Course Title: Advanced Cell Biology

Course Code: ZOO 339 Number of Credits: 3 + 1 Effective from AY: 2020 -21

Prerequisite	Basic understanding of different components and functions of the cell.		
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Objectives:	3. To develop advanced concepts of structural and functional properties of cell		
Objectives.	and its components.		
	4. To understand dynamic functions associated with cell membra	ne and	
	organelles.	no una	
Content	Module 1		
	Cell membrane: Plasmamembrane Dynamics involved in	07 hrs.	
	Membrain fluidity (Paracrystalline state, Liquid-disordered state		
	and Liquid-ordered state), Transbilayer movements, lateral		
	movements, Membrane Rafts, Caveolins, cell-cell interaction,		
	membrane fusions.		
	Importance of Freeze-fracture microscopy and Fluorophore	02 Hrs	
	Photobleaching experiments to decipher membrane structure and		
	dynamism.		
	Nuclear transport: Passive Transport and selective energy	03 Hrs	
	dependant transport, Karyopherins (Importins and exportins),		
	NLS and NES		
	Module 2		
	Endomembrane system: Main Vesicular transport pathways	04 Hrs	
	(inward transport: Endocytotic pathway and Outward Transport:		
	Secretory pathway) of endomembrane systems and transport		
	proteins involved.		
	Structural and functional Polarization of Golgi apparatus, Two	06 hrs	
	models for cis to trans-Golgi progression (Cisternal Maturation		
	Model and Vesicular transport model, three pathways of protein		
	sorting at trans Golgi network: Signal mediated diversion to		
	Lysosomes, Signal mediated diversion to regulated secretion,		
	constitutive secretory pathways. LAMP and LIMP of Lysosomes		
	and their significance.		
	Synthesis, Structure and Functions of Ribosome and its subunits	02 Hrs	
	in Prokaryotes and Eukaryotes. Concept of LUCA in relation to		
	Ribosomes.		
	Module 3		
	Comparison of constitution of Cytoplasm, Cytosol and	03 Hrs	
	Nucleoplasm. Comparison of Organelle composition of Protein		
	secreting and Steroid secreting Cells. Comparison of Cytoskeletal		
	elements of Prokaryotes and Eukaryotes.	0.411	
	Programmed and non-programmed Cell death and its types,	04Hrs	
	Autophagy, Pyroptosis, Necroptosis, Parthonatos, Ferroptosis,		
	Apoptosis and Necrosis. Extrinsic versus Intrinsic pathway of		

	Apoptosis in Mammals.		
	Cell signaling: General Principles, Specific responses to cell	05 Hrs	
	signaling (Survive, Grow+divide, Differentiate, Die) with		
	example each, Feedback loops of signaling networks, adaptation		
	to sensitivity to signaling. Overview of Receptors, Signaling		
	transducers and second messengers.		
	Module 4 Practicals:	12 x 2 Hrs	
	1. Isolation of plasmamembrane from blood cells or from		
	hepatocytes.		
	2. Cytoskeletal element staining using buccal epithelial cells.		
	3. Temporospatial patterns of apoptosis in chick embryos during		
	the morphogenetic period of development.		
Pedagogy:	Lectures/ tutorials/Group discussions/PBL/self-study		
Learning	3. Understand the functions of the cell at the molecular level.		
Outcome:	4. Gain insight into the most significant functional cellular ma	chinery to	
	expand understanding of biological disturbances.		
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