

BIOTECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY

Course Code	19ES15501A	Year	III	Semester	I
Course Category:	Open Elective	Branch	ME	Course Type	Theory
Credits:	3	L – T – P	3 – 0 – 0	Prerequisites:	Nil
Continuous Evaluation:	30	Semester End Evaluation:	70	Total Marks:	100

Course Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to

CO1	Understanding the basic concepts of advanced and emerging issues in biotechnology (L2)
CO2	Analyze, and evaluate social and ethical issues in the conduct of biological research and application of biological knowledge (L4)
CO3	Apply knowledge and analytical approaches in several major domains of the biological sciences that reflects a breadth and depth of understanding (L3)
CO4	Analyze the scientific method by formulating hypotheses, proposing testable predictions and then testing to reach supportable conclusions about biological processes and systems, and articulate the relevance of modern biology to society (L4)
CO5	Apply responsibilities to promote societal health and safety, upholding the trust given to the profession by the society (L3)

Contribution of Course Outcomes towards achievement of Program Outcomes & Strength of correlations (3:High, 2: Medium, 1:Low)

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10	PO11	PO12	PSO1	PSO2
CO1	3													
CO2	3					3		3						
CO3	3					3								
CO4						3								
CO5						3	3							

UNIT NO	Contents	Mapped COS
I	History of Biotechnology, Genes (basic concepts), Genetic engineering, Tools for manipulation of genes (introduction to recombinant DNA technology), Vectors and expression systems (introduction)	CO1 CO2
II	Intellectual property rights (concepts related to drugs, genes and genomes) Recombinant DNA Debates, Biotechnology and Business, Patenting Life, Genetically Modified Foods: Risk, Regulation, and Our Food	CO1 CO2
III	Freezing, Banking, Crossing, Eugenics, The Human Genome Project, Genetic Testing, Disability, and Discrimination, Bioethics and Medicine, From the Pill to IVF, Cloning, Stem Cells.	CO2 CO3
IV	Drugs and Designer Bodies, Biotechnology and Race, Bioprospecting	CO3

	and Biocolonialism	CO4
V	Vaccines, Gene therapy, Clinical trials, Synthetic Biology and Bioterrorism, Use of biofertilisers and biopesticides for organic farming	CO4 CO5

Text books:

1. Biotechnology and Society: An introduction. Hallam Stevens. University of Chicago Press. 2016. ISBN 022604615X, 9780226046150

References:

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3. society of chemistry, 2009.
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