

**Shiksha Mandal's  
Bajaj college of Science, Wardha (Autonomous)**

**General Elective-I (GE-I) courses Offered by Department of Microbiology**

**B.Sc. Sem I**

**Name of the course: Food spoilage and food safety**

**[2 lectures per week 15 weeks \* 2 lectures = 30 L]**

**[Credits 2]**

**Course Description:**

Food is fundamental to our existence. Therefore it is important to learn the science of food. Food Microbiology is the applied field of Microbiology that aims to study the role of microorganisms in diet and those contaminate/spoil food and food borne diseases.

**Course Objectives:**

To understand food microbiology with reference to food safety

To recognize the possible role of microorganisms to ensure public safety

**Course Learning Outcomes:**

Learner will acquire knowledge about food safety: The food Safety rules and regulations, Food safety Management System (FEMS) and Microbiological Risk assessment

Learner will acquire knowledge about food spoilage, Role of different microorganisms in spoiling food, food fermentation and food borne disease.

## **Unit I: Food safety**

Food safety rules and regulations, Food safety Management System (FEMS) and Microbiological Risk assessment. Investigation Procedure for ensuring food safety and Hygiene. food safety law

## **Unit II: Food Spoilage**

Introduction to Food Spoilage of Fruits, Vegetables and their products, Dairy Products. Microbial genera involved in food spoilage

## **Unit III: Food Poisoning and food born diseases**

Introduction to microbial toxins that contaminate or spoil the food. Food born diseases.

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**Generic Elective Course II (GE-II) offered by Department of Microbiology**  
**B.Sc. SEM II**

**Name of the course: Basics of Soil Health**

**[4 hrs/week 15 weeks\* 4 pract = 60 P]**

**[Credits 2]**

### **Course Description**

The course comprises the study of biogeochemical cycles of carbon, nitrogen, Phosphorous etc. It also focuses on nitrogen fixation and biofertilizers.

### **Learning Objectives**

- Impart in-depth information on soil and agriculture
- Make the students understand the role of microbes in agriculture
- Understanding the key concepts in soil and agricultural microbiology
- Make the students understand the role of microbes in agriculture
- Give an overview on plant microbe interaction

### **Course Learning Outcome**

- Make the students to know about various microorganisms involved in biofertilizers production
- To introduce the importance of biofertilizers
- Outline the physico- chemical aspects of the soil and its microbial diversity
- Evaluate the role of microbes in the different biogeochemical cycles and in agriculture
- Discuss biological nitrogen fixation in symbiotic and non symbiotic associations with plant

## **Syllabus:**

### **Unit 1 Microbial transformations of minerals**

Biogeochemical cycles-Carbon, Nitrogen, Phosphorous and Sulphur cycles. Organic matter decomposition, humus formation and C:N ratio.

### **Unit 2 Biological Nitrogen fixation**

Microorganisms in the Rhizosphere, Rhizoplane and Phylloplane-Biological nitrogen fixation, symbiotic and free-living nitrogen fixation, importance of nitrogen fixation

### **Unit 3 Biofertilizers and its Types**

Biofertilizers – Importance and various types of Biofertilizer Rhizobium, Azotobacter, Azospirillum, Cyanobacteria, Phosphate solubilizing microorganism, Mycorrhizal biofertilizers, Concept of PGPR

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