As Per NEP 2020

Tolani College of Commerce (Autonomous)



Title of the Course: Environmental Science- I

Name of the Programme: Bachelor of Commerce Semester I

Syllabus for 2 Credit Course

From the academic year- 2024-2025

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Sr.	Heading	Particulars			
No.					
1	Description the course:	The course is an introductory inter-disciplinary course to			
		understand working earth's systems. It focusses on the holistic study to understand the interrelationship between humans and			
		nature.			
2	Vertical:	Value Education Course			
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3	Type:	Theory			
4	Credit:	2 credits			
5	Hours Allotted:	30 Hours			
6	Marks Allotted:	50 Marks			
		Continuous Evaluation 20 Marks			
		Semester End Examination 30 Marks			
7	Course Objectives:				
	By end of this course learners should:				
	appreciate the different facets of environment and the natural world				
	2. understand the role of humans as agents of environmental degradation				
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0	Course Outcomes:				
	The learners shall be:				
	1. sensitised about environmental issues and the need for conservation of environment				
	2. able to appreciate Environmental Science as a multi-disciplinary tool for conservation rather than				
	merely a subject				

9 Module 1: Understanding the environment (15 Hours)

- 1. **Environment:** Meaning, definition, nature, scope and its components; Human and environment relationship
- 2. **Ecosystem:** Definition, Components and types, Functioning and structure- Food Chain and Food Web, Ecological Pyramids, and Biogeochemical cycles.
- 3. **Natural Resources:** Definition, importance, Classification, Resource utilisation, Importance of forest, water and energy as natural resources
- 4. **Biodiversity:** Definition, Types of biodiversity, Importance of biodiversity

Module 2: Problems Associated with Environmental Degradation (15 Hours)

- 1. **Rise in human population and urbanization:** Population- Definition, Causes and Impacts of population rise, Concept of Population density, Urbanisation- Definition causes and impacts, Concept of Urban Heat Island
- 2. **Pollution:** Causes and impacts of Air, Water, Land, Noise, Light pollution
- 3. **Global Warming and Climate Change:** Concept, Causes and impacts Ozone depletion, Global warming and Climate change with respect to humans and nature
- 4. **Nature in danger:** Threats to biodiversity; Impacts of biodiversity loss; IUCN Red data list; Causes and impacts of resource depletion vis-à-vis forest, water and energy

10 Reference Books:

- 1. McKinney M.L. & Schoch R.M., 1998: Environmental Science, Jones & Bartlett Publishers, London
- 2. Rao K.L. 1975: India's Water Wealth, Orient Longman Ltd. New Delhi
- 3. S.S. Negi (1993) Biodiversity and its Conservation in India, Indus Publications, New Delhi
- 4. Rajgopalan C (2015): Environmental Studies. Oxford University Press
- 5. Miller T.G. Jr. Environmental Science, Wadsworth Publishing Co.
- 6. Brunner R.C., 1989, Hazardous Waste Incineration, McGraw Hill Inc. 480p
- 7. Rao M N. & Datta, A.K. 1987. Waste Water treatment. Oxford & IBH Publ. Co. Pvt. Ltd. 345p.
- 8. Trivedi R. K. and P.K. Goel, Introduction to air pollution, Techno-Science Publication
- 9. Mhaskar A.K., Matter Hazardous, Techno-Science Publication
- 10. Zimmerman W E (1972) Zimmerman's World Resources and Industries' Harper & Row

11 Other Readings:

- 1. Down to Earth, Centre for Science and Environment
- 2. Census Handbooks Human Development Report-2019
- 3. Provisional Population Totals Paper 1 of 2011 India, Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner India. Product No. 00-001-2011-Cen-Book (E) 13 p.p
- 4. Human Development Report 2020 "The next frontier Human development and the Anthropocene", United Nations Development Programme (eISBN: 978-92-1-005516-1) 412 p.p http://hdr.undp.org/en/2020-report

Websites:

- 1. https://unfccc.int/
- 2. https://www.cbd.int/
- 3. https://cpcb.nic.in
- 4. https://mpcb.gov.in
- 5. https://www.iucnredlist.org/

12	Internal Continuous Assessment: 40%		us Assessment: 40%	Semester End Examination: 60%		
13	Continuous Evaluation through:			ntion through:	Fieldwork-based project work and report or assignment or presentation or report-writing or article/ book review or topic-based activity	10 Marks
					2. MCQ Based Test	10 Marks
					Total	20 Marks
14	Format of Question Paper:					
	Question Number			Nature of Questions		Maximum Marks
		1)	A.	Attempt any THREE of the	e following: (From Module I)	
			В.			15
			C.			
		2)	D.	Attempt any THREE of the	e following: (From Module II)	
		2)	A.	Attempt any THREE of the following: (From Module II)		
			B.			15
			C.			
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Signatures of Team Members

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1.	Mr. Kaustubh Bhagat	