

**SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES,
MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY , KOTTAYAM**

M.SC. Environment Science and Management

2016 onwards

Scheme

Semester I

Course	Sl .No.	Course Code	Name of the Course	Credits	Credits Required	Total Credits
Core	01	SES M I C 16 01	Ecology and Environment	2	14	20
	02	SES M I C 16 02	Environmental Geosciences	3		
	03	SES M I C 16 03	Environmental Chemistry	2		
	04	SES M I C 16 04	Environmental Pollution and Control	3		
	05	SES M I C 16 05	Research Methodology and Statistics	2		
	06	SES M I C 16 06	Lab course-I (Environmental Chemistry, Geosciences and Ecology)	2		
Elective	07	SES M I E 16 07	Natural and anthropogenic disasters	2	6	
	08	SES M I E 16 08	Energy Resources	2		
	09	SES M I E 16 09	Nature Studies-Field skills and techniques	2		
	10	SES M I E 16 10	Introduction to Remote Sensing, GNSSs and GIS	2		

Semester II

Course	Sl .No.	Course Code	Name of the Course	Credits	Credits Required	Total Credits
Core	11	SES M II C 16 11	Analytical Techniques and Instrumentation	2	16	20

	12	SES M II C 16 12	Environmental Biotechnology and Waste Management	3		
	13	SES M II C 16 13	Environmental Economics and Sustainable Development	2		
	14	SES M II C 16 14	Environmental Microbiology	2		
	15	SES M II C 16 15	Environmental Laws, Ethics, Education and Policy	2		
	16	SES M II C 16 16	Biodiversity and Conservation Biology	2		
	17	SES M II C 16 17	Lab course-II (Environmental Chemistry, Environmental microbiology, Biotechnology, RS & GIS)	2		
	18	SES M II C 16 18	Field Study	1		
Elective	19	SES M II E 16 19	Ecotoxicology	2	6/4	
	20	SES M II E 16 20	Green Chemistry and Nano Technology	2		
	21	SES M II E 16 21	Fundamentals of Management	2		

Semester III

Course	Sl .No.	Course Code	Name of the Course	Credits	Credits Required	Total Credits
Core	22	SES M III C 16 22	Environment Management	3	16	20
	23	SES M III C 16 23	Environmental Engineering	3		
	24	SES M III C 16 24	Advanced Analytical Instrumentation	2		
	25	SES M III C 16 25	Environment Impact Assessment	2		
	26	SES M III C 16 26	Advanced Geomatics and Applications	2		

	27	SES M III C 16 27	Climate Change and Governance	2		
	28	SES M III C 16 28	Group Project	2		
	29	SES M III C 16 29	Current issues and trends in Environmental Science	0		
*Open Course offered					4	

Semester IV

Course	Sl .No.	Course Code	Name of the Course	Credits	Credits Required	Total Credits
Project	30	SES M IV C 16 30	Project Work (Report/Thesis)	16	16	20
		SES M IV C 16 31	Project Course	4	4	

Credit for core Courses : 46

Credit for elective courses : 14

Credits for the Project : 20

TOTAL : 80

FIRST SEMESTER

SES 504 B Lab course-I (Environmental Chemistry, geosciences and ecology)

Environmental Chemistry

Volumetric Analysis: Basic Principles

Acidimetry and Alkalimetry—Estimation of hydrochloric acid, sodium carbonate, oxalic acid

Permanganometry- Mohrs salt, potassium permanganate

Investigatory projects: Available chlorine in bleaching powder, analysis of tea leaves, Analysis of fertilizers

Ecology

Biodiversity assessment : Quadrature method

Plankton analysis

Environmental Geosciences

Identification of rocks and minerals

Soil analysis- Physical (Texture, Bulk density, moisture content) and chemical parameters (pH, OC/OM, EC)

Wind rose

Measuring strike and dip of rock formations. Basic map reading.

Water quality

Colour, turbidity, conductivity, TDS, TSS, TS, pH, acidity, alkalinity, chloride, salinity, hardness, DO, BOD

Noise analysis

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Maria Csuros and Csaba Csuros, Environmental Sampling and Analysis for Metals, Lewis Publishers

Miroslav Radojevic and Vladimir N Bashkin, Practical Environmental Analysis, RSC Publishing
Conklin Alfred R. Introduction to Soil chemistry, analysis and Instrumentation, Jhonwiley&Sons
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SES 532 B Ecology & Environment

The course would enable the students to:

Understand the concepts of Ecology and Environment

Study the structure, organisation and processes in ecosystem

Understand the structural and functional aspects of a population as an ecological unit

Explain the concept of biological community, changes and interactions within
community

1.1 Introduction

Basic concepts of Environment –

Multidisciplinary approach

Basic concepts - Science, Matter and Energy

Evolution of earth, origin of species, diversity and distribution of species

Global environmental issues – an introduction

1.2 Ecology

Definition, History of ecology, Subdivisions, Ecology and other subjects. Fundamental ecological variables

Ecosystems: Definition, Components, Structure and function, Size of Ecosystem,

Classification of ecosystems

Comparative Ecosystem Ecology

1.3 Population Ecology

Definition, Structure and Measures

Population Growth, Population

regulation Strategies of species

survivability Population Genetics

Human Population

1.4 Community Ecology

Concepts, Community gradients, Characters of community

Ecological Succession and climax Community

Organization Interactions between species

Stress Ecology and Adaptation

1.5 Applied Ecology

Estimating Abundance Species diversity measures

Diversity indices

Mathematical ecology : Ecoinformatics

Museology

Taxonomy and Biosystematics

Biomass productivity and estimation techniques

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SES 533 Environmental Geosciences

Objective

1. To create the awareness that geology is a process-based unified field of science
2. To enable deciphering of processes through study of earth features
3. To appreciate the concepts of geologic time and to view earth as a system
4. To build up the basic vocabulary of geology and the underlying concepts.

Unit 1 The Earth System

The Scientific Method – Earth as a System of Interacting Components - Geologic Time - The Geologic Record – Evolution of life

Plate Tectonics: Interior of the earth- – Plate mosaic – Rates of plate motion – Plate reconstruction – Mantle convection

Basic geological processes-Mountain building, volcanic eruption, seafloor spreading

Geological Time Scale, Stratigraphic time and absolute time. Origin of the solar system

Paleoenvironment and its significance

Tropical, Temperate and Polar systems –physical variations and significance

Unit 2 Materials of the earth

Minerals – Atomic structure of minerals – Rock-forming minerals – Physical properties of

Minerals

Rocks: igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary - Origin – The rock cycle

Characteristics of different types of rocks

Rock deformation: folds, faults and joints

Weathering and erosion: physical, chemical weathering of Soil.

Resources and reserves - Minerals and Population - Marine minerals-

Fossil fuels – formation and significance

Unit 3 Geomorphology

Geomorphology-basics

Geomorphology of India and Kerala: Brief description of different important units

Rivers & Streams: Valley, channel, floodplain, drainage network, drainage basin.

Glaciers– types and characteristics

River morphology –morphological parameters and its environmental significance; meanders, oxbow lake etc.

Sedimentary environment

Unit 4 Oceans and coasts

Origin and composition of sea water. Ocean and coastal ecosystems – Types and formationestuaries, backwaters, coral reefs, Islands , Fjords

Ocean currents and circulation, Shoreline process – wave erosion, deposition or accretion; modification of shorelines;

Unit 5 GROUND WATER IN THE ENVIRONMENT

Hydrological cycle-

Aquifers – types and properties, water table

Ground water recharge-recharge areas-discharge areas-

Ground water movement -base flow-measurement

Effect of pumping wells on ground water table-

Methods of ground water abstraction ---undesirable side effects of over exploitation-threats to groundwater system-physical destruction of aquifers-groundwater depletion-degradation of ground water quality-point source of contamination-diffuse source of contamination- aquifer vulnerability-aquifer over exploitation-

Sustainable groundwater development-ground water estimation-groundwater management-over exploited, critical and semi critical areas-ground water act in Kerala--artificial ground water recharge

Unit 6 Lithosphere and Atmosphere

Structure and composition of the atmosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere.

Interaction between lithosphere and atmosphere: Winds, Precipitation etc.

Wind – types and formation, role in transportation, erosion, deposition

Precipitation – rainfall, snow fall.

Humidity and radiation

Monsoon, El Nino, Droughts, Tropical Cyclones

Atmospheric stability, inversions and mixing heights, wind rose

Unit 7 Resources and the Environment

Environmental impacts of mineral resource extraction and processing,

Sand mining – river and terrestrial ; Impacts on physical and biological systems

Quarrying, Clay mining and destruction of hillocks – impacts

Geological issues in the disposal of domestic waste and industrial waste

Shoreline activities and impacts

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5. Stewart RH 2007 Introduction to Physical Oceanography 353 p

(http://oceanworld.tamu.edu/home/course_book.htm) Accessed 13 Sept

SES 534 A : Environmental chemistry

Unit I

Definition. principles and scope of Environmental Science. Chemistry and the Environment, Earth. Man and Environment. Water and the hydrosphere, Air and the atmosphere, Energy and cycles of energy, Chemical fate and transport.

Unit-II

Mass and Energy transfer across the various interfaces, material balance. First and Second law of thermodynamics. heat transfer' processes, Fundamentals of Environmental Chemistry.; Stoichiometry, Gibbs' energy. Chemical potential; chemical equilibria, acid· base reaction. solubility product, solubility of gases in water, the carbonate system. Unsaturated and saturated hydrocarbons" radionuclide's.

Unit III

The atmosphere and atmospheric chemistry, Energy transfer in atmosphere, Global climate and microclimate, chemical and photochemical reactions in the atmosphere, reactions of atmospheric oxygen, composition of Air : Classification of elements, chemical speciation. Particles, ions and radicals in the atmosphere. Chemical processes for formation of inorganic and organic particulate matter. Chemistry of air pollutants, Photochemical smog.

Unit IV

Fundamentals of aquatic chemistry, The importance of water, The properties of water, gases in water, Calcium and other metals in water, Polyphosphates and phosphonates in water, concept of DO, BOD, COD, sedimentation, coagulation, filtration, Redox potential.

Unit V

Soil Chemistry : Nature and composition of soil, Inorganic and organic components of soil, acid base and ion exchange reactions in soils, macro and micronutrients in soil, Nitrogen pathways, NPK in soils.

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Air Pollution, M. N. Rao and H V N Rao, McGRAW HILL

[Principles of Environmental Chemistry](#), James Girard

[Green Engineering: Environmentally Conscious Design of Chemical Processes](#), David T. Allen

[Chemistry Fundamentals: An Environmental Perspective \(2nd Edition\)](#), Phyllis Buell

SES 535 A ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND CONTROL

The course would help the students to :

- *Understand the sources and impacts of pollution of various environmental matrices*
- *Explain the fate and transport of various pollutants*
- *Learn methods for the analysis of various pollutants*

- *Understand the environmental monitoring techniques and quality standards*
- *Understand the different pollution control measures*

Unit I : Air Pollution and management

Natural and anthropogenic sources of pollution. Primary and Secondary pollutants. Transport and diffusion of pollutants. Gas laws governing the *behavior* of pollutants in the atmosphere. Indoor air pollution, Methods of monitoring and control of air pollution SO₂ , NO, CO, SPM. Effects of pollutants on human beings, plants, animals, materials and on climate. Acid Rain. Smog, Air quality Standards, Air Sampling techniques. Identification of aeroallergens. Air-borne diseases and allergies.

Unit II : Water Pollution and management

Types of water pollution-surface and ground water, Origin and Sources, Nutrients and Eutrophication, Organic matter - sources and degradation, Microbial pollution, Coastal and Marine pollution-Oil spills, Thermal pollution, Movements of contaminants in ground water , Impacts of water pollution, Heavy metals and other POPs in aquatic systems cycling and interactions, Water quality parameters-physical, chemical and biological, Management of point and non-point sources of water pollution, Monitoring of quality parameters, Sampling and analysis, Water quality standards, Tracers – dyes and isotopes in pollution monitoring, water pollution control.

Unit III: Soil Pollution and management

Soil quality parameters , sampling, Physico-chemical analysis of soil quality. Soil Pollution Control. Industrial waste effluents and heavy metals, their interactions with soil components. Soil micro-organisms and their functions, Degradation of different insecticides, fungicides and weedicides in soil. Different kinds of, synthetic fertilizers (NP & K) and their interactions with different components of soil.

Unit V: Noise Pollution and Management

Characteristics of noise, sources, Effects of noise, Standards, Measurement and control

Unit VI : Radioactive pollution

Radioactivity in the environment – natural and anthropogenic, Nuclear weapons, nuclear waste, Impacts on the environment, Management of radioactive waste

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Trivedi P R Gurdeep Raj , Noise pollution, Akash deep Publishing House New Delhi

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University Press Oxford

SES 536: Research methodology and Statistics

I. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

1.1 **Meaning-** Objectives- motivation- Significances of research, Types of research, Research methods and methodology, Research and Scientific Method, Criteria of Good research, Problems of researcher

1.2 **Selection of the problem:** Criteria for selection of problem and evaluating problems, Statement of problem formulation and definition.

1.3 **Research design:** Meaning, need for research design, Features and important concepts relating to research design, Different research design, Basic principles of experimental design.

1.4 **Survey of literature:** Different methods of surveying literature, different sources of information, internet, search engines, web sites, recording surveying information.

1.5 **Hypothesis:** Nature, types and sources of hypothesis, characteristics of a good hypothesis.

1.6 **Sampling:** Unit of sampling, population: techniques, characteristics of good samples, sampling errors and ways to reduce them.

1.7 **Collection and analysis and interpretation of data:** Procedure of data collection, scoring of data, tabulation, editing and analysis and interpretation of data.

1.8 **Research Report:** Composition, pagination, Title pages, Systems of indicating references, Bibliography, Appendices.

1.9. **Mini project** for data analysis

II. Statistics

Unit 2: Fundamental Statistics

2.1. **Introduction** – Importance and limitation.

2.2 **Classification and Tabulation** of data

2.3 **Graphical Representation**

2.4 **Measures of Central Tendencies** – Mean, Median and Mode

2.5 **Measures of Dispersion** - Range, Standard Deviation and Co-efficient of Variation

2.6 **Moments, Skewness and Kurtosis**

2.7 **Correlation and Regression** – Scatter diagrams – Karl Pearson's Coefficient of correlation – Rank correlation – Linear and Curvilinear regressions.

2.8 **Probability** – Frequency approach- Addition and multiplication theorems- Binomial, Poisson and Normal Distribution- Probit analysis (Graphic Method only)

2.9 **Testing of Hypothesis:** Null and Alternative Hypothesis – Two types of error – Level of significance Test based on t, Z, F, Chi –square and Analysis of Variance – one-way, two-way, three-way analysis.

Unit 3 Application of Computer in Statistics

Data analysis using packages - SPSS

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SES 537: Natural and Anthropogenic Disasters

Unit 1 Disaster Management Concepts and Field of Study

2.1 Introduction to key concepts, terminologies and their complexities (Hazard, vulnerability, Exposure, Risk, Crisis, emergencies, Vulnerability, Disasters, Resilience) Types and classifications of disasters-Natural and Human made, Anthropogenic, Chemical, Biological etc., Impact of disasters,

2.1 Disaster management Spectrum and its components

2.3 Scope of DM and Disaster Management Cycle

Unit 2 Disasters and Development – Introduction

1.2 Relationship between disasters and development, implications. History of disaster

Response strategies

1.2 Disasters, Poverty and Development. Global challenges and trends of Disasters

1.3 Disaster Management: The interaction of Earth system and Human System

1.4 1. Disaster Risk Management - key concerns. Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Reduction to developmental efforts.

1.5 Geography and dimensions of Disasters- global out look.

Unit 3 Environment and Disasters

3.1 Science and Facts of Natural Hazards. Earth's processes as disasters: Internal and external Characteristics. Causal factors and characteristics of disasters.

3.2 Disaster typology and Classification.

3.3 Water and climate related disasters

3.4 Geologically related Disasters

3.5 Biologically related Disasters

3.6 Chemical, Industrial and Nuclear related Disasters

3.7 Accident related Disasters

3.8 Climate change and Disasters

Unit 4 International Disaster management System

4.1 Organizations, bodies and Finance. International Strategies and functions. United Nations role in Disaster management.

4.2 International Disaster management support system. Unified response strategy

4.3 Mapping Disasters using global datasets. National and international information networks and inventories.

Unit 5 Disaster Management in Indian Context

5.1 Major Disasters in India. National Vulnerability profile

5.2 National Disaster management Hierarchy and Institutionalisation

5.3 National Disaster Decision support system. Technological applications. Role of Research Organisations.

5.4 Challenges of disasters in India

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SES: 538 Energy Resources

Unit I: Introduction

- 1.1 Fundamentals of energy, work, power and units
- 1.2 Energy transformations – laws of thermodynamics
- 1.3 Flow of energy and cycle of matter in the human ecosystem: Energy for household, industrial and agricultural uses.
- 1.4 History and geography of energy development and energy related pollution
- 1.5 Concepts of Conventional, Non-conventional, Renewable, Non-renewable and Alternate energy resources.

Unit II: Non-renewable Energy Resources

- 2.1 Fossil fuels: Coal, Pete, Oil, Oil shale, Tar sands, Natural gas
- 2.2 Non-fossil fuels: Nuclear power
- 2.3 Ecological and social impacts (Advantages and Disadvantages) of major thermal and nuclear power plants
- 2.4 Management of energy projects and its environmental impacts

2.5 Environmental impacts of non-renewable energy resources

Unit III: Renewable Energy Resources

3.1 Solar Energy: Technique for harvesting solar energy, direct utilization of solar energy by thermal conversion thermo-mechanical conversion, Helio-electric conversion, Photo-voltaic conversion, indirect utilization through water power Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC), Solar ponds.

3.2 Wind resources: Mapping of wind resources area, wind power stations, wind turbines – types, efficiency: Betz limit

3.3 Geothermal sources, Tidal energy and Ocean waves- Possibilities and limitations

3.4 Biomass based energy- Biogas systems, petro-plants, dendrothermal energy

3.5 Environmental impacts of renewable resources

Unit IV: Energy Resources in India

4.1 Fuel wood

4.2 Fossil fuel- coal, oil natural gas

4.3 Hydropower

4.4 Nuclear power

4.5 Renewable energy resources in India: Thermal energy, solar energy, wind energy, biomass based energy and other renewable energy sources (tidal, ocean waves and geothermal)

Unit V: Energy, Environment and Development

5.1 Environmental pollution associated with energy generation and consumption process

5.2 Energy pricing techniques for controlling environmental problems (air pollution)

Unit VI: Energy Auditing

6.1 Types of audits- walk through energy audit, intermediate energy audit, and comprehensive energy audit

6.2 Recommended practices

6.3 Performing the energy audit- details- computer simulation, developing the report

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SES 548: Introduction to Remote Sensing, GNSSs and GIS

Unit 1: Geodetical aspects, mapping concepts and surveying

Earth System – Geodesy: Datum/Spheroids and coordinate systems, map projection - different projections and their characteristics

Features on the earth's surface: their basic properties – discrete vs continuous and geometries of representation

Cartography: Maps – their characteristics and elements, types - Basic surveying principles and techniques: EDMs and GNSSs; GNSSs – segments, various constellations, errors, differential correction and precise positioning

Map reading and interpretation

Global, national and state mapping agencies and their authorized reference maps – general & thematic

Unit 2: Remote sensing: Introduction

Remote sensing system – components and principles – platforms, sensors, medium, target, interactions and their characteristics including various resolutions, concept of DN value, radiance, reflectance, emission

Electromagnetic spectrum - energy interaction with atmosphere and earth surface, atmospheric windows, spectral properties of various objects on the earth's surface and the concept of spectral signature, active and passive remote sensing

Space borne earth observation: various orbits and their characteristics, operations, image acquisition and various data products

Indian remote sensing programme & Other satellites and sensors like Landsat, SPOT, etc.

Unit 3 Digital Image Processing: Basics

Various image formats, loading and visualization – panchromatic and multispectral colour visualization – TCC and FCCs

Image restoration – geometric, radiometric – atmospheric errors and their correction

Image enhancements – single band, multiband operations – layer stacking, ratioing and various indices, PCT, TCT, resolution merging/image fusion

Image interpretation – visual and digital; visual interpretation elements and key

Digital image classification – unsupervised and supervised; accuracy assessment

Unit 4 Geographical Information System (GIS): Basics

Concepts, components and organisation of GIS

Representing & modelling spatial features and processes - vector and raster structures, relationship between features – topology; raster data compressions and storage formats

Non-spatial/attribute Database Management Systems (DBMS), significance of DBMS, principles, data types, models – RDBMS, data storage, query and retrieval

Basic GIS functions: data inputting methods & various data sources, data management, data manipulation and geographic analysis and output presentation

Unit 5 GIS: Geographic analysis and modelling

Exploration, query, vector spatial analysis & geoprocessing – extraction, proximity, overlay

Network analysis – route, trace, closest facility, allocation

Raster based spatial modeling and analysis – density, distance, map algebra – arithmetic & weighted overlay: multi-criteria decision making

Surface modeling and analysis: DEM creation – input sources, interpolation; slope, aspect, volume, profile, hillshade, viewshed, visibility, contouring

SECOND SEMESTER

SES 512 B Lab course- II (Environmental Chemistry, Environmental Microbiology, Biotechnology, Biotechnology, RS & GIS)

Water quality

Chemical parameters : COD, Sulphate, Sulphide, Potassium, Iron, Nutrients (Nitrite, Nitrate, TN, Phosphate), metals

Environmental microbiology

- Preparation and sterilisation of bacteriological media – use of autoclave and hot air oven for sterilisation
- Isolation and enumeration of microorganisms in environmental samples (soil and water)
- Pure culture techniques – quadrant streaking, continuous streaking methods
- Use of compound microscope
- Staining techniques – Simple stain, Gram stain
- Endospore staining
- Detection of bacterial motility – hanging drop method, use of semi solid agar
- Basic biochemical test for characterisation of bacteria – Oxidase test and catalase test and oxidation/ fermentation (O/F) test
- Water quality testing – MPN method to detect total coliforms, faecal coliforms and faecal streptococci
- Membrane filter technique to detect faecal coliforms in water and *Escherichia coli*
- Indole, Methyl Red (MR), Voges-Proskauer and Citrate (IMViC)

tests for the characterisation of E. coli

Soil/sediment quality

Available Nitrogen, Total Nitrogen, Available Phosphorous, Available potassium, metals

Air quality

SO_x, NO_x, CO, SPM, RPM

Remote sensing & GIS

1. Map reading and interpretation
2. Surveying and map making using various EDMs including GNSSs receivers
3. In-situ spectral data collection using the hand-held spectro-radiometer
4. Introduction to various proprietary and open source free software packages: ERDAS Imagine, IDRISI, ENVI, ILWIS, ArcGIS, QGIS
5. Inputting spatial data through scanning (existing conventional maps) – various resolutions (DPI) and saving in different image formats
6. Importing satellite images and scanned raster images
7. Subset creation: spatial & spectral
8. Georeferencing using GCPs
9. Projection and datum transformations

10. Image visualizations: panchromatic and creation of various colour composites – Std. FCC, FCCs, TCC
11. DN to radiance, surface reflectance and TOA reflectance conversions
12. Radiometric corrections: haze removal, dark pixel subtraction, pixel filling, de-striping
13. Atmospheric correction using FLAASH in ENVI
14. Geometric correction – georeferencing
15. Image enhancements: contrast stretching, spatial filtering, band ratioing/band math and indices, PCT, TCT
16. Resolution merging/ image fusion
17. Visual interpretation of images using Std. FCC and interpretation elements through on-screen vectorisation
18. Database design, Vectorization & editing and attribute encoding
19. Topology creation and error identification
20. Error correction through topological and common editing
21. Exploration of the database using find, identify, hyperlink tools
22. Querying the database using various selection tools including Boolean logic.

Complex queries using various logical connectors such as OR, NOR, XOR, NOT, AND

23. Proximity analysis: BUFFER, NEAR, POINTDISTANCE
24. Overlay analysis: UNION, IDENTITY, INTERSECT, SYMDIFF,

CLIP, ERASE, SPLIT

25. Management operations: DISSOLVE, ELIMINATE, MERGE, MOSAIC
26. Network analysis: ND creation including multimodal, Routing, Tracing, Allocation, Closest facility
27. Interpolation & surface model generation: IDW, Kriging, Spline etc., DEM/DTM, Terrain creation using TIN or GRID interpolation
28. Surface visualisation and visual analysis: Draping, Colour relief, Hillshade, ViewShed, Visibility
29. Surface analysis using DEM/DTM: Slope, Aspect, Volume – Cut/Fill, Profile, Contouring
30. Hydrological analysis: Flow Direction, Flow Accumulation, Stream, Basin
31. Density analysis: point, line
32. Multi-criteria decision making: reclassification, map/raster algebra – arithmetic & weighted overlay
33. Distance analysis: Straight-line Euclidean, Cost Weighted Distance
34. Least Cost Path analysis
35. Importing and collecting data, satellite images from various open source web GIS platforms: Bhuvan, IndiaWRIS, NSDI-IndiaGeoportal, NNRMS portal, BhooSampada, IBIN, BIS, Sahyadri, GoogleEarth, NOEDA, UN Spider, WorldClim etc.

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Christian Gary D, Analytical Chemistry, JhonWiley & Sons NewYork

SES 513A: Environmental Microbiology

Unit I: Microorganisms in the environment (10 Hrs)

Ubiquity of microorganisms in the environment – general account of microorganisms in the environment – bacteria, fungi, protists, algae and viruses - characteristic features and their role in the environment.

Morphology and ultrastructure of bacteria – plasma membrane, cell wall, flagella , pili, capsule, slime layer, glycolcalyx, nucleoid, ribosomes, cytoplasmic inclusions. Basis of Gram staining.

Unit II: Isolation and characterisation of bacteria from the environment (Hrs.)

Isolation of bacteria from the environment – pour plate and streak plate method. Use of different media and culture techniques.

Pure culture techniques – streak plate method – quadrant streak and continuous streak methods. Maintenance of bacteria on agar slants and long term preservation as glycerol stock.

Outline of microbial taxonomy – phenetic and phylogenetic classification. Bergey's manual of determinative bacteriology

Unit III – Microbial nutrition and growth (Hrs.)

Nutritional diversity among prokaryotes – various types of autotrophy and heterotrophy among bacteria. Nutritional requirements – macronutrients, micronutrients and trace elements in microbial nutrition. Culture media – complex and synthetic media. Use of specialized media (selective media, selective and differential media) for the isolation of specific microorganisms.

Microbial growth – cytological and population growth – factors affecting growth of bacteria. Characteristic features of bacteria growth curve. Continuous culture systems – chemostat and turbidostat.

Physical and chemical control of bacterial growth – disinfectants, antibacterial agents, antibiotics and chemotherapeutic agents

Unit IV: Microorganisms and the environment

Microbial community and important microorganisms in soil, fresh water and marine environments
- Role of microorganisms in biogeochemical cycles with special reference to carbon, nitrogen, phosphorus and sulphur cycles

Foreign derived microorganisms in the environment – fate and survival. Genetically modified microorganisms in the environment – fate and effects.

Microorganisms in extreme environments – Archaeobacteria – Psychrophiles, Thermophiles, Halophiles, Barophiles, Methanogenes etc.

Water borne pathogens – diseases caused and symptoms – routes of infection and control measures. Microbial indicators of water quality – coliforms, faecal coliforms, Escherichia coli and faecal streptococci. Waste water treatment

Soil microbial communities and their association with plants – bipartite and tripartite associations
- rhizosphere microflora, mycorrhizae – ecto and endomycorrhizae – VAM – actinorrhizae

Unit V: Genetically engineered microorganisms and their applications in the environment

Prokaryotic DNA and its characteristic features - Recombinant DNA techniques – restriction endonucleases and cloning vectors – plasmids, cosmids, phagemids etc.

Polymerase chain

reaction (PCR) technique for amplification and detection of specific genes

Application of genetically engineered organisms in the clean-up of the environment – bioremediation strategies for polluted soil and water ecosystems.

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SES 540 ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUES AND INSTRUMENTATION (3 credits)

UNIT-1

Significant figures, Accuracy and precision, Types of errors- random and systematic errors, Standard deviation

UNIT-2

Gravimetric methods: Mechanism of formation of precipitates, Characteristics of ideal precipitate, Methods to improve filterability and minimizing adsorbed impurities, Precipitation from homogeneous solutions, Organic and inorganic precipitating agents, Application of gravimetric methods.

UNIT-3

Volumetric methods: Molarity, Normality, Standard solutions, End point, Acid-base titrations – titration curves, theory of indicators, Complexometric titrations-EDTA titrations-applications, Iodometry, Iodimetry, Colorimetric titrations.

UNIT-4

Spectrochemical methods: Microwave, IR, Electronic, Raman, NMR and ESR spectroscopy-principle; AAS, SEM, TEM- instrumentation and applications,

Wavelength selectors: Filters and Monochromators, Radiation detectors and Transducers

UNIT-5

Radiation detectors: Dosimetry, Geiger Muller Counter, Scintillation Counter; Electrochemical Methods: pH meter- Glass and reference electrodes, Conductivity meter

UNIT-6

Chromatographic Techniques: Paper Chromatography, Thin Layer Chromatography, Column Chromatography, Gas-Liquid Chromatography (GC), High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC), GC-MS, LC-MS, LC-MS/MS.

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SES 541: Environmental Economics and Sustainable Development

UNIT I Environmental Economics

- 1.1 From economics to Environmental Economics
- 1.2 Definition and scope of Environmental Economics
- 1.3 Externalities- types and importance problem of second best and solution to Externality - Market failure - Solution.
- 1.4 Properties of public goods - Coase theorem-Common pool resources Tragedy of commons.
- 1.5 Basic theories of EE - Material Balance Approach and law of entropy.

1.6 Welfare aspects of Environmental Economics - Principle of maximum social welfare

- Pareto Criterion

1.7 Environment Cost- Benefit Analysis (CBA)

UNIT II Sustainable Development

2.1 From problems to crises- Depletion of resources and degradation of environment

2.2 From modern development to Sustainable Development - WCED

2.3 Strategies and Policies for SD.

2.4 Sustainable human development index, Sustainability pillars

2.5 Gandhian model of SD

2.6 Definition, Importance of sustainable production and consumption

UNIT III Sustainable Consumption

3.1 Definition, importance, relevance for developing countries Difference between Sustainable Consumption from Sustainable Development and Sustainable Production - key issues -UN Guidelines Sustainable Consumption

3.2 Sustainable Consumption Tools

3.3 Sustainable living and values

UNIT IV Education for Environment and Sustainable Development

4.1 Environmental education

4.2 Education for Sustainable Development

4.3 Education for sustainable consumption

4.4 Eco – School

4.5 Mini project on resource consumption and conservation

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SES 542: Environmental Laws, Ethics, Education and Policy

Unit I Introduction

- 1.1 Brief History of Environmental Regulations in the World up to 1990.
- 1.2 Role of UN Environmental Policies and Laws, Stockholm Declaration – 1972:
Hague Declaration – 1989; Rio Declaration – 1992.
- 1.3 Fundamental Principles of International environmental Laws.

Unit 2 Environmental Policy in India

- 2.1 Environmental Legislation Protection Laws in India – Ancient and Pre- Independence.
- 2.2 Forest policies and Legislation in Pre – independence Period.
- 2.3 Environmental Legislation in Post – Independence Period.
- 2.4 Constitutional and Legislative Provisions in India.
- Fundamental principle; 42nd Amendment Act; Direct Principles
 - Fundamental Rights,
 - Environmental Legislations (General)
 - Environmental Protection Act of 1986
- 2.5 Judicial Remedies and Procedures.

· Tort Law, Public Nuisance , Public Interest Litigation, Freedom of information 2.6 Forest Law, Public Nuisance, Public interest Litigations, Freedom of Information **Unit 3 Laws Relating to control of Pollution and Environment in India.**

3.1 Water Act and Related Acts, Rules and Regulations.

3.2 Air Act – Related Acts, Rules and Regulations

3.3 Noise and Land Pollution Rules and Regulations

3.4 Rules and Notification made under Environmental (Protect) Act 1986 – Rules of Hazardous Microorganisms. Bio–medical waste, Recycled Plastics, Ozone Depleting Substances, Solid Waste Management, etc.

3.5 Forest and Wild Life Protection Act and Rules.

Unit 4 International Organisation, Conservations and Protocols

4.1 United Nations, GEMS, UNEP, GEF, WCN etc.

4.2 Antarctica Convention, Stockholm Convention, Rio Conference and Conventions, Ramsar Conevention, Kyoto Protocol, Rio+10 earth Watch Green Peace etc.

Unit 5 Information, Education and Communication

5.1 Environmental education/awareness, lifestyle changes and consumerism. Values and ethics, Gaia hypothesis

5.2 Information Networks – ENVIS Centers – INFOTERA etc.

5.3 Role of NGO's in the Implementation of Environmental Policies.

Communication and Management.

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SES 544 A ECOTOXICOLOGY

Unit I Toxicants and ecosystem

Toxicants – organic and inorganic,

Toxicants – entry into the environment, cycles and residence time

Transboundary movement of pollutants- factors affecting

Global environmental pollutants

Routes of exposure to humans – food, occupation, environment

Unit II Toxicants and their effects

Effects of toxicants on populations and communities

Toxicity of pesticides, metals, radioactive minerals, fluorides, chemical fertilizers and air pollutants – cellular and molecular level

Damage process and action of toxicants – exposure, uptake, transport, storage, mechanism of action in plants and mammals

Toxicants in the food chain- Accumulation and magnification

Multilevel trophic interactions and non-trophic interactions

Acute and chronic effects

Occupational hazards and diseases

Toxicity of biohazards

Unit III Toxicity testing and indicators

Principles of toxicity testing, Factors to be considered in toxicity testing

Methods of toxicity evaluation at cellular and molecular level by in vitro and in vivo methods

Ecotoxicological testing methods – single species testing, microcosms etc.

Bioindicators , lacustrine communities as indicators of ecosystem stress

Biosensors– concept and approach

Biomarkers- classification, relationship of biomarkers to adverse effects

Unit IV Sanitation, Health and Hygiene

Sanitation and Health- introduction and Current situation

Water and sanitation related diseases, respiratory infections, under nutrition

Successful approaches to sanitation-strategies

Role of health sector

Global experience in improving sanitation and hygiene

Climate change and diseases

Epidemiology and health ecology

Epidemiological diseases due to pollution problems

Health effects of cosmetics and drugs

Health risk assessment of toxic chemicals

Ecological risk assessment

Unit V Food Security

Concept of food security, food systems and public health, interrelation between diet, food production, the environment, population and resources, Toxicants in food

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SES 545 A : Green Chemistry and NanoTechnology [Elective : 2 Credits]

Unit 1

Introduction and need for green chemistry; Principles of green chemistry; percentage atom utilization and percentage atom economy; rearrangement, addition, substitution and elimination reactions; examples of catalytic reactions.

Unit 2

Planning green synthesis; evaluation of rearrangement, addition, substitution, elimination and pericyclic reactions for green reactions; selection of solvents; selection of starting materials; use of protecting groups; use of catalyst and low energy reactions.

Unit 3

Alternate approach to solvent chemistry; solvent free reactions; microwave assisted synthesis; ionic liquids as an ecofriendly solvent; supercritical fluid extraction as a cleaner technology.

Unit 4

Green technologies: catalytic reactions; alternate waste treatment technologies:

Advanced Oxidation Technologies for waste water treatment , Phycoremediation, Sustainable sanitation

Unit 5

Introduction to nanotechnology – particle size, surface area and quantum dots ; synthesis and fabrication – nano scale metal oxides, Carbon nanotubes , nanocomposites., Green nanosynthesis- types , methods and advantages; nanotechnology as a tool for sustainability, health and safety.

Unit 6

Characterization of nano particles for structural and chemical nature. Environmental applications of nano materials –ground water remediation, water purification, absorbent, membrane process, nano sensors, detection of pesticides and trace metal ions, environmental monitoring, social implications of nanoscience and technology.

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SES 549: Biodiversity and Conservation Biology

The course would enable the students to:

Understand the concepts of Biodiversity and conservation biology

Study the structure, significance and threat of biodiversity

Understand the various initiatives for biodiversity conservation

Explain the concept of human ecology, natural history, legal and policy aspects of conservation science

Unit 1 Biodiversity - An introduction

- The evolution of biodiversity
- Theories and Concepts of Biodiversity

- Origin of species/speciation
- The distribution of biodiversity in macroscale
- Species interactions and biodiversity

Unit 2 Biodiversity

- Levels of Biodiversity
- Genetic diversity, species diversity, Eco-system diversity, alpha, beta, gamma
- Global and Regional biodiversity
- Threats to Biological Diversity – Habitat Degradation, Fragmentation, Global Climate Change, over extraction, over abundance, alien and invasive species, diseases, pollution
- Endangered and Threatened species, IUCN, Red Data Book

Unit 3 Biodiversity Conservation in Practice

- Global Conservation initiatives – Biodiversity hot spots, Conservation in South and Southeast Asia,
- National Conservation Action Plan,
- Landscape-level Conservation
- Conservation Strategies
- In situ and ex situ conservation

Unit 4 Introduction to Conservation Biology

- History, Concepts and

Background

- Biogeography of India
- Western Ghats
- Wild life biology
- Restoration biology

Unit 5 Natural History

- Natural History in India

- Animal Behaviour

- General Entomology, Ornithology, Mammalogy, Ichthyology, Herpetology

- Basic understanding of common flora in Southern Western Ghats

Unit 6 Human Ecology

- Environmental History and Conservation Movements

- People and Nature: Ecosystem services

- Indigenous communities and Ethnobiology

- Human-wildlife Conflict

Unit 7 : Conservation – Legal and policy framework

- International treaties - Convention on Biological diversity, CITES, TRAFFIC - Legal aspects of conservation in India.
- Biopiracy – causes and effects

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SES 510 A: ENVIRONMENTAL BIOTECHNOLOGY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT [3 credits]

Unit I : Cell Technology and Biotechnology

- 1.1 Cell : Structure and function – Prokaryotes and Eukaryotes. Nucleic Acids, Central dogma - Protein synthesis, rDNA technology. Fermentation Technology.
- 1.2 Plant tissue culture techniques
- 1.3 Environmental Biotechnology: an overview.

Unit II : Biotechnological Methods in Pollution Control

- 2.1 Air pollution control : Bio-desulphurisation of coal, Green belts.
- 2.2 Water pollution control : Aerobic and Anaerobic wastewater treatment

Systems.

2.3 Bioremediation : Soil / land contaminated with oil spills, PCBs, PAHs;

Bioremediation technology; Phytoremediation

2.4 Biosensors : Concept and principle ,Biosensors for environmental monitoring

Unit III : Emerging Trends in Environmental Biotechnology

3.1 Agrobiotechnology : Plant genetic engineering – role of rDNA technique;
transgenic plants - GM crops, Biopesticides and Biofertilizers

3.2 Ecological Engineering : Constructed / Artificial wetlands, Nutrient Film

Technique (NFT).

3.2 Biodegradable plastics – PHBs and PHAs

Unit IV : Solid Waste Management

4.1 Municipal Solid Waste : Types, sources , properties and impacts

4.2 Techniques for treatment / processing : Concept of three ' R ' s, Thermal

processes – incineration, Pyrolysis, RDF. Biological processes – Anaerobic
digestion, Composting and vermicomposting.

4.3 Disposal techniques : Landfills – design , operation and management.

4.4 Hazardous waste management.

4.5 Concept of Zero waste

Unit V : Ecological Sanitation

5.1 Conventional sanitation : a linear flow system – its limitations

5.2 Eco San –Circular flow and closing the loop : concept, goals and advantages

5.3 Eco San for human night soil management : Dry Toilets, Composting Toilets
UDDT,UDFT.

5.4 Grey water management

5.5 Eco San - Human Health and Food Security

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Third Semester

SES: 522A ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

Unit I: Introduction

1.1 Environmental Engineering and Environmental Systems

1.1.1 Water resource management

1.1.2 Air resource management

1.2 Solid waste management systems

1.3 Mass-balance approach to problem solving.

Unit II: Water Resource Management: Water and Wastewater Treatment

2.1 Water quality studies

2.1.1 Sampling technique

2.1.2 Sampling devices

2.1.3 Sample preservation

2.1.4 Physical – Chemical and biological examination of water

2.1.5 Water quality standards

2.2 Water treatment

2.2.1 Filter plants

2.2.1.1 Mixing and flocculation, Coagulation, Jar test

2.2.1.2 Softening – lime soda and ion exchange process

2.2.1.3 Filtration – slow, rapid and high – rate sand filters

2.2.1.4 Disinfection – Chlorination, Ozonation and UV application

2.3 Wastewater treatment

2.3.1 Municipal sewage treatment

2.3.1.1 Basic treatment processes and flow- sheets

2.3.1.2 Waste flow rates and their assessment

2.3.2 Unit operations of pre-treatment and primary treatment

2.3.2.1 Bar racks, grit chambers, communitors, equalization and sedimentation

2.3.2.2 Design concepts

2.3.3 Secondary treatment: Biological unit processes

2.3.3.1 Nature and kinetics of biological growth

2.3.3.2 Aerobic activated sludge process and its various modification.

2.3.3.3 Oxidation ponds

2.3.3.4 Attached growth systems – trickling filters

2.3.3.5 Rotating biological contactors (RBCs)

2.3.4 Anaerobic waste =water treatment systems

2.3.4.1 Evolution of high – rate anaerobic reactors – CSTRs

2.3.4.2 Up flow anaerobic filters (UAFs)

2.3.4.3 UASBs, Expanded / Fluidised bed reactors

2.3.5 Chemical unit process

2.3.5.1 Precipitation

2.3.5.2 Coagulation

2.3.5.3 Disinfection

2.3.6 Tertiary / Advanced treatment system

2.3.6.1 Filtration

2.3.6.2 Adsorption

2.3.6.3 Nitrogen and phosphorous removal

2.3.6.4 Biological nutrient removal (BNR) system

2.3.7 Land treatment – Slow rate, overland flow, rapid infiltration

Unit III: Air Resource Management: Air quality studies

3.1 Air quality standards

3.1.1 Micro and macro air pollution

3.1.2 Indoor air pollution

3.1.3 Acid rain

3.1.4 Ozone depletion

3.1.5 Greenhouse effect

3.2 Air pollution meteorology

3.2.1 The atmospheric engine

3.2.2 Turbulence, stability, lapse rate, plume behavior, terrain effects

3.2.3 Factors affecting dispersion of air pollutants

3.2.4 Dispersion modeling – Gaussian dispersion model

Unit IV: Air Resource Management: Air Pollution Control

4.1 Control of particulate matter

4.1.1 Gravitational

4.1.2 Centrifugal

4.1.3 Electrostatic, fabric and wet collectors

4.2 Control of gaseous contaminants

4.2.1 Adsorption

4.2.2 Absorption

4.2.3 Condensation

4.2.4 Combustion

4.3 Automobile emission control

Unit V: Solid Waste Management: Municipal Solid Waste

5.1 Types, sources and properties

5.2 Techniques for treatment / processing of solid waste

5.2.1 Recovery, reclamation, recycle and reuse of resources

5.3 Disposal methods for the solid waste residues

5.3.1 Incineration

5.3.2 Sanitary land fills

5.4 Hazardous waste management

Unit VI: Noise Pollution and Risk Assessment

6.1 Noise pollution

6.2 Noise levels, measurements and noise limits

6.3 Noise attenuation and control measures

6.4 Risk assessment and disaster management for industries

6.4.1 Case histories of major chemical disasters

6.4.2 Basic components of hazard control system

6.4.3 Technique of risk assessment – PHA, HAZOP, MAXCRED

6.4.4 Emergency control and disaster plan

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SES 550: Climate Change and Governance

Unit 1: Basic definitions - Climate and weather; climate change; greenhouse gases; radiative forcing; warming potential; climate modelling; global and regional circulation models; IPCC modelling scenarios.

Unit 2: Observed and projected changes in the climate system – land surface temperature; ocean surface temperature; precipitation; cryosphere; sea level; greenhouse gas concentrations (CO₂ and Non CO₂ gases); and extreme climatic events.

Unit 3: Drivers of climate change – natural and anthropogenic radiative forcings; solar irradiance; aerosols, water vapour and clouds; volcanic eruption; GHG emissions from energy, industries, and transport; and gross and net emissions from agriculture, forestry and other land use.

Unit 4: Impacts of climate change – on physical systems (Glaciers, snow, ice and/or permafrost; Rivers, lakes, floods and/or drought; Coastal erosion and/or sea level effects); biological systems (Terrestrial ecosystems; aquatic ecosystems); Human and managed systems (Food production; Livelihoods, health and/or economics)

Unit 5: Greenhouse gas inventorying – IPCC guidelines on national greenhouse gas inventorying; general guidance and reporting; guidance specific to energy, industrial processes and product use (IPPU), agriculture, forestry and other land use (AFOLU), and waste; activity data; emission factors; key categories; tiered approach; stock-difference and gain-loss methods; principles of reporting; measurement, reporting and verification (MRV) system.

Unit 6: Climate change mitigation – decarbonizing energy production; use of clean energy and enhancing the energy efficiency in industries, transport, and buildings; carbon dioxide storage and capture; bioeconomy or low carbon economy; enhancing the carbon sequestration capacity of forests and land use; climate smart agriculture; REDD+, long term mitigation pathways.

Unit 7: Climate change adaptation - social, ecological asset and infrastructure development; technological process optimization; integrated natural resources management; institutional, educational and behavioural change or reinforcement; financial services including risk transfer; information systems to support early warning and proactive planning.

Unit 8: Climate change institutions and governance - UNFCCC - Conference of Parties (COP); International Climate Agreement; Policy approaches for adaptation and mitigation, technology and finance; National Communications; Biennial Update Report; Intended Nationally Determined Contributions; Funding streams – Green Climate Fund, Forest Carbon Partnership Facility, Global Environment Facility, Adaptation fund, Bilateral and multilateral funds, and official development assistance fund, voluntary and compliance markets; global think tanks in climate change.

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SES 506 B: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Unit 1: Sustainable development

- 1.1. Significance of developmental activities in the past and present, participants in development activities

Environment Management Techniques for Sustainable Development

Unit 2: Environmental Impact Assessment

- 2.1 Introduction
 - 2.1.1 Definition, aim, history, principles and concepts and scope
 - 2.1.2 EIA steps, Types of EIA,
 - 2.1.3 Public participation in EIA- significance
- 2.2 EIA Methods and their functions
 - 2.2.1 Adhoc method, Checklist Method, Sectoral guidelines, Systematic sequential approach, Simulation modelling workshops, Spatial analysis methods, Rapid assessment techniques
 - 2.2.2 Interaction Matrices- Network and Overlays Approach, Moore Impact

matrix

Unit 3: EIA Process

- 3.1 Methods for preparing EIA
 - 3.1.1 Socio-economic aspects
 - 3.1.2 Making Inventories
 - 3.1.3 Sampling and Data Process
- 3.2 Impact Prediction
 - 3.2.1 Positive and negative impacts
 - 3.2.2 Primary and Secondary impacts
 - 3.2.3 Impact on physical, social and biotic environments **Unit**

4: EIA for different environmental programmes

- 4.1 Industries
- 4.2 Urban development
- 4.3 land use
- 4.4 Energy projects : Hydel , Thermal, Nuclear, Oil and gas, Solar, Wind
 - 4.5 Resource Management : Agriculture, Irrigation, Water, Wildlife, Forest, Biodiversity, Mineral

4.6 Coastal zone

4.7 EIA case studies

Unit 5 : Environment Audit

Introduction to environment audit-types; Environment auditor-auditing skills

Environment audit procedure – pre audit, site visit and post audit

Environmental auditing standards

Unit 6 : Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) and EMS

LCA – introduction , basics, objectives

Life cycle stages, LCA components

Global and regional impact categories

LCA applications – case studies

LCA and standards

Environment Management System (EMS)- introduction, structure, Procedure

Case studies

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SES 519 B: Advanced Geoinformatics and applications

Unit 1: Applications in Ecology & Environment Management - Basics

Sampling and ecological survey design

Mapping of natural resources – minerals, soil, water and bio-resources

Modelling and analysis of ecosystems and ecological processes – marine, forest, mountain, rivers & streams, coastal areas and wetlands – global ecosystem dynamics, climate change monitoring and modelling

Detailed vegetation and built environment characterization using high spatial and spectral resolution remote sensing images and in-situ hyper-spectral data

Unit 2: Advanced Remote Sensing techniques and their applications

Active remote sensing techniques: a) LIDAR – terrestrial, airborne: available datasets and software packages b) Microwave RS: SAR principles, processing techniques, interferometric DEM – eg: SRTM, available datasets and software packages and special applications

Basics & Applications of hyper-spectral RS: principles, processing methods, use of hyperspectral indices

Thermal RS: principles and processing techniques, available datasets and applications

Photogrammetry – stereoscopy, 3D measurements and stereo DEM – eg. CartoDEM, AsterDEM;
Introduction to various image processing and photogrammetric software packages.

Unit 3: Applications in Ecology & Environment Management - Advanced

Landscape level biodiversity characterization, disturbance analysis including forest fire vulnerability analysis and conservation planning

Applications in EIA and Cost-Benefit Analysis: quantifying impacts and use in the preparation of EMP

Applications in hydrological modeling and analysis: ground water prospecting, watershed characterisation and conservation treatment planning

Applications in community health (epidemiologic) assessment and management;

Urban Ecology: heat island mapping & monitoring, sprawl assessment and monitoring;

Land use / land cover dynamics – monitoring, cause-consequence analysis & modelling

Pollution dispersion modelling: water, air & soil – various quality indices

Soil erosion estimation, zonation and modelling

Environmental suitability analysis – ecosensitive area zonation – multiple criteria decision making

Preparation of land use / activity regulatory zoning using geospatial tools

Unit 4: Participatory/crowd sourced mapping and information sharing

Web/Internet and mobile Geoservices: crowd sourced mapping, data collection and information sharing. Case studies – MANU, Bhuvan Panchayat

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Computers, Environment and Urban Systems

Environment and Planning

GeoJournal

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Remote sensing of Environment

SES: 518-A ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT

Unit 1: Introduction

Basic Principles of Environment Management

Environment management – tools and techniques

Environment Management Systems (EMS)

Introduction to environmental quality models- input and output models, linear programming models of environmental quality management

Natural resources and their management

Unit 2: Ecosystem management

Grassland and forest management

Wetland Management

Management of Coastal and marine ecosystems

People's participation in ecosystem management

Case studies

Unit 3: Water resource management

Global Water Budget, global water availability, depletion of water resources , Interrelation of water resources with other natural resources and the environment

Dams and water resources

Basic Techniques for Water Analyses

Watershed management

Irrigation water management

Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)

Concept of sustainable water resources development

Global Efforts - water resource management, Local water organisations; World water organisations; UN, GWP, WWC, etc

Unit 4: Physical Resources

Soil and mineral resources- status and significance, problems facing

Soil quality management – engineering and ecological solutions

Control of soil erosion

Eco-restoration of degraded land

Soil Management in Kerala

Radioactive minerals and their management

Metals and other minerals – management strategies

Unit 5: Biological Resources

Forest resource management – NTFPs, biodiversity, medicinal plants

Integrated management of wild life population

Sustainable Management of biological resources of Kerala

Unit 6: Environmental Planning and Management

Principles of EPM

Principles, concepts and scope of environmental planning

Ecological aspects of EPM

Steps in Environmental planning

Identification and formulation of strategies of EPM

Environmental analysis and EPM

Physical planning in relation to environmental and land use classification

EPM for Town and urban lands, Rural and agricultural lands,
Waste lands, Lands reclaimed, Wetlands, Mining areas,
Industrial areas, Transportation and urban planning

Unit 7: EPM for Environmental Hazards

Environmental hazards in Environmental Planning and Management

Types of environmental hazards- Food, drought, landslides, earthquakes, cyclones
etc.

Significance and characteristics of hazards in environmental planning and
development

Opportunities and regional planning for hazard management

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SES 523 B. ADVANCED ANALYTICAL INSTRUMENTATION

UNIT-1

Electromagnetic spectrum, Interaction of light with matter/molecule

Fundamentals of molecular spectroscopy

Wavelength selectors: Filters and Monochromators,

Unit-2

Spectroscopic Techniques: Microwave, IR, Electronic, Raman, NMR and ESR spectroscopy-principle and Instrumentation

Atomic Absorption spectroscopy (AAS), Inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS)

Unit 3

Advanced Microscopic techniques / principle and instrumentation

Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM, SEM-EDX)

Transmission Electron Microscopy (TEM)

Unit 5

Advanced chromatographic techniques: Gas-Liquid Chromatography (GC), High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC, UPLC), High Pressure Thin Layer Chromatography (HPTLC), Ion Chromatography (IC)

Chromatography connected with mass spectrometry: GC-MS, GC-MS/MS, LC-MS, LC-MS/MS, LC-Q-ToF-MS

Unit 6

Environmental Applications of spectroscopic and mass spectrometric techniques, Hand-on training in Advanced Analytical Instrumentation (UV, IR, GC, GC-MS, LC-MS, LC-Q-ToF-MS, ICP-MS etc)

