**Syllabus for Ph. D course work in Biochemistry 2021**

**Course Code BC9Z**

**Paper I - Code - BC9Z I Title - Research Methodology (4 credits)**

Objectives and types of research**:** Motivation and objectives– Research methods vs Methodology. Types of research- Descriptive vs Analytical, Applied vs Qualitative, Conceptual vs Empirical**.**

Design of Experiments**:** Objectives, strategies, Factorial experimental design, Designing biological laboratory experiments, basic principles-replication, randomization, blocking, Guidelines for design of experiments.

Factor analysis, Single factor, two-factor factorial experiments under fixed, mixed and random effects model. Analysis of data under these models using statistical softwares like SPSS/ SAS.

Statistical Data Analysis: Statistical analysis and reporting the conclusions based upon the experimental data

Probability theory, conditional probability, Probability distribution, Binomial, Poisson and Normal distributions.

Confidence intervals for mean and variance, Response surface methodology.

Statistical hypothesis testing using t-test, F-test, Chi-square test, Goodness of fit test, p-value and its significance,

Correlation and regression analysis, Simple and multiple regression,

 logistic regression. Analysis of Varience,

An Insight into Research : Definition and basic concepts, objectives, significance, types and characteristics of research

Ethical, legal, social and scientific issues in research

Definition and kinds of scientific documents – research paper, review paper, book reviews, theses, conference and project reports (for the scientific community and for funding agencies). Finding research materials – literature survey, compiling records.

Components of a research paper– the IMRAD system, title, authors and addresses, abstract, acknowledgements, references, tables and illustrations.

Dealing with publishers – submission of manuscript, ordering reprints.

Oral and poster presentation of research papers in conferences/symposia. Preparation and submission of research project proposals to funding agencies

 Role of IPR in research and development.

Basics of Bioinformatics, Biological Database:Nucleic acid Sequence, Protein Sequence, Protein structure and Genome database. Bioinformatics Tools and software:BLAST, ClustalW, Rasmol and Expasy tools.

**Paper II – Code - BC9Z II Title - Advanced Course Biochemistry (3 credits)**

Homogenization and isolation methods.

Chromatographic separation techniques. Ion exchange chromatography, Molecular sieve chromatography, Affinity chromatography, HPLC.

Polyacrylamide and Agarose Gel Electrophoresis. Isoelectric focusing

Spectroscopic analyses. UV-VIS Spectrophotometry, Spectrofluorometry, AAS, NMR

Blotting techniques Southern, Northern, Western, RAPD, RFLP, DNA foot printing and modification interference assay, Site directed mutagenesis, PCR- Basics and types.

Immunotechniques. Immunoelectrophoresis, Immunodiffusion, RIA, ELISA

Research plan for animal and plant experimentation.

**Paper III - Code - BC9Z III Title - Computer Applications (3 credits)**

Storage devices and memory. System and Application Software, Compilers, Interpreters and Assemblers. Computer Languages: Levels of languages, Generations of Computer, Evolution of IT, Applications of Computer,

MS WORD: Features and applications related to presentation of text in suitable format and saving the data for future applications. Practical knowledge of MS Word to type the script, insert tables, figures and graphs to prepare thesis and research papers in presentable format. Word Processing and its use in Research; formatting tools, header footer, references, Mail Merge etc.

MS EXCEL: Construction of spreadsheets from the experimental data. Design and application of formulae for calculations and their applications to the experimental data. Use of statistical tools, preparation of graphs, histograms, charts and diagrams.

 MS POWER POINT: Preparation of power point presentations based on the topic of research. Insertion of figures, graphs, charts in presentation. Preparation of scientific posters for presentations. Use of various presentation techniques. Data Presentation for various audience; Classification, Codification and Arrangement of Data, Data presentation in tables, charts, graphs, etc. Use of Excel for Data Analysis.

USE OF SPSS & INTERNET APPLICATIONS: Method of preparing data sheets and entering the data according to its characteristics. Internet Search and applications in research, Exploring various websites and search engines for collecting quality literature and secondary data related to research work.

**Paper IV Code - BC9Z IV Title –Research Publication Ethics (2 Credits)**

**Philosophy and Ethics :** Introduction to philosophy Definition, nature and scope, concept, branches. Ethics Definition, moral Phylosophy, nature of moral judgements and reactions.

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| SCIENTIFIC CONDUCT **:** Ethics with respect to science and research Intellectual honesty and research integrity Scientific misconduct: Falsification, fabrication and plagiarism (FFP) Redundant publications : Duplicate and overlapping publications, salami slicing Selective reporting and misrepresentation of data |
| PUBLICATION ETHICS; Definition, introduction and importance Best practices/standards setting initiatives and guidelines: COPE, WAME etc, Conflict of interest |
|  | **Publication misconduct** :: Definition, concept, problems that lead to unethical behavior and vice versa, types Violation of publication ethics, authorship and contributions Identification of publication misconduct, complaints and appeals, Predatory publishers and journals |
| **Open access publishing** : Open access publications and initiatives, SHEPRA/RoMEO online resources to check publisher copyright and self-archiving policies Software tool to identify predatory publications developed by SPPU |
| 1. Impact factor of journal as per Journal Citation Reports, SNIP, SJR, IPP, Cite score 2. Metrics-h-index, g-index, i10 index, altmetrics  |  |

 **Code - BC9Z V Title - Review of Literature (3 credits)**

Student’s skill will be evaluated by data collection, compilation and presentation from books/Journals. They will refer periodicals/ scientific databases (ex. Pubmed/ Protein /Genomics databases etc) or books. Student will be asked to submit the review and present in front of faculty.

**Comprehensive viva voce (3 credits)**

**Syllabus for Ph. D course work in Biochemistry 2014, 2015, 2016**

**Paper I- Research Methodology (5 credits, 50-55 hours)**

**Research Techniques and Experimental Design**:

Homogenization and isolation methods. Chromatographic separation techniques.

Polyacrylamide and Agarose Gel Electrophoresis. Spectroscopic analyses.

Blotting techniques, RAPD, RFLP, PCR. Immunotechniques.

Research plan for animal and plant experimentation.

Ethical, legal, social and scientific issues in research. Role of IPR in research and development.

**Scientific Writing**:

An Insight into Research: Definition, significance, characteristics and types of research, formulation of objectives, formulation and types of hypothesis.

Literature survey: Different methods of data collection, finding, compiling and citing literature..

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funding agencies).

Components of a research paper– the IMRAD system, title, authors and addresses, abstract, acknowledgements, references, tables and illustrations. Impact factor and citation index.

Oral and poster presentation of research papers in conferences/symposia.

Preparation and submission of research project proposals to funding agencies.

**Biostatistics**:

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Probability theory, conditional probability, Probability distribution, Binomial, Poisson and Normal distributions.

Statistical hypothesis testing using t-test, F-test, Chi-square test, Goodness of fit test, p-value and its significance, Analysis of Varience, Correlation and regression analysis, Simple and multiple regression, logistic regression.

Simple non parametric test for one and two samples, Confidence intervals for mean and variance, Response surface methodology.

**Paper II - Computer Applications (3 credits, 30-35 hours)**

As per common syllabus for biology students of Ph.D. course work.

**Paper III - Review of Literature (3 credits, 30-35 hours)**

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**Comprehensive viva voce (4 credits)**

Examination pattern as per university ordinance 31.