

<b>MFT-104 Food Microbiology</b>	
<b>Teaching Scheme</b> Lectures: 3 hrs./week Tutorials: 1 hr/week Credits: 4	<b>Examination Scheme</b> Internal Assessment Marks [IAM]: 30 [Class Test: 12, Teachers assessment: 6, Attendance: 12 ] End Semester Marks [ESM]: 70

**Course Objectives:**

1. To give knowledge of general characteristics, classification of microorganisms and their uses and source of contamination in food industry.
2. To give knowledge about factors affecting harmful microbes growth and lethal effects of various food processing techniques.
3. Gives knowledge of food microbiology, associated health risks and HACCP system.
4. To impart knowledge about food spoiling pathogens and their investigation methods.
5. To impart knowledge about food fermentation and associated starter cultures.

**Detailed Syllabus**

<p><b>MODULE 1</b></p> <p>Microbiology: Introduction, historical developments in food microbiology; prokaryotes and eukaryotes; classification of microorganisms- a brief account; sources of microorganisms in foods; microbial growth, growth curve; factors affecting growth-intrinsic and extrinsic factors controlling growth of microorganisms, microbiological criteria of foods and their significance.</p>
<p><b>MODULE 2</b></p> <p>Effect of food preservatives, heating process, irradiation, low temperature storage, chemical preservatives and high-pressure processing on the microbiology of foods; control of water activity and microbial growth, applications of hurdle technology for controlling microbial growth.</p>

**MODULE3**

Foods microbiology and public health: food poisoning, types of food poisonings, important features etc; bacterial agents of food borne illness, food poisoning by clostridium, salmonella, E. coli, bacillus, staphylococcus etc.; non-bacterial agents of food borne illness: poisonous algae, and fungi - a brief account, the HACCP system and food safety used in controlling microbiological hazards.

**MODULE4**

Food spoilage and microbes of milk, meats, fish and various plant products, spoilage of canned foods; Indicators microorganisms, methods of isolation and detection of microorganisms or their products in food; conventional methods; rapid methods (newer techniques) - immunological methods; fluorescent, antibody, radio immunoassay, principles of ELISA, PCR (Polymerized chain reactions).

**MODULE5**

Food fermentations: Bacterial, yeast and mold cultures; single and mixed cultures, propagation, maintenance and evaluation of cultures; factors affecting activity of cultures, bacteriophages, residual antibiotics and chemicals.

**Suggested Readings**

1.	Branen A.L. and Davidson, P.M. 1983. Antimicrobials in Foods. Marcel Dekker, New York.
2.	Microbiology by Pelczar, Smith & Chan.
3.	Food Microbiology by Frazier, 5 <sup>th</sup> edn, 2017. Mc. Graw Hill Education.
4.	Food microbiology by V. Ramesh, MJ Publishing. 2007.

**Course Outcomes:**

After completing the course, students will be able to:

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| 1. Understand the different types of microorganisms and their structure.                |
| 2. Understand the effect of various processing on food microbes.                        |
| 3. Understand about the food microbiology, associated health risks and HACCP system.    |
| 4. Understand the different food spoilage and its causes with detection techniques too. |
| 5. Understand the microbiology of fermentation and starter cultures.                    |