

MANGALORE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF BIOSCIENCES
MSc BIOTECHNOLOGY

BTS 554 NANOBIOTECHNOLOGY (SOFT CORE COURSE)

Hours: 40

Course outcome

Students will be able to:

- compare the types and properties of different nanostructures
- understand structure and use of nanoparticles
- demonstrate the synthesis of nanoparticles.
- learn about the application of nanotechnology in different fields of science.

Unit I (13 hrs)

Principles of nanotechnology - Nanostructures, nanoparticles and their properties. Carbon Nano Structures: Introduction; Carbon buckyballs, fullerenes, nanostructures; quantum dots, nanotubes, magnetic nanoparticles, noble metal nanoparticles. Nanoscale properties and applications.

Unit II (13hrs)

Characterization of nanomaterials: UV-Vis Spectroscopy, Scanning Electron Microscopy, Transmission Electron Microscopy, Atomic Force Microscopy. Making nanostructures: Top-down and bottom-up approaches. Biological methods of synthesis of nanoparticles: Use of bacteria, fungi, Actinomycetes, Magnetotactic bacteria and plants.

Unit III (14hrs)

Applications in diverse fields: medicine, dentistry, environment, agriculture etc. Toxic effects of nanoparticles on the environment. Toxicity detection. Nanocomposite biomaterials; teeth and bone substitution, Food packaging - materials and properties. Applications of nanoparticle-based products in health-care and hygiene. Hybrid systems: Bioelectronic systems based on nanoparticle-enzyme hybrids; nanoparticle-based bioelectronics biorecognition events. DNA-based nanomechanical devices. Biosensors and biochips. Pharmaceutically important nanomaterials, drug nanoparticles, nanoparticles for crossing biological membranes. Fundamentals of nanosized targeted drug delivery systems.

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4. Nanotechnology: A gentle introduction to the next big idea. Ratner M and Tatner D. Pearson Edition New Delhi