

DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY M.Sc. MICROBIOLOGY

MBE- 510: Techniques in Microbiology

OBJECTIVES

40h

- 1. Study on microbes, isolation and characterization
- 2. Culture preservation and maintenance
- 3. Microbial analysis by microscopy techniques, staining methods
- Biochemical characterization of microbes by using the principles of Spectroscopy, centrifugation chromatography and electrophoretic procedures.

COURSE OUTCOME

CO1: Isolation techniques in microbiology
CO2: Maintenance and preservation of pure cultures
CO3: Importance of culture collection centers
CO4: Microscopy techniques, Compound microscopy and advances in microscopy: Electron
Microscopy
CO5: Understanding on centrifugation types, Spectrophotometers, Chromatography,
Electrophoresis techniques.

Unit-I

Isolation techniques of microorganisms: Isolation of pure cultures; dilution, spread plate, streak plate, pour plate, micromanipulator method, colony morphology and other characteristics of cultures. Maintenance and preservation of pure cultures, culture collection center-national and international. Direct microscopic count, standard plate count, membrane filtration.

Unit II

Microscopy- Principles and Applications of Bright field and Dark field Microscopy. Fluorescent Microscopy, Phase contrast Microscopy, Confocal Microscopy. Electron Microscope-Principles and Applications of Transmission Electron Microscope, Scanning Electron Microscope, Sample preparation for Electron Microscopy.

Unit III

Centrifugation- Basic principles of sedimentation, Types of centrifugation and their Applications, Rotors, Ultracentrifugation. Principle and applications of spectrophotometer-UV/visible, fluorescence. Electrophoresis, SDS-PAGE, Isoelectric focusing, 2D gel Electrophoresis, PFGE. Principles and applications of Chromatography.

Note: Unit I – 14h, Unit II and III – 13h