

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE –DSE-21:

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Environment Management and Sustainability (BS-DSE-21)	4	2		2	NIL	NA

Learning Objectives:

This course will provide understanding of environment around and which pollutants are of concern to us. It will provide knowledge of sustainability and methods which can help to improve the sustainability. It will also make students understand how toxicity can be monitored in our body and how our body copes to detoxify its internal system. It will also introduce methods which can be used to monitor the pollutants in various samples.

Learning Outcomes:

Students will:

- Understand the various components of the environment.
- Understand and evaluate the local and global scale of environmental problem.
- Gain knowledge and skills necessary to understand multifaceted nature of environmental studies.
- Get informed perspective of biological, chemical and physical processes relevant to environmental problems.
- Get hands on experience of some quantitative and qualitative research tools to assess and analyse the environmental problems

Theory

Credits: 2

Total Hours: 30

Unit 1: Introduction to Environment and the Pollutants

No. of hours: 8

Normal Chemistry of - Air, Water, Soil. Environmental Toxins-Physical Pollutants- Noise, Light and Radiation and Air Pollutants- Carbon Monoxide, Lead, Nitrogen Oxides, Ozone, Particulate Matter, Sulphur Dioxide, Methane Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOC); Water Pollutants - Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOC), Heavy Metals, Insecticides, Herbicides/ Endocrine Disruptors; Soil Pollutants- Heavy metals, Herbicides/pesticides, Polyaromatic Carbon (PAH), Microplastics; Source, Effect and Impact on Flora, Fauna including Human Beings. Definition of Terminologies: Air Quality Index (AQI) Suspended Particulate matter (SPM), Water Quality Index (WQI), Air Pollution Tolerance Index (APTI), Anticipated Performance Index (API).

Unit 2: Environment and Xenobiotics**No. of Hours: 8**

Understanding the principle of Toxicity. Concept of Dose and Response (LD50). Process of Bioaccumulation, Bioaugmentation and Biotransformation. Impact of pollutants on human health Mammalian Detoxification by Liver to Organic Chemicals (Heavy Metals, Endocrine Disruptors, Microplastics).

Unit 3: Sustainability and its Enhancement**No. of Hours: 8**

Concept of Sustainability and Enhancement of Sustainability, Waste Management (Refuse, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle), Bioremediation- Introduction and Types of Bioremediations- Phytoremediation, Microbial Bioremediation, In-situ Remediation, Ex-situ Remediation.

Unit 4: Techniques to Analyse Pollutants**No. of Hours: 6**

Determination of pollutants in soil, water, air, blood by following Analytical Techniques: Flame Photometer; Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy (AAS); Inductive Coupled Plasma (ICP) & Mass spectroscopy MS; Gas Liquid Chromatography (GC-MS); Ion Chromatography; High Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC); UV spectrophotometer; Biosensors and its application in pollution detection;

Practical:**Credits: 2****Total Hours: 60**

1. Evaluating APTI and API of Herbs/Shrubs/Trees
2. Evaluating seasonal variations of AQI and SPM
3. Evaluating C/N/P/K content of soil by Spectrophotometry/Titrimetric method
4. Detecting Microbial Contamination of water
5. Composting of waste (Leaf/Kitchen Waste/Cow dung) and Detecting Maturity by pH and Electric conductivity (EC) content changes
6. Studying Enzymatic Activity (amylase/urease) in the soil sample due to microbial activity
7. Student Environment Projects.

Essential readings:

- Basic Concepts on Environmental Chemistry by Des. W. Conwell (2005) 2nd edition, CRC press, ISBN 9781498770484
- Environmental Chemistry by Stanley E Manahan, 11th Edition, Taylor and Francis, 2022, ISBN 9780367560546
- Biodegradation and Bioremediation by Alexander Martin, 2nd Edition, Academic Press, ISBN 978-0-12-049861-8
- Fundamentals of Ecology author Eugene Odum, Cary W. Barrett, 5th edition Cengage learning India. ISBN 9788131500200
- Environment and Ecology author P.D. Sharma, 12th Edition, Rastogi Publication. ISBN 978-93-5078-068-8