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**Faculty of Sciences**  
**Department of Biochemistry**

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### **COURSE PARTICULARS**

**Course code:** Cell and Molecular Biology  
**Course title:** BCH 212  
**No. of Units:** 2  
**Status:** Compulsory

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### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Cell and molecular biology is the branch of biology that deals with the molecular basis of biological activities within the cell. It is concerned with understanding the interactions between macromolecules within the cell.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

- To have a basic understanding of the cell.
- To have a knowledge of the differences between prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells
- To understand the organization and functions of cell organelles

- To have a basic understanding of the transport systems across the cell membrane
- To have a basic knowledge of the macromolecules within the cell.

## ASSESSMENT

Class Attendance	5marks
Test(s) and Assignments	25marks
Final Examination	70marks

## LECTURE PLAN

<b>1st week</b>	History and present trends in biology
<b>2nd week</b>	Cell theory
<b>3rd week</b>	Structural organization of prokaryotic cells
<b>4th week</b>	Structural organization of eukaryotic cells
<b>5th week</b>	Chemical nature and structure of cell membrane
<b>6th week</b>	Movement of solutes through the cell membrane
<b>7thweek</b>	The molecular basis of cell structure- carbohydrates, lipids, proteins and nucleic acids
<b>8th week</b>	Biological phenomena/ Bioelectric phenomena
<b>9th week</b>	Cell biology of movement
<b>10thweek</b>	Cell differentiation
<b>11th week</b>	Mitosis
<b>12<sup>th</sup> week</b>	Meiosis
<b>13<sup>th</sup> week</b>	Revision

## READING LIST

1. Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry by David. L.Nelson and Michael M. Cox (4<sup>th</sup> edition)
2. Garrett and Grishan Biochemistry, 2nd edition.
3. Principles of Biochemistry by Horton, Moran, Scrimgeour, Perry and Rawn.
4. Biological Science ( Third edition) by D.J. Taylor, N.P.O Green, G.W Stout and R. Soper

## TUTORIAL QUESTIONS

### Section I

1. With the aid of suitable diagrams, compare and contrast the nature of Eukaryote and Prokaryotes cells.
2. Discuss the structure and function of a named eukaryotes cells.
3. Discuss the current tools in the study of cell biology.
4. Write short notes on the following
  - a. Mitochondria
  - b. I-cell disease
  - c. Nucleus
  - d. Cell membranes
  - e. Lysosomes
5. Give an account of current trends in biology

### Section II

- 1a. Write concisely on the composition of cell surface membrane
  - b. Of what importance is the cell surface membrane?
  - c. How does the composition of cell membrane affect the passage of substances through it?
- 2a. What is active transport?
  - b. What are the major differences between active transport and diffusion?
- 3a. What is  $\text{Na}^+\text{-K}^+$  pump?
  - b. Explain why bacteria, fungi and plants do not require the  $\text{Na}^+\text{-K}^+$  pump
  - c. Give the functions of the  $\text{Na}^+\text{-K}^+$  pump
4. What do you understand by bulk transport?
  - b. Of what importance is bulk transport in cells?
- 5a. What is bioelectric phenomenon?
  - b. Explain the term electroporation.
  - c. Of what importance is electroporation of tissues?

### Section III

1. Explain the following
  - a. Apoptosis
  - b. Cell differentiation
  - c. Morphogenesis
  - d. Cytokinesis

2a. What are stem cells?

b. Differentiate between haploid and diploid cells; somatic cells and germ cells

c. Explain the cell cycle

3a. Discuss what happens within the nucleus during mitosis

b. Write on the significance of mitosis

4a. Explain the stages in Meiosis

b. Discuss the significance of Meiosis

