

**Semester -I**  
**Minor Course 1 (MIC-1)**

Course Title	Credit	Credit Distribution	
		Theory	Practical
Diversity of Non-Chordata	3	2	1

**Course outcomes:** After completion of the course, students should be able to:

**CO-1:** Learn about the importance of systematics, taxonomy, and structural organization of non-chordates.

**CO-2:** Critically analyse the organization, complexity and characteristic features of non chordates.

**CO-3:** Recognize the life functions and the ecological roles of the animals belonging to different phyla.

<b>MIC-1: Diversity of Non-Chordata (Theory: 2credits) 20 hrs</b>		
Unit	Topics to be covered	No. of Lectures
1	I. Introduction to Non-chordates General characteristics and classification (up to order) of the following Phyla: Protozoa, Porifera, Cnidaria, Ctenophora, Platyhelminthes and Nematelminths, Annelida, Arthropoda, Mollusca, Echinodermata.	5
2	2. Structure and life history of:- (i) Protozoa - Paramecium (ii) Porifera - Sycon	4
3	3. Structure and life history of:- (iii) Cnidaria - Obelia (iv) Platyhelminthes - Fasciola (v) Aschelminthes - Ascaris	5
4	4. Study of coelomates:- (vi) Annelida - Pharetima (vii) Arthropoda - Palaemon (viii) Mollusca - Pila (ix) Echinodermata - Asteries (x) Hemichordata - Balanoglossus	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>20</b>

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**MIC-1: Diversity of Non-Chordata (Practical) 10 hrs**

**(1 credit)**

**Practicals:**

1. Study of whole mount of *Euglena*, *Paramecium*, *Leishmania*
2. Study of Sycon, Spongilla, T.S. of Sycon, L.S. of Sycon.
3. Study of *Obelia*, *Aurelia*, *Gorgonia*
4. Study of adult *Fasciola hepatica*, *Taenia solium* and their life stages
5. Study of *Pheretima*, *Hirudinaria*
6. Study of T.S. through pharynx, gizzard, and typhlosolar intestine of earthworm.
7. Study of *Limulus*, *Palaemon*, *Apis*.
8. Mouth parts of Mosquito and Cockroach.
9. Study of *Pila*, *Unio*.
10. Study of *Asterias*.

**Suggested Books :**

1. Ruppert and Barnes, R.D. (2006). *Invertebrate Zoology*, VIII Edition. Holt Saunders International Edition.
2. Barnes, R.S.K., Calow, P., Olive, P.J.W., Golding, D.W. and Spicer, J.I. (2002). *The Invertebrates: A New Synthesis*, III Edition, Blackwell Science
3. Barrington, E.J.W. (1979). *Invertebrate Structure and Functions*. II Edition, E.L.B.S. and Nelson
4. Verma P S, Jordan E L. (2009). *Invertebrate Zoology*. S. Chand publishers
5. Brusca R C (2016). *Invertebrates*. Published by Sinauer Associates, an imprint of Oxford University Press.
6. S.S.Lal, *Practical Zoology Invertebrate*.

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## Semester 2

### Minor Course 2 (MIC-2)

Course Title	Credit	Credit Distribution	
		Theory	Practical
Diversity of Chordates	3	2	1

**Course Outcomes:** After completion of the course, the students will be able to:

- CO-1:** To understand the General Characteristics and Classification of Hemichordata, Urochordata and Cephalochordata, the Larval forms of Protochordata and Retrogressive Metamorphosis in Urochordata
- CO-2:** To acquire knowledge about the General Characters and Classification of Agnatha, Pisces and Amphibia.
- CO-3:** To understand the General Characteristics and Classification of Reptilia, Aves and Mammals, Biting Mechanism in Snakes, Flight Adaptations in Birds and Migration in Birds.

<b>MIC-2: Diversity of Chordates (Theory: 2credits) 20 hrs</b>		
Unit	Topics to be covered	No. of Lectures
1	1.General characteristics and classification (upto Order): Cephalochordata, Urochordata, Pisces, Amphibia, Reptilia, Aves, Mammals, Cyclostomata.	5
2	2.Cephalochordata: Amphioxus. 3. Urochordata: Herdmania (including retrogressive metamorphosis).	4
3	4.Pisces: Scoliodon. 5. Reptilia: Biting and feeding mechanism in snakes.	5
4	6.Aves: Flight adaptations, Elementary idea of migration. 7. Mammals: Characters, distribution and affinities of Prototheria & Metatheria.	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>20</b>

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**MIC-2: Diversity of Chordates (Practical) 10 hrs (1 credit)**

**Practical :**

1. Amphioxus: Section through pharyngeal, intestinal, and caudal regions.
2. Herdmania: Whole mount, Spicules
2. Cyclostomata: Petromyzon, Myxine
3. Fish: Scoliodon, Torpedo, Chimaera, Labeo, Exocoetus, Echeneis, Hippocampus; Scales of fishes
4. Amphibia: Ichthyophis, Bufo, Hyla, Alytes, Salamandra, Axolotle larva
5. Reptilia: Chelone, Hemidactylus, Varanus, Vipera, Naja, Bungarus, Uromastix, Chamaeleon, Draco, Calotes, Heloderma; Key for Identification of poisonous and non-poisonous snakes
6. Aves: Types of beaks and claws, Study of pecten from fowl head and brain of fowl.
7. Mammalia: *Sorex*, Bat (Insectivorous and Frugivorous), *Funambulus*, *Loris*, *Herpestes*, *Erinaceus*, *Macropus*, *Echidna*

**Suggested Books :**

1. Young, J. Z. (2004). *The Life of Vertebrates*. III Edition. Oxford university press.
2. Pough H. *Vertebrate life*, VIII Edition, Pearson International.
3. Darlington P.J. *The Geographical Distribution of Animals*, R.E. Krieger Pub Co.
4. Hall B.K. and Hallgrimsson B. (2008). *Strickberger's Evolution*. IV Edition. Jones and Bartlett Publishers Inc.
5. Classification from Young, J. Z. (2004) to be followed.
6. S.S.Lal, Practical Zoology Vertebrates

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MIC-3: Physiology (Practical: 1 Credit)		10 hrs
End Semester Examination		
Time – 3 hours		Full Marks-70
Sl. No.	Name of Practicals/Experiments	Marks
1	Enumeration of red blood cells and white blood cells using haemocytometer,	10
2	Determination of erythrocyte sedimentation rate.	10
3	Estimation of haemoglobin.	10
4	Examination of histological sections of mammalian oesophagus, stomach, duodenum, ileum, rectum, trachea, lung, Testis and Ovary.	20
5	Practical Records/Charts/Models.	10
6	Viva- voce.	10

**Suggested Books:**

- Tortora, G.J.& Grabowski, S (2006) Principles of Anatomy & Physiology, XI edition. John Wiley & Sons
- Vander A, Sherman J, and Luciano D (2014). Vander's Human Physiology: The mechanism of Body Function. XIII Edition, Mc Graw Hills.
- Guyton, A.C & Hall, J.E. (2006). Textbook of Medical Physiology, XI Edition. Hercourt Asia PTE Ltd/W.B. Saunders Company

**Online Tools and Web Resources:**

- e portals like SWAYAM  
<http://nsdl.niscair.res.in>

**Multidisciplinary Course 3 (MDC-3)**

Course Title	Credit	Credit Distribution	
		Theory	Practical
Physiology	3	2	1

**Course Outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Know the principles of normal biological function in human body.
- Outline basic human physiology and correlate with histological structures.
- Comprehend and analyse problem-based questions on physiological aspects.

**Semester IV**  
**Minor Course 4 (MIC-4)**

Course Title	Credit	Credit Distribution	
		Theory	Practical
Ecology	3	2	1

**Course Outcome:** Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of key concepts in ecology with emphasis on historical perspective, role of physical factors and concept of limiting factors.
- Comprehend the population characteristics, dynamics, growth models and interactions.
- Understand the community characteristics, ecosystem development and climax theories.
- Know about the types of ecosystems, food chains, food webs, energy models, and ecological efficiencies.
- Apply the basic principles of ecology in wildlife conservation and management.
- Inculcate scientific quantitative skills, evaluate experimental design, read graphs, and analyse and use information available in scientific literature.

<b>MIC-4: Ecology (Theory: 2 Credits)      20 hrs</b>		
Unit	Topics to be covered	No. of lectures
1	Introduction to Ecology, Scope of ecology, Laws of limiting factors.	2
2	Population dynamics, Demographic indices, Population interactions.	4
3	Community: Biodiversity and study of diversity index.	2
4	Ecosystem: Types of ecosystems, Detailed study of Aquatic ecosystem, Food chain, Food web, Ecological pyramids and Biogeochemical cycle.	7
5	Applied Ecology: Wildlife conservation; Importance, threats and management, Protected areas; National Parks, Bioreserves and Sanctuaries.	5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>

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MIC- 4: Ecology (Practical: 1 Credit)		10hrs
End Semester Examination		
Time – 3 hours		Full Marks-
70		
Sl. No.	Name of Practicals/Experiments	Marks
1	Analysis of Pond Biota	10
2	Determination of dissolved oxygen of different water samples.	15
3	Study of life tables and plotting of survivorship curves of different types from the hypothetical/real data provided.	15
4	Determination of population density in a natural/ hypothetical community by quadrat method.	10
5	Practical Records/Charts/Models.	10
6	Viva- voce.	10

**Suggested Books:**

- Odum, E.P. (2008). Fundamentals of Ecology. Indian Edition. Brooks/Cole
- Smith, R. L. (2000). Ecology and field biology. Harper and Row publisher
- Colinvaux, P.A. (1993). Ecology. John Willey & Sons, Inc
- Krebs, C. J. (2001). Ecology. Benjamin Cummings.

**Semester V  
Major Course 8 (MJC-8)**

Course Title	Credit	Credit Distribution	
		Theory	Practical
Biochemistry	5	3	2

**Course Outcome:** After the completion of the course, the student will be able:

- CO1- To understand the structure, classification and importance of Carbohydrates and Proteins.
- CO2- To understand the structure and significance of physiologically important Lipids.
- CO3- To understand the basic structure and types of DNA and RNA, Base pairing, denaturation and renaturation of DNA.
- CO4- To understand the types of Enzymes, Mechanism of Enzyme Action and Enzyme Kinetics.

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**Semester V**  
**Minor Course 5 (MIC-5)**

Course Title	Credit	Credit Distribution	
		Theory	Practical
Cell Biology	3	2	1

MIC-5: Cell Biology (Theory: 2 Credits) 20 hrs		
Unit	Topics to be covered	No. of lectures
1	Overview of Prokaryotic and Eukaryotic cells	2
2	Plasma Membrane: Fluid Mosaic Model, Active and passive transport.	3
3	Endomembrane System: Structure and Functions of Endoplasmic Reticulum, Golgi apparatus, Lysosomes and Peroxisomes.	4
4	Mitochondria: Structure, Respiratory chain and ATP production.	4
5	Nucleus: Structure of Nucleus and organization of Chromatin.	3
6	Cell cycle: Mitosis, Meiosis and their regulation in brief.	4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>

MIC-5: Cell Biology (Practical:1 Credit) 10 hrs		
End Semester Examination		
Time – 3 hours		Full Marks-70
Sl. No.	Name of Practicals/Experiments	Marks
1	Vital staining of mitochondria in buccal epithelium	15
2	Study of various stages of mitosis through permanent slides. (any two)	5x2=10
3	Study of various stages of meiosis through permanent slides (any two)	5x2=10
4	Preparation of temporary stained mount to show the presence of Barr body in human cheek cells.	15
5	Practical Records/Charts/Models.	10
6	Viva- voce.	10

**Suggested Books:**

- Cooper, G.M., Hausman, R.E. (2009) The Cell: A Molecular Approach. V Edition, ASM Press and Sinauer Associates.
- Karp, G. (2010). Cell and Molecular Biology: Concepts and Experiments, VI Edition, John Wiley & Sons Inc.
- Powar, C. B. (1991) Cell Biology, Himalaya Publishing House.
- Alberts et al: Molecular Biology of the Cell (2008, Garland)

### Minor Course 6 (MIC-6)

Course Title	Credit	Credit Distribution	
		Theory	Practical
Genetics	3	2	1

**Course Outcome:**

- To understand variation, linkage and crossing over.
- To understand sex linked inheritance.
- To understand genetic disorders and mutations.
- To understand extra chromosomal inheritance.

MIC - 6 Genetics (Theory: 2 credits) 20 hours		
Unit	Topics to be covered	No. of Lectures
1	1.1 Principles of Genetic inheritance, Incomplete dominance and co-dominance. 1.2 Concept of Linkage and crossing over.	5
2	2.1 Gene mutation - Chemical and Physical mutagenesis. 2.2 Chromosomal aberrations – Structural and Numerical.	4
3	3.1 Chromosomal mechanisms of sex determination. 3.2 Sex-linked inheritance, sex-influenced and sex-limited characters.	6
4	4.1. Extra-chromosomal Inheritance. 4.2 Kappa particles in <i>Paramecium</i> and Maternal effects (Shell spiralling in <i>snail</i> ).	5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>20</b>

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MIC-06 : Genetics (Practical: 1 Credit) 10 hrs		
End Semester Examination		
Time – 3 hours		Full Marks-70
Sl. No.	Name of Practicals/Experiments	Marks
1	Preparation of Polytene chromosomes from Chironomous/Drosophila.	20
2	Identification of various mutants of Drosophila in the given photograph.	15
3	Study of pedigree analysis of human inherited traits.	15
4	Practical Records/Charts/Models.	10
5	Viva- voce.	10

**Suggested Books:**

- Gardner, E. J., Simmons, M. J., Snustad, D. P. (2008). *Principles of Genetics*. VIII Edition. Wiley, India
- Snustad, D. P., Simmons, M. J. (2009). *Principles of Genetics*. V Edition. John Wiley and Sons Inc
- Klug, W. S., Cummings, M. R., Spencer, C.A. (2012). *Concepts of Genetics*. X Edition. Benjamin Cummings
- Russell, P. J. (2009). *Genetics- A Molecular Approach*. III Edition. Benjamin Cummings
- Fletcher H. and Hickey I. (2015). *Genetics*. IV Edition. G S, Taylor and Francis Group, New York and London.

**Semester VI  
Major Course 10 (MJC-10)**

Course Title	Credit	Credit Distribution	
		Theory	Practical
Developmental Biology	4	3	1

**Course Outcome:** After the completion of the course, the student will be able:

CO 1- To describe the mechanism of gametogenesis, fertilization and blocks to polyspermy.

CO 2- To explain early embryonic development in frog and chick.

CO 3- To understand the concepts of late embryonic development in model organisms.

CO4 - To describe post embryonic development such as metamorphosis and regeneration with suitable examples and apply important experiments and project work.

MJC-10: Developmental Biology (Theory: 3 credits) 30 hours		
Unit	Topics to be covered	No. of Lectures
1	1. Introduction: 1.1 Principles and Basic concepts of development biology - Phases of development, Cell-Cell interaction, Differentiation and growth 1.2 Gametogenesis: Spermatogenesis and Oogenesis.	10

**Suggested Books:**

- David McFarland, Animal Behaviour, Pitman Publishing Limited, London, UK.
- Manning, A. and Dawkins, M. S, An Introduction to Animal Behaviour, Cambridge, University Press, UK.
- John Alcock, Animal Behaviour, Sinauer Associate Inc., USA.
- Paul W. Sherman and John Alcock, Exploring Animal Behaviour, Sinauer Associate Inc., Massachusetts, USA.
- Biological Rhythms: Vinod Kumar (2002) Narosa Publishing House, Delhi/ Springer-Verlag, Germany.

**Semester VI  
Minor Course 7 (MIC-7)**

Course Title	Credit	Credit Distribution	
		Theory	Practical
Evolution	3	2	1

MIC-7: Evolution (Theory: 2 Credits) 20 hours		
Unit	Topics to be covered	No. of Lectures
1	Origin of Life: Chemogeny and Biogeny	4
2	Evolutionary concepts: A brief account of evolutionary theories: Lamarckism, Darwinism and Neo- Darwinism.	8
3	Evidences of Evolution, Evolution of man.	6
4	Population Genetics: Hardy-Weinberg Law	2
	<b>TOTAL</b>	20

MIC-7: Evolutionary Biology (Practical: 1 Credits) 10 hrs		
End Semester Examination		
<b>Time – 3 hours</b>		<b>Full Marks- 70</b>
Sl. No.	Name of Practicals/Experiments	Marks
1	Study of types of fossils (Archaeopteryx- a connecting link)	10
2	Vestigial, Analogous and Homologous organs using suitable specimens.	15
3	Sampling for discrete characteristics (dominant vs recessive) for discontinuous variations e.g., tongue rolling, ear lobe.	10
4	Calculation of genotypic, phenotypic and allelic frequencies from the data provided	15
5	Practical records/ charts/ models	10
6	Viva- voce.	10

**Suggested Books:**

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- Ridley, M. (2004). Evolution III Edition Blackwell publishing
- Hall, B.K. and Hallgrimson, B (2008). Evolution IV Edition. Jones and Barlett Publishers.
- Douglas, J. Futuyma (1997). Evolutionary Biology. Sinauer Associates.
- Pevsner, J (2009). Bioinformatics and Functional Genomics. II Edition Wiley-Blackwell

**Minor Course 08 (MIC-08)**

Course Title	Credit	Credit Distribution	
		Theory	Practical
Developmental Biology	3	2	1

**Course Outcome:** After the completion of the course, the student will be able:

CO 1- To describe the mechanism of gametogenesis, fertilization.

CO 2- To explain early embryonic development in frog and chick.

CO 3- To understand the concepts of late embryonic development in model organisms.

CO4 - To describe post embryonic development such as metamorphosis and regeneration with suitable examples and apply important experiments and project work.

MIC-08 : Developmental Biology (Theory: 2 credits) 20 hours		
Unit	Topics to be covered	No. of Lectures
1	Introduction: 1. Basic concepts of reproduction and development.	4
2	Early and Late Embryonic Development: 2.1 Gametogenesis - Spermatogenesis, Oogenesis. 2.2 Types of eggs, Patterns of cleavage and Blastulation. 2.3 Early development of frog up to gastrulation, 2.4 Extra-embryonic membranes in birds.	6
3	Post Embryonic Development: 3.1 Metamorphosis: Changes, hormonal regulations in amphibians; 3.3 Ageing: Concepts and Theories	5
4	Implications of Developmental Biology: 4.1 Teratogenesis: Teratogenic agents and their effects on embryonic development. 4.2 In vitro fertilization.	5
<b>TOTAL</b>		20

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MIC-08: Developmental Biology (Practical: 1 Credit) 10 hrs		
End Semester Examination		
Time – 3 hours		Full Marks-
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Sl. No.	Name of Practicals/Experiments	Marks
1	Study of whole mounts and sections of developmental stages of frog through permanent slides: Cleavage stages, blastula, gastrula.	20
2	Study of whole mounts of developmental stages of chick through permanent slides: Primitive streak 18, 24, 36, 48, 72, and 96 hours of incubation.	20
3	Study of different sections of placenta (Photomicrograph/ slides)	10
4	Practical/Project report on chick embryo development.	10
5	Viva- voce.	10

#### Suggested Books:

- Gilbert, S. F. (2010). Developmental Biology, IX Edition, Sinauer Associates, Inc., Publishers, Sunderland, Massachusetts, USA
- Balinsky B. I. and Fabian B. C. (1981). An Introduction to Embryology, V Edition, International Thompson Computer Press.
- Carlson, R. F. Patten's Foundations of Embryology.
- Kalthoff (2008). Analysis of Biological Development, II Edition, McGraw Hill Publishers.
- Lewis Wolpert (2002). Principles of Development. II Edition, Oxford University Press.

#### Semester VII Major Course 13 (MJC-13)

Course Title	Credit	Credit Distribution	
		Theory	Practical
Molecular Biology	5	3	2

**Course Outcome:** After the completion of the course, the student will be able:

CO 1- To understand Central dogma of molecular biology. Explain and distinguish mechanism of replication, transcription and translation in prokaryotes and eukaryotes.

CO 2- To understand and explain the post transcriptional modifications in eukaryotes.

- David, M., Jonathan, B., David, R. B. and Ivan R. (2006). *Immunology*, VII Edition, Mosby, Elsevier Edition. Saunders Publication.
- Abbas, K. Abul and Lichtman H. Andrew (2003.) *Cellular and Molecular Immunology*. V
- Owen J A, Punt J, Stanford S A (2013). *Kuby Immunology* W H Freeman & Co;
- Wood P. (2007). *Basic Immunology*. Pearson publication
- Principles of Microbiology, Ronald M. Atlas, Wm. C. Brown Publishers.
- Microbiology by Pelczar, M. J. Pelczar.

**Minor Course 09  
(MIC-09)**

Course Title	Credit	Credit Distribution	
		Theory	Practical
<b>Animal Behaviour</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

**Course Outcomes:** After the completion of the course, the student will be able:

**CO 1-** To understand various pattern of animal behaviours such as stereotyped, instinct, learnt, associative behaviour along with operant conditioning and habituation imprinting and to explain the concept of social and sexual behaviour.

**CO 2-** To provide the concept of biological rhythm, photoperiod and regulation of seasonal reproduction of vertebrates and role of melatonin.

**CO 3-** To understand the relevance of biological clock in terms of chronopharmacology, chronomedicine and chronotherapy.

**CO 4-** To develop the skill in this course by performing practical works such as studying nest and nesting habitat of birds and social insects and other significant experiments.

MIC-09 : Animal Behaviour (Theory: 2 credits) 20 hours		
Unit	Topics to be covered	No. of Lectures
1	Introduction to Animal Behaviour: 1.1 Definition and types of behaviour 1.2 Origin and history of ethology.	5
2	Patterns of Behaviour: 2.1 Instinct behaviours. 2.2 Learned behaviours.	5
3	Biological Rhythm: 3.1 Biological clocks in animals and its adaptive significance. 3.2 Types of biological rhythms- Tidal, Lunar, Circadian and Circannual.	5
4	Social Behaviour: 4.1 Social behaviour in insects (Honey bee). 4.2 Parental care in fishes.	5
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- Understand endocrine system and the basic properties of hormones.
- Appreciate the importance of endocrine system and the crucial role it plays along with the nervous system in maintenance of homeostasis.
- Know the of hormone action and its regulation.
- Know the regulation of physiological process by the endocrine system and its implication in diseases.

MIC-10: Endocrinology (Practical: 1Credits)		10 hrs
End Semester Examination		
Time – 3 hours		Full Marks-70
Sl. No.	Name of Practicals/Experiments	Marks
1	Display of gonads, thyroid, adrenal, pancreas in mammal through videos or virtual dissection.	15
2	Study of the permanent slides of Pituitary, Adrenal, Ovary, Testes, Islets of Langerhan's, Thymus, Thyroid, Parathyroid.	4X5=20
3	Working principles of ELISA/RIA	15
4	Practical/Project report on chick embryo development.	10
5	Viva- voce.	10
MIC-10: Endocrinology (Theory: 3 credits)		20 hrs
Unit	Topics to be covered	No. of lectures
1	1. Overview of the endocrine system – Glands and their hormone.	5
2	2. Hypothalamus: Structure and its functions.	5
3	3. Pituitary: Structure, Hormones and their function.	5
4	4.1 Peripheral Endocrine Glands: Histophysiology of Thyroid, Parathyroid and Adrenal. 4.2. Gonads: Hormones and functions.	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>20</b>

#### Suggested Books:

- J. Larry Jameson Leslie De Groot (2010). Endocrinology. VI Edition.

- David O. Norris. Vertebrate Endocrinology. V Edition, Elsevier Academic press.
- Franklin F. Bolander. Molecular Endocrinology. III Edition, Academic Press, USA.

**Online Tools and Web Resources:**

- <https://www.endocrine.org/topics>

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