

M. PHIL. COURSE WORK SYLLABUS OF **ZOOLOGY**

CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM (CBCS)

Revised as per Ministry of Human Resource Development, UGC New Delhi, Notification 5th May, 2016, (Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of M.Phil. / Ph.D. Degrees) Regulation – 2016



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M. PHIL. PROGRAMME IN ZOOLOGY

1. The M. Phil. Programme in Zoology and its Coursework syllabus of the Department of Biosciences, Saurashtra University is now revised as per the Ministry of Human Resource Development, UGC New Delhi, Notification 5th May, 2016, (Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of M.Phil. / Ph.D. Degrees) Regulation – 2016 (SU Ordinance Circular No. PGTR/PhD/1/254/2017, dated 25-1-2017).
2. M.Phil. Programme shall be for a minimum duration of two (2) consecutive semesters / one year and a maximum of four (4) consecutive semesters / two years (Clause 3.1).
3. The M.Phil. Coursework will be of one semesters (clause 3.1) having two theory courses 100 marks each. The coursework shall be treated as prerequisite for M. Phil. preparation (clause 6.2). The M. Phil. research work for Dissertation / Thesis will be spread over all the semesters as prescribed in the Circular. Though the Dissertation will commence in the beginning, it will be evaluated and grade points, if any, will be given at the end of the programme.
4. The eligibility criteria (clause 1), admission process (clause 4.1), number of intake (clause 4.2) and all other details of this programme will be as per above Circular.
5. Coursework Pattern: The credit assigned to the M.Phil. Coursework shall be a minimum of 08 credits and a maximum of 16 credits (clause 6). All candidates admitted to the M.Phil. Programme shall be required to complete the Coursework prescribed by the Department during the initial semesters (clause 6.5).
6. An M. Phil. candidate has to obtain a minimum of 55 % of marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 7 point scale (or an equivalent grade / CGPA in a point scale wherever the grading system is followed) in the Course work in order to be eligible to continue in the programme and submit the Dissertation / Thesis (clause 6.8).
7. Evaluation and Assessment: The overall minimum credit requirement, including credit for the Course work, for the award of M.Phil. Degree shall not be less than 24 credits (clause 8.1).
8. Upon satisfactory completion of course work, and obtaining the required marks/grade prescribed in the clause 6.8, the M. Phil Scholar shall be required to undertake research work and produce a draft dissertation/thesis within the stipulated time for M. Phil. (Clause 8.2).
9. M.Phil. Scholars shall present at least one (1) research paper in a conference / seminar before the submission of the dissertation/thesis for adjudication, and produce evidence for the same in the form of presentation certificate/reprints (clause 8.4).
10. The M.Phil. Dissertation submitted by a scholar shall be evaluated by his/her Research Supervisor and at least one external examiner who are not in the employment of the same University/College. The panel of the examiners shall consist of four Experts suggested by the research supervisor of which one shall be nominated by the Vice-Chancellor to evaluate dissertation. The Viva-voce examination, based among other things, on the critiques given in the evaluation report, shall be conducted by both of them together, and shall be open to be attended by members of the RAC, all faculty members of the Department, other research scholars and other interested experts/researchers (clause 8.7).
11. Following the successful completion of the evaluation process and before the announcement of the award of the M.Phil. Degree, the University shall submit and electronic copy of the M.Phil Dissertation to the INFLIBNET, for hosting the same so as to make it (clause 10.1).

M. Phil Programme in Zoology : Structure & Evaluation System

The **M. Phil Programme in Zoology** being run in the Department of Biosciences, Saurashtra University, Rajkot, will be having the following structure, Teaching and Examination Scheme.

M. Phil. Programme in Zoology

Duration : Minimum of 2 Semesters and maximum 4 Semesters

Components of the Programme: (a) M. Phil. Course Work and (b) M. Phil. Dissertation

(a) **M. Phil. Course work** : Coursework completion certificate will be issued by the University (PGTR) mentioning marks secured in each course, Total Marks secured, % of marks, Grade and Credit obtained, month and year, and other details.

(b) **M. Phil. Dissertation** : Notification and Certificate will be issued by the University after successful Viva-Voce, containing overall details.

Details of M. Phil. Course work:

Courses : 2 (one Core and one Elective) in First Semester.

Credit	: Each Course will be of 4 credits in 4 h/week/Sem.	08 Credits
	Dissertation: 20 hours/week/Sem. For 2 Sems.	20 Credits

Total 28 Credits

Marks	: Each course 100 marks	200 Marks
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Total 200 Marks

Evaluation and Examination Scheme:

1. The Evaluation (through RAC of the Department) and Degree Award Notification will be done by the University (PGTR) as it is done in the case of Ph.D. Award.
2. The Semester-end evaluation of each course will be based on the evaluation on assignments and/or seminar/presentations made by the M.Phil. Scholar before the RAC of the Department. The RAC of the Department will finalize the Grades of the candidate by a combined assessment as mentioned above and the final grades shall be communicated to the University (PGTR) by the RAC of the Department (clause 6.7).
3. **A completion certificate of the M. Phil. Course Work** will be issued by the University (PGTR) at the end of the first semester (200 marks, 18 Credits (Clause 6.5 and 6.8). The passing mark is 55% (clause 6.8) without which the Dissertation cannot be submitted.
4. M. Phil. Dissertation will commence in the beginning of the year but will be evaluated by External and Internal examiners in a Viva-Voce (clause 8.7) and grade points (20 for Dissertation and 28 for the entire M. Phil Programme) will be given in the M.Phil. Award Notification.
5. No Marksheet will be issued for Dissertation as the viva-voce examination contains no marks, But regular **M. Phil. Award Notification** (as issued for Ph.D. Award Notification) will be issued by the University (PGTR) after successful Viva-Voce examination (Like Ph.D. Notification) of the M.Phil. Dissertation.
6. The **M. Phil Degree Award Notification** will contain (a) M.Phil. Coursework marks and grade with month and year of passing, (b) Year of M. Phil Awarded, Total M.Phil. Credit earned (28), Title of the Dissertation, Month, date and year of M.Phil. Degree Awarded.

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M.Phil. Programme Structure

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**CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM (CBCS)
(Total 28 Credits)**

Subject Code	Title of the Course	Course Credits	No. of Hrs. Per Week	Mode of Semester – end Evaluation	Total Marks
SEMESTER – I					
Zool. 101	Course-1. Research Methodology (Core)	04	04	Evaluation by the RAC of the Department based on assignments and/or seminar/presentations	100
Course – 2 (Elective) – any One					
Zool -102	Animal Physiology	04	04		100
Zool -103	Animal Ecology & Behaviour	04	04		
Zool -104	Wildlife & Its Management	04	04		
Zool -201	DISSERTATION	10	20	--	--
	Semester Total Marks	18	28	Course work completion certificate will be issued by PGTR	200
SEMESTER – II					
Zool - 201	DISSERTATION	10	20	Evaluation by External and Internal examiners in a Viva-Voce. M.Phil. completion Notification and Certificate will be issued by PGTR	NIL
	Grand Total	28	48	60	200

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M.Phil. Course Work Syllabus

SEMESTER – I

Course – 1 : RESEARCH METHODOLOGY
(CORE COURSE)

Zool-101: Research Methodology (Core)

Unit – 1. Research Design, Methodologies, Research Ethics

- 1.1 Basic Research Designing, Setting up Objectives of the Study and Hypotheses to be tested.
- 1.2 Setting up Experimental Design and Experimental Protocol
- 1.3 Setting up detailed methodologies, sampling methods, Strategies for execution of the protocols
- 1.4 Designing protocol for statistical validation. Research Ethics

Unit – 2. Scientific Documentation & Report Writing

- 2.1 Scientific literature collection: Types of research literature, Sources.
- 2.2 Documentation of collected literature, Reference Index, Database generation.
- 2.3 Basics of Bibliographic Citations, Different Bibliographic styles, Review of literature
- 2.4 Scientific Report Writing, Various aspects, Thesis, Report and Paper writing.

Unit – 3. Quantitative Methods in Biology: Biostatistics

- 3.1 Significance tests: Student's 't' test: Hypotheses, acceptance and rejections, significance levels.
- 3.2 Analysis of Variance: General principles, completely randomized and random-block design ANOVA.
- 3.3 Regression and correlation – bivariate analysis.
- 3.4 Chi-Square and its applications.

Unit – 4. Computer Applications in research

- 4.1 Data Analysis, Data sorting and validation of data.
- 4.2 Use of different software packages for data analyses. Statistical analyses using software
- 4.3 Expression of data, Tables and Graphics
- 4.4 PowerPoint Presentations

Course -2 (Elective: any ONE of the following)

Zool-102 : ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY

Unit – 1. Physiology - I

- 1.1 Excretory mechanisms: Regulatory functions of kidney, selective reabsorption, tubular secretion.
- 1.2 The body temperature: Factors affecting body temperature, regulation, pyrexia (fever) and hypothermia, effects of exposure to high and low atmospheric temperature.
- 1.3 Cardio-vascular mechanism: Excitatory process in heart, Special cardiac tissue and the mechanism of heart beat.
- 1.4 O₂ and CO₂ transport

Unit – 2 : Physiology II

- 2.1 Ultrastructure and functions of mammalian Malpighian Corpuscles, proximal and distal convoluted tubules, Hennel's loop. Physiology of Urine formation.
- 2.2 Physiology of respiration: Detailed accounts of Ventilation, diffusion and Perfusion.
- 2.3 Ear: Organ of Corti and the physiology of hearing. Eye: Rod and Cone cells, biosynthesis of visual pigments and the photochemical reaction.
- 2.4 Receptor cells, physiology of the sense of smell and taste.

Unit – 3. Neurobiology

- 2.1 Comparative overview of nervous system in invertebrates.
- 2.2 Comparative overview of nervous system in vertebrates.
- 2.3 Chemical sense (common chemical sense, internal chemoreceptors of taste and smell).
- 2.4 Resting, equilibrium and action potentials, generation and measurement of signals, propagation of signals in myalinated and non-myalinated axons.
- 2.5 Recent advances in hypertension and hypertensive factors (brain and natriuretic factors and endothelial factors, role of CNS in blood pressure regulation).

Unit – 4. Endocrinology

- 4.1 Hormones: a) Local and Endocrine hormones, b) hormone as information carrier, c) site of hormone formation and rate of release, d) mechanism of hormone action and regulation.
- 4.2 Adeno-hypophysis and its hormone secretion, regulation and functions.
- 4.3 Neuro-hypophysis and its hormone secretion, regulation and functions.
- 4.4 Endocrine pancreas and its hormone secretion, regulation and functions.
- 4.5 Sex hormones, their hormone secretion, regulation and functions.

Zool-103: ANIMAL ECOLOGY & BEHAVIOUR (Elective)

Unit – 1 : Animal Behaviour

- 1.1 Zoogeographical realms and types of distribution,
- 1.2 Adaptive radiation and distribution of vertebrates
- 1.3 Animal behaviour : Classification, instinct, imprinting, learning, foraging and feeding behaviour
- 1.4 Circadian rhythm, Kin selection concept, its importance in hymenoptera and altruism

Unit – 2 : Population Ecology

- 2.1 Population, population dispersion, types, Population dynamics, demography, Factors affecting population growth rate.

- 2.2 Biotic potential, exponential and logistic growth models, Population density, r-selected and k-selected species
- 2.3 Measurements of population indices.
- 2.4 Realized and fundamental niche

Unit – 3 : Community Ecology-I

- 4.1 Community concept, structure,
- 4.2 Indices
- 4.3 Resource partitioning,
- 4.4 predation and prey populations, parasitism.

Unit – 4 : Community Ecology-II

- 4.1 Plant defence against herbivores,
- 4.2 Defence against predators,
- 4.3 Defensive colouration, mimicry, chemical defence.
- 4.4 Keystone species

Zool - 104 : WILDLIFE & ITS MANAGEMENT (Elective)

Unit-1 : Wildlife

- 1.1 Wildlife, its depletion and causes
- 1.2 Wildlife conservation and its importance
- 1.3 Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972
- 1.4 Protected areas

Unit – 2 : Biodiversity & Endangered Wildlife

- 2.1 Natural Parks of Gujarat State
- 2.2 Sanctuaries of Gujarat State
- 2.3 Categories of endangered wildlife
- 2.4 Project Tiger, Wildlife Trade, CITES

Unit – 3 : Wildlife Management

- 3.1 Wildlife management
- 3.2 Strategies of wildlife management
- 3.3 Equipments being used for wildlife management
- 3.4 Damage by animals, conflict and solution

Unit – 4 : Institutes working for Wildlife Conservation

- 4.1 Government
- 4.2 NGO
- 4.3 Advisory bodies
- 4.4 Wildlife Institute of India, SACON etc.