

# ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

[As per Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) scheme]

(Effective from the academic year 2015 -2016)

## SEMESTER - I/II

Subject Code	15CIV18/15CIV28	IA Marks	10
Number of Lecture Hours/Week	02	Exam Marks	40
Total Number of Lecture Hours	25	Exam Hours	02

### Course Objectives:

1. To identify the major challenges in environmental issues and evaluate possible solutions.
2. Develop analytical skills, critical thinking and demonstrate socio-economic skills for sustainable development.
3. To analyze an overall impact of specific issues and develop environmental management plan.

### Module - 1

Introduction: Environment - Components of Environment Ecosystem: Types & Structure of Ecosystem, Balanced ecosystem Human Activities – Food, Shelter, And Economic & Social Security. **2 Hours**

Impacts of Agriculture & Housing Impacts of Industry, Mining & Transportation Environmental Impact Assessment, Sustainable Development. **3 Hours**

### Module - 2

Natural Resources, Water resources – Availability & Quality aspects, Water borne diseases & water induced diseases, Fluoride problem in drinking water Mineral resources, Forest Wealth Material Cycles – Carbon Cycle, Nitrogen Cycle & Sulphur Cycle. **2 Hours**

Energy – Different types of energy, Conventional sources & Non Conventional sources of energy Solar energy, Hydro electric energy, Wind Energy, Nuclear energy, Biomass & Biogas Fossil Fuels, Hydrogen as an alternative energy. **3 Hours**

**Module -3**

Environmental Pollution – Water Pollution, Noise pollution, Land Pollution, Public Health Aspects. **2 Hours**

Global Environmental Issues: Population Growth, Urbanization, Land Management, Water & Waste Water Management. **3 Hours**

**Module -4**

Air Pollution & Automobile Pollution: Definition, Effects – Global Warming, Acid rain & Ozone layer depletion, controlling measures. **3 Hours**

Solid Waste Management, E - Waste Management & Biomedical Waste Management - Sources, Characteristics & Disposal methods. **2 Hours**

**Module - 5**

Introduction to GIS & Remote sensing, Applications of GIS & Remote Sensing in Environmental Engineering Practices. **2 Hours**

Environmental Acts & Regulations, Role of government, Legal aspects, Role of Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) , Environmental Education & Women Education. **3 Hours**

**Course Outcome:**

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 abiotic components
4. Apply their ecological knowledge to illustrate and graph a problem and describe the realities that managers face when dealing with complex issues

**Text Books:**

1. Benny Joseph (2005), **“Environmental Studies”**, Tata McGraw – Hill Publishing Company Limited.
2. R.J.Ranjit Daniels and Jagadish Krishnaswamy, (2009), **“Environmental Studies”**, Wiley India Private Ltd., New Delhi.
3. R Rajagopalan, **“Environmental Studies – From Crisis to Cure”**, Oxford University Press, 2005,
4. Aloka Debi, **“Environmental Science and Engineering”**, Universities Press (India) Pvt. Ltd. 2012.

**Reference Books:**

1. Raman Sivakumar, **“Principals of Environmental Science and Engineering”**, Second Edition, Cengage learning Singapore, 2005
2. P. Meenakshi, **“Elements of Environmental Science and Engineering”**, Prentice Hall of India Private Limited, New Delhi, 2006
3. S.M. Prakash, **“Environmental Studies”**, Elite Publishers Mangalore, 2007
4. Erach Bharucha, **“Text Book of Environmental Studies”**, for UGC, University press, 2005
5. G.Tyler Miller Jr., **“Environmental Science – working with the Earth”**, Tenth Edition, Thomson Brooks /Cole, 2004
6. G.Tyler Miller Jr., **“Environmental Science – working with the Earth”**, Eleventh Edition, Thomson Brooks /Cole, 2006
7. Dr.Pratiba Sing, Dr.AnoopSingh and Dr.Piyush Malaviya, **“Text Book of Environmental and Ecology”**, Acme Learning Pvt. Ltd. New Delhi.