

## **UZO-571 Principles of Fish Biology-II**

**Cr. (2)**

### **Introduction:**

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### **Course Objectives:**

The objectives of the course are to:

- Provide information regarding extinct fishes.
- Impart knowledge of skeletal system of fishes.

- Make students familiar with the CNS of fishes.
- Make students understand breeding physiology of fishes.
- Make students learn about the fish biodiversity of Pakistan.

### **Course Learning Outcomes:**

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

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- Tell about the fish biodiversity of Pakistan.

### **Course Contents:**

1. **Introduction to fisheries:** Characterization of living fish groups, major groups of extinct fishes. Relationships of the major groups of fishes, primitive fishes, early jawed fishes, sharks and their relatives, bony fishes.
2. **Fish anatomy:** Skeleton. Types of skeleton (membranous, axial, appendicular skeleton). Notochord, Skull, backbone, spines; Brain and spinal cord, cranial nerves, spinal nerves.
3. **Digestion, absorption and utilization of foods:** Movement of food in the tract, intestinal surfaces, glands and digestive enzymes, absorption of digested materials
4. **Blood and circulation:** Heart and circulatory vessels
5. **Reproduction:** Sex differences, sexual maturity, reproductive cycles, breeding
6. **Integration:** The nervous system, spinal cord and spinal nerves
7. **Ecology of fishes;** Definitions, organic productivity in aquatic ecosystem. Ecological classifications of fishes, ecological factors, marine ecosystem, estuarine, ecosystem freshwater ecosystem.
8. **Freshwater fish biodiversity of Pakistan**

### **Teaching-Learning Strategies**

Teaching will be a combination of class lectures, class discussions, and group work. Short videos /films will be shown on occasion.

### **Assignments**

The sessional work will be a combination of written assignments, class quizzes, presentation, and class participation/attendance.

### **Assessments and Examination**

Sessional Work:	25 marks
Midterm Exam:	35 marks
Final term Exam:	40 marks

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Identification of freshwater fish species with the help of key. Collection and preservation of freshwater fish (optional). Study of different organs of various fish species. Study and survey of various fish collections present in museums like Natural History Museum at Islamabad; Govt. College University Museum, Lahore and Punjab University Museum, Lahore.

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