



MANGALORE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF BIOSCIENCES
M.Sc. ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
ESS405 ENVIRONMENTAL MICROBIOLOGY

Course Outcomes:

- CO1 Discuss about the role microorganisms in environment.
- CO2 Describe the role of microorganisms in the degradation of wastes.
- CO3 Study the microbial diversity found in the water.
- CO4 Understand the role of microorganisms in soil.
- CO5 Study air-borne diseases and prevention.

UNIT I (13 hours)

Introduction to microbiology, historical perspectives, branches and scope of microbiology. Microbial growth, population and growth curves, sterilization and culturing techniques, factors affecting growth and death of microorganisms: temperature, pH, water activity, O-R potential, salinity, hydrostatic pressure, disinfectants, antiseptics and chemotherapeutic agents.

UNIT II (13 hours)

Microbial Ecology: Microbial symbiosis, mutualism, plant-microbe interactions (e.g. mycorrhizas), animal-microbe interactions (human, ruminants and non-ruminants). Microbes in hydrothermal vents and coral reefs. Aquatic Microbiology: Microbes in water and methods of their estimation (e.g. MPN), drinking water standards, water-borne diseases and prevention.

UNIT III (13 hours)

Soil Microbiology: Soil microflora and methods of their estimation, role of soil microorganisms in bioconversion and decomposition. Biological nitrogen fixation (symbiotic and non-symbiotic), microbial phosphorus solubilization and their importance in soil fertility and agriculture. Air Microbiology: Microflora of air and methods of their estimation, air-borne diseases and prevention.

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