

MANGALORE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF BIOSCIENCES
M.Sc. ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
ESH403 BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY

Course Outcomes:

- CO1 Understand the fundamentals of biological chemistry.
CO2 Discuss on biomembranes.
CO3 Describe the processes of metabolism.
CO4 Study in detail biomolecules namely proteins, nucleic acids and lipids.

UNIT I (13 hours)

Basic concepts: Introduction to biomolecules, classification, type; bonding in biomolecules. Structure of water - hydrophobic, hydrophilic interactions in biological systems.

UNIT II (13 hours)

Proteins; Amino acids and peptides – classification and structure and functions; synthetic polypeptides. Enzymes and coenzymes – classification structure and functions. Nucleic acids: Elementary concepts of nucleosides, nucleotides and polynucleotides. Structure and functions of DNA and RNA.

UNIT III (13 hours)

Lipids: common classes of lipids – glycerolipids, phospholipids and sphingolipids structure and properties. Carbohydrates: Monosaccharides, oligosaccharides and polysaccharides. Structure and functions of some important polysaccharides (starch, cellulose, glycogen, heparin, chitin, pectins, hemicellulose and chondroitin).

UNIT IV (13 hours)

Membranes : Biomembrane organisation – membrane lipids, membrane bound proteins. Properties of membranes and transport mechanism. Metabolism and bioenergetics. Overview of metabolism - catabolic and anabolic process, glycolysis, citric acid cycle and oxidative phosphorylation.

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