

## COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

(Abstract)

Department of Marine Biology - Modifications in the programme curriculum consequent to the introduction of mandatory MOOC courses - Resolution of the Academic Council - Communicated - Orders issued.

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### ACADEMIC A SECTION

No.CUSAT/AC(A).A3/4658/2024

Dated,KOCHI-22,31.10.2024

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Read:-1. Item No.II (34) (6) of the minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council held on 07.09.2024

2. U.O.No:CUSAT/AC(A).A3/1208/2024 dated 13.03.2024

### ORDER

The Academic Council meeting held on 07.09.2024, vide item referred above, considered along with the recommendations of it's standing committee and resolved to approve modifications in the programme curriculum of following courses offered by the Department of Marine Biology, consequent to the introduction of mandatory MOOC programmes, with effect from 2024 admission onwards.

- a) M.Sc Marine Genomics
- b) M.Sc Marine Biology

The modified curriculum of the above programmes are appended.

Orders are, therefore, issued accordingly.

**Dr. Arun A U \***  
**Registrar**

To:

1. The Dean, Faculty of Marine Sciences
2. The Chairperson, BoS in Marine Biology
3. The Head, Department of Marine Biology
4. All AR/DR Examination wing - with a request to forward to concerned sections
5. The Director, IQAC/ DoA
6. CIRM/Conference Sections
7. PS To VC/PVC;PA To Registrar/CE.

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**DEPARTMENT OF MARINE BIOLOGY, MICROBIOLOGY AND  
BIOCHEMISTRY**

**COCHIN UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**M.Sc. Marine Genomics - Scheme and Syllabus**

**Duration of the Course – 4 Semesters**

**Total Credits = 82**

**Semester I (Total credits = 19)**

Course Code	Course	C/ E	Credits	Internal Marks	External Marks	Total Marks
24-864-0101	Introduction to Marine Sciences	C	3	50	50	100
24-864-0102	Fundamentals of Genetics and Genomics	C	3	50	50	100
24-864-0103	Introduction to Marine Genomics	C	3	50	50	100
24-864-0104	Molecular Biology (Practical)	C	2	100	-	100
24-864-0105	Marine Biodiversity (Practical)	C	2	100	-	100
	Elective-1	E	2	50	50	100
	Elective-2	E	2	50	50	100
	Elective-3	E	2	50	50	100

**C – Core, E – Elective**

**Semester 2 (Total credits = 20)**

Course Code	Course	C/E	Credits	Internal Marks	External Marks	Total Marks
24-864-0201	Marine Microbiology and Microbial Genomics	C	3	50	50	100
24-864-0202	Biosafety, Bioethics, IPR and Entrepreneurship	C	3	50	50	100
24-864-0203	Discovery of Marine drugs and Nutraceuticals	C	3	50	50	100
24-864-0204	Aquaculture Genomics	C	3	50	50	100
24-864-0205	Marine Microbiology & Microbial Genomics – Practical	C	2	100	-	100
24-864-0206	Discovery of Marine drugs and Nutraceuticals (Practical)	C	2	100	-	100
	Elective-1	E	2	50	50	100
	Elective-2	E	2	50	50	100

**C – Core, E - Elective**

**Semester 3 (Total credits = 22)**

Course Code	Course	C/E	Credits	Internal Marks	External Marks	Total
24-864-0301	Biochemistry and Nutrigenomics	C	3	50	50	100
24-864-0302	Conservation Genomics	C	3	50	50	100
24-864-0303	Transcriptomics & Proteomics	C	3	50	50	100
24-864-0304	Bioinformatics	C	3	50	50	100
24-864-0305	Bioinformatics - Practical	C	2	100	-	100
24-864-0306	Bioanalytical Techniques and Instrumentation - Practical	C	2	100	-	100
24-864-0307	Transcriptomics & Proteomics - Practical	C	2	100	-	100
	Elective-1	E	2	50	50	100
	Elective-2	E	2	50	50	100

**C – Core, E - Elective****Semester 4\* (Total credits = 21)**

Course Code	Course	C/ E	Credits	Internal Marks	External Marks	Total
24-864-0401	Project work and Dissertation	C	18	50	50	100
24-864-0402	**MOOC	E	3	-	100	100

## Electives

Course Code	Course	C/ E	Credits	Internal Marks	External Marks	Total
24-864-0106	Marine Genetic Biodiversity & Conservation	E	2	50	50	100
24-864-0107	Biological Oceanography	E	2	50	50	100
24-864-0108	Developmental Genomics	E	2	50	50	100
24-864-0109	Marine Botany	E	2	50	50	100
24-864-0110	Applied Molecular Biology	E	2	50	50	100
24-864-0207	Immunogenomics & Pharmacogenomics	E	2	50	50	100
24-864-0208	Systems Biology	E	2	50	50	100
24-864-0209	Marine Microbiology	E	2	50	50	100
24-864-0308	Marine Ecology	E	2	50	50	100
24-864-0309	Ecological and Evolutionary Genomics	E	2	50	50	100

### Credit Distribution of M.Sc. Marine Genomics

Sl. No.	Courses	CC/EC	No. of Courses	Credit Per Course	Total Credit
1	Core Courses (other than Project and Dissertation)	CC	11	3	33
2	Core Courses (Lab)	CC	7	2	14
3	Elective Courses (excluding MOOC course)	EC	7	2	14
4	Elective Courses (MOOC course)	EC	1	3	3
5	Project work and Dissertation	CC	1	18	18
	<b>Total Courses</b>	-	27	-	82

*Note: CC – Core courses and EC – Elective Courses*

There are 19 core subjects and 8 electives, which are interdisciplinary in nature. A student shall register for a minimum of 55 credits in the first three semesters before he/she registers for the fourth semester. Accumulated minimum credit required for successful completion of the programme is 72 credits.

The student has to devote the fourth semester to dissertation work related to a relevant area of specialization either in the Department or in an industry/research/academic institution outside the University. All the students have to submit a project dissertation at the end of the fourth semester. Besides the major project in the 4<sup>th</sup> semester, each semester should have an internship/industry training of a minimum duration of one week to 10 days duration.

**\*\***In addition, it is mandatory for the students to register for a suitable MOOC (as recommended by the faculty members of the department from

time to time), available in the SWAYAM platform ([www.swayam.gov.in](http://www.swayam.gov.in)).

The students can avail the courses at any time during the first three semesters, based on the availability of suitable courses at [www.swayam.gov.in](http://www.swayam.gov.in) and should procure the required credits for MOOC before completion of the fourth semester. Grading of MOOC will be decided by the Department Council and University based on the results obtained from [www.swayam.gov.in](http://www.swayam.gov.in)

The award of maximum 100 marks for the project dissertation to student is based on:

- A) *Continuous assessment by his/her guide based on his/her performance and progress during the dissertation work will carry a maximum of 50 marks.*
- B) *The Project dissertation submitted by the student at the end of the semester will be evaluated internally for a maximum of 50 marks.*

Equal weightage shall be given for the continuous assessment and the end-semester components.

### **Grading Scale**

Range of Marks	Grade	Weightage
Below 50%	F (FAILED)	0
50 – 59	D (SATISFACTORY)	6
60 - 69	C (GOOD)	7
70 - 79	B (VERY GOOD)	8
80 – 89	A (EXCELLENT)	9
90 and above	S (OUTSTANDING)	10

## Faculty of Marine Sciences

## Dept. of Marine Biology, Microbiology and Biochemistry Cochin University of Science and Technology

## Scheme &amp; Syllabus applicable from 2020 admission

## Semester I

CourseCode	Course	C/E	Credits	Internal Marks	External Marks	Total
24-315-0101	Marine Biology	C	3	50	50	100
24-315-0102	Cytology and Fish Genetics	C	3	50	50	100
24-315-0103	Biochemistry	C	3	50	50	100
24-315-0104	Marine Biology Practical	C	2	100	-	100
24-315-0105	Biochemistry and Instrumentation- Practical	C	2	100	-	100
24-315-0106	Planktonology	E	2	50	50	100
24-315-0107	Coral Reef Ecology	E	2	50	50	100
24-315-0108	Ornamental Fish culture	E	2	50	50	100
24-315-0109	Biological Oceanography	E	2	50	50	100
24-315-0110	Applied Molecular Biology	E	2	50	50	100

## Semester 2

Course Code	Course	C/E	Credits	Internal Marks	External Marks	Total
24-315-0201	Marine Microbiology	C	3	50	50	100
24-315-0202	Fish and Fisheries	C	3	50	50	100
24-315-0203	Marine Pollution	C	3	50	50	100
24-315-0204	Marine Biotechnology	C	3	50	50	100
24-315-0205	Marine	C	2	100	-	100



	Microbiology and Biotechnology – Practical					
24-315-0206	Fish and Fisheries – Practical	C	2	100	-	100
24-315-0207	Aquarium plants and culture of live feed organisms	E	2	50	50	100
24-315-0208	Marine Conservation Biology	E	2	50	50	100
24-315-0209	Ornamental fish culture and live food organisms- Practical	E	2	100	-	100
24-315-0210	Discovery of Marine drugs and Nutraceuticals	E	2	50	50	100
24-315-0211	Marine Genomics	E	2	50	50	100

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24-315-0305	Marine Ecology and Aquaculture – Practical	C	2	100	-	100
24-315-0306	Fish Physiology and Pathology – Practical	C	1	100	-	100
24-315-0307	Seafood Microbiology and Quality Control	E	2	50	50	100
24-315-0308	Marine Botany	E	2	50	50	100

24-315-0309	Health Management in Aquaculture	E	2	50	50	100
24-315-0310	Advanced Taxonomy and Phylogenetics of Marine Organisms	E	2	50	50	100

**Semester 4**

CourseCode	Course	C/E	Credits	Internal Marks	External Marks	Total
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4	Elective Courses (interdepartmental)	EC	3	3	9
5	Project work and Dissertation	CC	1	16	16
	<b>Total Courses</b>	-	26	-	80

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CLASSIFICATION SCALE	
Classification	CGPA
First Class with Distinction	8 & above
First Class	7 & above
Second Class	6 & above
$\text{GPA} = \frac{G_1C_1 + G_2C_2 + \dots + G_nC_n}{C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_n}$	
G = Grade Weightage C = Credit Value	
$\text{GPA} = \frac{A_1T_1 + A_2T_2 + \dots + A_nT_n}{T_1 + T_2 + \dots + T_n}$	
A = GPA	
T = Total Credit Value for a Semester	
Percentage of Marks = $[55 + 10 (\text{CGPA} - 6)]$ Approximately	
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