

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Course Code	: 18CIV59	CIE Marks	: 40
Lecture Hours / Week (L:T:P)	: (1:0:0)	SEE Marks	: 60
Credits	: 01	Exam Hours	: 02

Module - 1

Ecosystems (Structure and Function): Forest, Desert, Wetlands, Riverine, Oceanic and Lake.

Biodiversity: Types, Value; Hot-spots; Threats and Conservation of biodiversity, Forest Wealth, and Deforestation.

Module - 2

Advances in Energy Systems (Merits, Demerits, Global Status and Applications): Hydrogen, Solar, OTEC, Tidal and Wind.

Natural Resource Management (Concept and case-studies): Disaster Management, Sustainable Mining, Cloud Seeding, and Carbon Trading.

Module - 3

Environmental Pollution (Sources, Impacts, Corrective and Preventive measures, Relevant Environmental Acts, Case-studies): Surface and Ground Water Pollution; Noise pollution; Soil Pollution and Air Pollution.

Waste Management & Public Health Aspects: Bio-medical Wastes; Solid waste; Hazardous wastes; E-wastes; Industrial and Municipal Sludge.

Module - 4

Global Environmental Concerns(Concept, policies and case-studies):Ground water depletion/recharging, Climate Change; Acid Rain; Ozone Depletion; Radon and Fluoride problem in drinking water; Resettlement and rehabilitation of people, Environmental Toxicology.

Module - 5

Latest Developments in Environmental Pollution Mitigation Tools (Concept and Applications): G.I.S. & Remote Sensing, Environment Impact Assessment, Environmental Management Systems, ISO14001; Environmental Stewardship- NGOs.

Field work: Visit to an Environmental Engineering Laboratory or Green Building or Water Treatment Plant or Waste water treatment Plant; ought to be Followed by understanding of process and its brief documentation.

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

1. Understand the principles of ecology and environmental issues that apply to air, land, and water issues on a global scale.
2. Develop critical thinking and/or observation skills, and apply them to the analysis of a problem or question related to the environment.
3. Demonstrate ecology knowledge of a complex relationship between biotic and a biotic components.
4. Apply their ecological knowledge to illustrate and graph a problem and describe the realities that managers face when dealing with complex issues.
5. Relate to the latest Developments in Environmental Pollution Mitigation Tools.

Question paper pattern:

- The Question paper will have 100 objective questions.
- Each question will be for 01 marks
- Student will have to answer all the questions in an OMR Sheet.
- The Duration of Exam will be 2 hours.

Textbook/s

1. Environmental Studies, Benny Joseph, Tata McGraw – Hill., 2nd Edition, 2012
2. Environmental Studies, S M Prakash, Pristine Publishing House, Mangalore, 3rd Edition- 2018
3. Environmental Studies – From Crisis to Cure, R Rajagopalan, Oxford Publisher, 2005

Reference Books

1. Principles of Environmental Science and Engineering, Raman Sivakumar, Cengage learning, Singapur. 2nd Edition, 2005
2. Environmental Science – working with the Earth, G.Tyler Miller Jr., Thomson Brooks /Cole, 11th Edition, 2006
3. Text Book of Environmental and Ecology, Pratiba Sing, Anoop Singh & Piyush Malaviya, Acme Learning Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi, 1st Edition