



Course Specification

(Bachelor)

Course Title: *Parasitology*

Course Code: *BIO1308*

Program: *Bachelor of Science in Biology*

Department: *Department of Biology*

College: *Faculty of Science*

Institution: *University of Tabuk*

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A. General information about the course:

1. Course Identification

1. Credit hours:				
3 Credit (2 theoretical + 1 practical) hours.				
2. Course type				
A.	<input type="checkbox"/> University	<input type="checkbox"/> College	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Department	<input type="checkbox"/> Track
B.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Elective	
3. Level/year at which this course is offered: (6th Level / 3rd year)				
4. Course general Description:				
The course includes an introduction to Parasitology, their taxonomic position and importance, types of parasites and hosts, source way of infection, host-parasite relationship, examples of some parasites infecting humans and animals; their taxonomy, biology, diagnosis and control.				
5. Pre-requirements for this course (if any):				
Invertebrates (BIO1204).				
6. Co-requirements for this course (if any):				
None				
7. Course Main Objective(s):				
By the end of this course, the students will be able to:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Know the general taxonomy of the parasites.- Define the parasitism, hosts, types of parasites, types of hosts.- Know the sources of infections and portals of entry.- Identify the diagnostic methods of different parasites.- Know the taxonomy, habitat, morphology, life cycle, pathogenicity, diagnosis and control of some of Protozoan parasites of medical importance.- Know the Taxonomy, habitat, morphology, life cycle, pathogenicity, diagnosis and control of: Trematodes of medical importance, Cestodes of medical importance and Nematodes of medical importance.				

2. Teaching mode (mark all that apply)

No	Mode of Instruction	Contact Hours	Percentage
1	Traditional classroom	2	50%
2	E-learning		

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3	Hybrid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional classroom E-learning 		
4	Distance learning		
5	Others (Lab work)	2	50%

3. Contact Hours (based on the academic semester)

No	Activity	Contact Hours
1.	Lectures	30
2.	Laboratory/Studio	30
3.	Field	
4.	Tutorial	
5.	Others (specify)	
Total		60

B. Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs), Teaching Strategies and Assessment Methods

Code	Course Learning Outcomes	Code of CLOs aligned with program	Teaching Strategies	Assessment Methods
1.0	Knowledge and understanding			
1.1	Describe the basics of parasitology.	K1	-Lectures. -Class discussion. -Group discussion. -Case studies.	-Quizzes -Midterm examination. -Final examination. -Class discussion and participation. - Homework (Problem-solving).

Code	Course Learning Outcomes	Code of CLOs aligned with program	Teaching Strategies	Assessment Methods
1.2	Describe life cycles of well-known parasites, and pathology caused by these parasites.	K2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lectures. -Class discussion. -Group discussion. -Homework assignments. -Case studies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Quizzes -Midterm examination. -Final examination. -Class discussion and participation. -Homework assignments.
2.0	Skills			
2.1	Summarize morphological features of common parasites.	S1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lectures. - Laboratory work. -Class discussion. -Group discussion. -Brainstorming. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Quizzes -reports -Final examination. -Class discussion and participation. - Homework (Problem-solving).
2.2	Evaluate the complexity of the parasite/host relationship (parasite evasion mechanisms vs host defensive mechanisms).	S5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lectures. -Class discussion. -Group discussion. -Brainstorming. -Laboratory work. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Quizzes -reports -Final examination. -Class discussion and participation. - Homework (Problem-solving).

Code	Course Learning Outcomes	Code of CLOs aligned with program	Teaching Strategies	Assessment Methods
3.0	Values, autonomy, and responsibility			
3.1	Work in a team and independently to conduct a specific project.	V1	-Class discussion. -Group discussion.	-Class discussion and participation. -Homework (Problem-solving).
3.2	Show the responsibility to solve given assignments on their own and submit them on time.	V2	-Homework assignment. -Group Project.	-Homework (Problem-solving).

C. Course Content

No	List of Topics	Contact Hours
1.	Course Introduction	2
2.	Introduction to Parasitology, General taxonomy of parasites of medical importance, Types of parasites and types of hosts.	2
3.	Sources of infection and Portals of entry.	2
4.	Host-parasite relationships	2
5.	Protozoa: Taxonomy, Habitat, Morphology, Life cycle, Pathogenicity.	2
6.	Diagnosis and Control of the following protozoa: The Amoeboe: (<i>Entamoeba histolytica</i>).	2
7.	The blood flagellates: (<i>Leishmania</i> spp.)	2
8.	The Ciliates: (<i>Balantidium coli</i>).	2
9.	The Sporozoa: Malaria parasites (<i>Plasmodium</i> spp.).	2
10.	Helminthes: Taxonomy, Habitat, Morphology, Life cycle, Pathogenicity,	2
11.	Diagnosis and Control of Trematodes, Cestodes and Nematodes of medical importance such as: Cestodes: Intestinal Cestodes: <i>Taenia saginata</i> , <i>Taenia solium</i>	2
12.	Trematodes: Blood flukes: <i>Schistosoma haematobium</i> , <i>Schistosoma mansoni</i> & <i>Schistosoma japonicum</i> .	2
13.	Nematodes: Intestinal nematodes: <i>Ascaris lumbricoides</i> .	2
14.	Nematodes: Hookworms: <i>Ancylostoma duodenale</i> .	2
15.	Insecta (Medical entomology).	2
Total		30

D. Students Assessment Activities

No	Assessment Activities *	Assessment timing (in week no)	Percentage of Total Assessment Score
1.	Class Participation	During whole teaching period	5
2.	Homework (Problem-solving)	3 to 13	5
3.	Short Exams (Quizzes)	During whole teaching period	5
4.	Midterm Theoretical Examination	8-9	20
4.	Reports (For Practical)	During whole teaching period	10
5.	Final Practical Examination	15	15
6.	Final Theoretical Examination	17	40

*Assessment Activities (i.e., Written test, oral test, oral presentation, group project, essay, etc.).

E. Learning Resources and Facilities

1. References and Learning Resources

Essential References	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Stephen Miller and Todd A. Tupper (2023): Zoology, 12th Edition. McGraw Hill.- Campbell, N. A., Reece, J. B., Taylor, M R., Simon, E. J., Dickey, J L., & Cummings, B. (2010). Biology: Concepts &Connections with MasteringBiology.
Supportive References	Textbook of Zoology, 6th Edition.
Electronic Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Websites on the internet that are relevant to the topics of the course.- www.sciencedirect.com - www.plantphysiol.org.
Other Learning Materials	NA

2. Required Facilities and equipment

Items	Resources
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Accommodation Classrooms, laboratories, demonstration rooms/labs, etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A sufficient number of classrooms to accommodate students - Well-equipped practical laboratories to accommodate students
Technology Resources (AV, data show, Smart Board, software, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Data show - Wireless connection in the building for students and faculties.
Other Resources Specify, e.g. if specific laboratory equipment is required, list requirements or attach a list	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Well-equipped lab, samples slides, microscope

F. Assessment of Course Quality

Assessment Areas/Issues	Assessor	Assessment Methods
Effectiveness of teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students. - Faculty members. 	Indirect & direct: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questionnaires. - Meetings.
Effectiveness of Students assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality and development committee. - Department chair. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Course report. - Program annual report.
Quality of learning resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plan and program committee. - Students. - Staff members. 	Indirect & direct: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questionnaires. - Meetings. - Reports.
The extent to which CLOs have been achieved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quality and development committee. - Peer Reviewer. - Program leaders. 	Indirect & direct: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Questionnaires. - Meetings. - Reports.
Other		

Assessors (Students, Faculty, Program Leaders, Peer Reviewer, Others (specify)

Assessment Methods (Direct, Indirect)

G. Specification Approval

COUNCIL /COMMITTEE	PROGRAMS AND STUDY PLANS COMMITTEE
REFERENCE NO.	
DATE	SEPTEMBER 2023