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COURSE PARTICULARS

Course code:	ZOO 413
Course title:	Comparative vertebrate embryology
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Status:	Required

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

ZOO 413 is a multidisciplinary field that entails research-driven knowledge and experience in a broad range vertebral associations

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The general objective is to enable the student to understand the development and morphology of group vertebrates as a whole.

ASSESSMENT	
Coursework and attendance	40marks
Final Examination	60marks

LECTURE PLAN

Weeks 1 & 2:	Introduction: Testes, Ovary and the development of sex cells
Week 3 & 4:	Transportation of gametes and fertilization
Week 5 & 6:	Cleavage, Gastrulation and Blastulation
Week 7 & 8:	Tubulation and Extension of Major Organs
Week 9 & 10:	Histogenesis and Morphogenesis of Organ systems
Week 11 & 12:	Care and Nourishment of the Developing Embryo
Week 13 & 14:	Revision

READING LIST

Comparative Embryology of the Vertebrates. Olin E. Nelsen. McGRAW-HILL BOOK COMPANY, INC.

TUTORIAL QUESTIONS

- 1. State in brief the functions of the following hormones in the preparation of gametes:
 - (a) Follicle Stimulating Hormone.
 - (b) Luteinizing Hormone.
 - (c) Luteotrophin Hormone
- 2. (a) Describe the process of fertilization in a named amphibian.

(b) What are the similarities between this process and that of fishes which lay pelagic eggs?

- 3. With the aid of well labelled diagrams, describe the process of fertilization in Ascaris.
- 4. (a) What do you understand by "Holoblatic Cleavage"?
 - (b) Describe the process in *Amphioxus*.
- 5. The word Meroblastic cleavage is an adjective which refers to a part of the germ, discuss extensively using named examples.
- 6. Compare and contrast the process of gastrulation in *Amphioxus* and a named *Rana species*.
- 7. Using well labelled diagrams, illustrate the different types of body forms in four different vertebrates during embryonic development.
- 8. Describe in detail, the development of skin in the embryo of *Squalus acanthias*.

- 9. Describe in brief, development of the skin of a named mammal.
- 10. Give a detailed account of the development of gills in a named amphibian.
- 11. Give a detailed account of the development of lungs in chick.

