Name of the Programme: M.Sc. Zoology

Course Code: ZOO-501 Title of the Course: Anatomy of Non-Chordates

Number of Credits: 3

Effective from AY: 2023-24

Pre-requisites	Basic knowledge on non-chordate anatomy, taxonomy and systematics is a		
for the Course:	prerequisite for this course.		
Course	1. To Provide knowledge about fundamental anatomical principles among		
Objectives:	non- chordates.		
	2. To identify the adaptive changes in anatomical structures the	nrough the	
	course of evolution.		
	3. To explain the invertebrate anatomy from an evolutionary	perspective	
	4. To study the anatomical structures and their interactions in	various	
	environments.		
Content:	Module 1		
	Skeletal system types: Endoskeleton-like (Poriferans),		
	Exoskeleton (Arthropods) and Hydrostatic skeleton	4 hours	
	(Cnidarians, Molluscs and Echinoderms).		
	Annelid locomotory organs involved in simple propulsion,		
	burrowing, peristaltic waves, sinusoidal and inchworm type of		
	locomotion. Primitive and advanced flight muscles of insects.		
	Diffused, simple ganglionic, cycloneuralian, heteroganglionic	5 hours	
	types of non-chordate nervous systems. Tetraneury plan of		
	molluscan nervous system, streptoneury, euthyneury and		
	centralization in molluscs.		
		6 hours	
	Module 2		
	Digestive system types: Channel-network systems,		
	Coelenteronic, Saccular and Tubular systems. Radula of		
	Molluscs and various types of mouthparts in Arthropods.	5 hours	
	Coelomoduct derived, gut derived and other excretory		
	organs of non-chordates. Calciferous gland of earthworms.	5 hours	
	Reproductive system in arthropods with Gonad-Gonoduct-	5 hours	
	Gonopore (G-G-G) concept with addition of adjunctive		
	organs		
	Module 3	7 hours	

	Respiratory organs and specialized respiratory structures of	
	Annelids, Molluscs and Arthropods.	
	8 hours	
	Open and closed circulatory system concept of Invertebrates.	
	Circulatory system in Annelids, Arthropods and Molluscs.	
	Hearts of Oligochaetes and bivalves.	
Pedagogy:	Lectures/ tutorials/online teaching mode/self-study and discussions	
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Readings:	1951.	
	2. R.D. Barnes, E.E. Ruppert, Invertebrate Zoology, Saunders College	
	Publishing, 1994.	
	3. E. J. W. Barrington, Invertebrate Structure and Function, Thomas	
	Nelson and Sons, 1972.	
	4. A.J. Marshall, and W.D. Williams, Textbook of Zoology (Vol. 1). CBS	
	Publishers & Distributors, 2004.	
	5. R. D. Jurd, Animal Biology, BIOS Scientific Publishers, 2004.	
	6. P. Cleveland, C. P. Hickman, L.S. Roberts, and A. Larson, Integrated	
	Principles of Zoology, NY: McGraw-Hill, 2001.	
	7. R. S. K. Barnes, P. Calow, P. J. W. Olive, D. W. Golding and J. I. Spicer,	
	The Invertebrates: A Synthesis. Blackwell Science, 2001.	
	8. A. Schmidt-Rhaesa, The Evolution of Organ Systems, Oxford and New	
	York: Oxford University Press, 2007.	
	9. B. B. Gangully, A. K. Shina, and S. Adhikary, Biology of Animals (Vol. 1),	
	Kolkata: New Central Agency, 2011.	
Course	The learner will	
Outcomes:	1. Articulate the basic concepts associated with each system of the	
	body.	
	Identify structures in the body systems which perform the functions	
	according to the habits or habitats of the animals.	
	3. Compare the anatomy of different taxa based on evolutionary	
	patterns.	
	 Defend the role of evolution in anatomy of non-chordates. 	