# Introductory Biophysics Fourth Semester Syllabus for BSc Biotechnology



# **DETAILS:**

COURSE NAME:Introductory Biophysics
PROGRAM: B.Sc. Biotechnology (/program/b-sc-biotechnology)
CREDITS: Two

# **SYLLABUS**

- Thermodynamics of living systems: Conservation of energy in living systems,
   Entropy and Life, Gibbs and Standard free energy, Equilibrium constant, Coupled reactions.
- Protein folding: Forces for protein stability, Protein denaturation and renaturation, Protein folding pathways, Levinthal's paradox, Molten globule, Folding accessory proteins, Prediction of protein structures, Protein Function: Structure of heme, Structure of Myoglobin and hemoglobin, Oxygen binding mechanism, Oxygen binding co-operativity, Hill equation, Hill coefficient, Allostery in hemoglobin, Bohr effect.
- Dynamics of biomolecules: Diffusion, Laws of diffusion, Active transport,
   Facilitated diffusion, Osmosis, Osmotic pressure, Osmoregulation, Viscosity and biological importance, Surface tension, Factors influencing surface tension,
   Biological importance.

# REFERENCES

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- 2. Biological Thermodynamics by Donald T. Haynie
- 3. Introductory Biophysics by J. R. Claycomb and J.Q.P. Tran
- 4. Molecular and Cellular Biophysics by Meyer B. Jackson

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