystems.	A	PSO-1,2

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

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Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture: Tutorial: Practical)**

CO No.	CO	PO/PS O	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1.	Understand the evolutionary mechanisms which can explain the genetic composition and distribution of organisms.	PO 1, PO2/ PSO-1,2	U	F, C	L	P
2.	Remember the Zoogeography and its applications for conservations of Biodiversity.	PO 1/ PSO-1,2	U, R	P	L	P
3.	Create an insight into the basic knowledge of the origin of life and molecular concepts of evolution.	PO 3/ PSO-1,2	A	F, C	L	P
4.	Analyse patterns of animal distribution based on geographic factors, barriers, and means of dispersal in land and aquatic ecosystems.	PO 3/ PSO-1,2	A	F	L	P

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive

Mapping of COs with PSOs and POs

	PSO 1	PSO 2	PSO 3	PSO4	PS O5	PSO 6	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6
CO 1	1	2	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
CO 2	2	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
CO 3	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
CO 4	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-

Correlation Levels:

Level	Correlation
-	Nil
1	Slightly / Low
2	Moderate / Medium
3	Substantial / High

Assessment Rubrics:

Assignment/ Seminar topics

1. Prof. Madhav Gadgil
2. Endemic species
3. Origin of life
4. Mass extinction phenomenon
5. Living fossils
6. Adaptive radiation
7. Animal connecting links
8. Plate tectonics and Continental drift theory
9. Biodiversity hotspots
10. Natural Selection
11. Geological Time Scale
12. Patterns of Animal distribution

Continuous Comprehensive Assessment

1. Assignments
2. Seminar
3. Submission of report
4. Submission of Field report
5. Test
6. Quiz/Debate

End Semester Evaluation

1. Multiple Choice Questions
2. Very Short Answer Questions
3. Short Answer Questions
4. Essay Type Questions
5. Practical Examination

Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO 1	✓	✓		✓
CO 2	✓	✓		✓
CO 3	✓	✓		✓
CO 4		✓		✓