



Philadelphia University
Faculty of Science
Department of –Biotechnology and Genetics Engineering
Semester, 2007/2008

Course Syllabus

Course Title: Microbial Biotechnology	Course code: 240417
Course Level: 4	Course prerequisite (s) and/or corequisite (s): 240216
Lecture Time: 8:10 -9:00	Credit hours: 3 hours

Academic
Staff
Specifics

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Course module description:

The course focuses on the vast array of applications in microbiology, which is often referred to as microbial biotechnology. Lectures will cover the fundamentals of bacterial genetics and techniques for genetic engineering as well as the role of microbiology in medicine, agriculture, and the environment. The theory, practice, and the importance of applied microbiology in these areas are explored through examples such as water and sewage treatment.

Course module objectives:

1. Introduce the student to new era of biotechnology.
2. Familiarized the student of the industrial application of microorganism such as enzymes, antibiotics production, bioremediation etc.

Course/ module components

• **Books (title , author (s), publisher, year of publication)**

1- Molecular Biotechnology: Principles and Application of Recombinant DNA^{3rd} edition, B.R. Glick & J.A. Pasternak, 2005.

Teaching methods:

Lectures, discussion groups.

Learning outcomes:

Upon successful completion, students will be able to:

1. Explain how microbiology is applied to manufacturing in the pharmaceutical industry
2. Relate quality control to the manufacturing process
3. Describe the production methods for pharmaceuticals of microbial origin such as antibiotics and vaccines.
- 4- Improvement of microorganisms: rational screening based on known biochemical pathways and metabolic regulation; metabolic engineering by genetic manipulation of metabolic pathways or sequentially acting enzymes.
5. Mutation of cloned genes and protein engineering: site-directed and random mutagenesis, directed evolution, protein engineering to alter enzyme structure and function.
6. Fermentation processes: medium design for microbial fermentation and fermentation substrate considerations; modes of microbial growth; sterilization of medium and air, heat, chemical, UV and filtration; characteristics of cultures during growth, heat production, viscosity, oxygen transfer; factors affecting oxygen transfer and scale-up.
7. Production of proteins and primary and secondary metabolites.
8. Downstream processing & product recovery.

• Cognitive skills (thinking and analysis).

1. Students will have a basic understanding of the scientific method.
2. Students will have the opportunity to practice thinking critically and analytically and reason logically using current information and past experiences.
3. Students will have practice in assessing basic sources of information and how to evaluate and use this information.

• Communication skills (personal and academic).

Students will gain experience in effective communication skills by practicing, listening, reading, writing and speaking clearly.

Short oral presentations of 5-8 minutes will be required of all students and will be given during a class period. Students will pick a microbial biotechnology topic and discuss specific issues related to the topic.

• Practical and subject specific skills (Transferable Skills).

1. Students will develop an awareness of the relationship between science and technology in terms of the life and Microbial Biotechnology.

2. Emphasis will be placed upon an analytical problem-solving approach to microbial biotechnology. This approach will be implemented in both lectures and laboratories. Students will be given the opportunity to apply techniques discussed during the lecture in the lab.

Assessment instruments

<u>Allocation of Marks</u>	
Assessment Instruments	Mark
First examination	15
Second examination	20
Final examination: 50 marks	35
Laboratory	20
Reports, research projects, Quizzes, Home works, Projects	10
Total	100

Course/module academic calendar

Week	Basic and support material to be covered	Homework/reports and their due dates
(1)	Introduction	Assignment due date end of week 10
(2)	DNA, RNA and protein synthesis, Recombinant DNA Technology	
(3)	Manipulation of gene expression in prokaryotes	
(4)	Strain Isolation and screening	
(5)	Fermentation	
(6) First examination	Large scale production of proteins from recombinant microorganism	
(7)	Direct mutagenesis and protein engineering	
(8)	Industrial Application of Microorganisms	
(9)	Production of antibodies in <i>E. coli</i>	
(10)	Production of small biological molecules	Assignment due date
(11) Second examination	Production of Vaccine	
(12)	Production of Antibiotics	Presentation (
(13)	Production of biopolymers	Presentation (
(14)	Microbial insecticides, bioremediations	Presentation (
(15)	Molecular Diagnostics	Presentation (

(16) Final Examination		
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Expected workload:

On average students need to spend 2 hours of study and preparation for each 50-minute lecture/tutorial.

Attendance policy:

Absence from lectures and/or tutorials shall not exceed 15%. Students who exceed the 15% limit without a medical or emergency excuse acceptable to and approved by the Dean of the relevant college/faculty shall not be allowed to take the final examination and shall receive a mark of zero for the course. If the excuse is approved by the Dean, the student shall be considered to have withdrawn from the course.

Module references

Books

Students will be expected to give the same attention to these references as given to the Module textbook(s)

Titles:

- 1- Industrial Microbiology: An Introduction by Waites, Morgan, Rockey and Higton, Blackwell Science (2001)
- 2- Brock biology of microorganism, 11th edition, By Madigan, Michael and Martinko, John, (2005)
- 3- Elements of Chemical Reaction and Engineering, 4th edition, by H. Scott Fogler Pearson Education Inc., (2006).

Journals

- Any biotechnology, applied microbiology and microbial biotechnology journal will be of great benefits to the student for their assignment.

Websites

[www. Prenhall.com/madigan](http://www.Prenhall.com/madigan)