

B.Sc. (Hons.) Microbiology

Program outcomes

- Students of the B.Sc. (Honours) Microbiology programme will learn to use scientific logic as they explore a wide range of contemporary subjects spanning various aspects of basic microbiology such as Bacteriology, Virology, Biochemistry, Microbial Physiology, Immunology, Cell Biology, Molecular Biology, Genetics, Systems Biology, Immunology and Molecular biology, in addition to becoming aware of the applied aspects of microbiology such as Industrial Microbiology, Food and Dairy Microbiology, Environmental Microbiology and Medical Microbiology to name just a few.
- Students will appreciate the biological diversity of microbial forms and be able to describe/explain the processes used by microorganisms for their replication, survival, and interaction with their environment, hosts, and host populations. They will become aware of the important role microorganisms play in maintenance of a clean and healthy environment. They will learn of the role of microorganisms in plant, animal and human health and disease.
- Students will gain knowledge of various biotechnological applications of microorganisms and will learn of industrially important substances produced by microorganisms. They will gain familiarity with the unique role of microbes in genetic modification technologies.
- Students will become familiar with scientific methodology, hypothesis generation and testing, design and execution of experiments. Students will develop the ability to think critically and to read and analyze scientific literature.
- Students will acquire and demonstrate proficiency in good laboratory practices in a microbiological laboratory and be able to explain the theoretical basis and practical skills of the tools/technologies commonly used to study this field.
- Students will develop proficiency in the quantitative skills necessary to analyze biological problems (e.g., arithmetic, algebra, and statistical methods as applied to biology)
- Students will develop strong oral and written communication skills through the effective presentation of experimental results as well as through seminars.
- Graduates of the B.Sc. (Honours) Microbiology programme will be informed citizens who can understand and evaluate the impact of new research discoveries in the life sciences, and will be able to pursue a wide range of careers, including biological and medical research in higher education institutions as well as careers in public and global health, scientific writing, environmental organizations, and food, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology industries.