

Course No.	Course Name	L-T-P-Credits	Year of Introduction
BE103	INTRODUCTION TO SUSTAINABLE ENGINEERING	2-0-1-3	2016

Course Objectives

- To have an increased awareness among students on issues in areas of sustainability
- To understand the role of engineering and technology within sustainable development;
- To know the methods, tools, and incentives for sustainable product-service system development
- To establish a clear understanding of the role and impact of various aspects of engineering and engineering decisions on environmental, societal, and economic problems.

Syllabus

Sustainability- need and concept, challenges, Environment acts and protocols, Global, Regional and Local environmental issues, Natural resources and their pollution, Carbon credits, Zero waste concept ISO 14000, Life Cycle Analysis, Environmental Impact Assessment studies, Sustainable habitat, Green buildings, green materials, Energy, Conventional and renewable sources, Technology and sustainable development, Sustainable urbanization, Industrial Ecology.

Expected outcome

The student will be

- Able to understand the different types of environmental pollution problems and their sustainable solutions
- Able to work in the area of sustainability for research and education
- Having a broader perspective in thinking for sustainable practices by utilizing the engineering knowledge and principles gained from this course

Reference Books:

- Allen, D. T. and Shonnard, D. R., Sustainability Engineering: Concepts, Design and Case Studies, Prentice Hall.
- Bradley, A.S; Adebayo,A.O., Maria, P. Engineering applications in sustainable design and development, Cengage learning
- Environment Impact Assessment Guidelines, Notification of Government of India, 2006
- Mackenthun, K.M., Basic Concepts in Environmental Management, Lewis Publication, London, 1998
- ECBC Code 2007, Bureau of Energy Efficiency, New Delhi Bureau of Energy Efficiency Publications-Rating System, TERI Publications - GRIHA Rating System
- Ni bin Chang, Systems Analysis for Sustainable Engineering: Theory and Applications, McGraw-Hill Professional.
- Twidell, J. W. and Weir, A. D., Renewable Energy Resources, English Language Book Society (ELBS).

- Purohit, S. S., Green Technology - An approach for sustainable environment, Agrobios publication

Course Plan

Module	Contents	Hours	Sem. Exam Marks
I	Sustainability - Introduction, Need and concept of sustainability, Social-environmental and economic sustainability concepts. Sustainable development, Nexus between Technology and Sustainable development, Challenges for Sustainable Development. Multilateral environmental agreements and Protocols - Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), Environmental legislations in India - Water Act, Air Act.	L4	15%
	Students may be assigned to do at least one project eg: a) Identifying/assessment of sustainability in your neighbourhood in education, housing, water resources, energy resources, food supplies, land use, environmental protection etc. b) Identify the threats for sustainability in any selected area and explore solutions for the same	P1	
II	Air Pollution, Effects of Air Pollution; Water pollution- sources, Sustainable wastewater treatment, Solid waste - sources, impacts of solid waste, Zero waste concept, 3 R concept. Global environmental issues- Resource degradation, Climate change, Global warming, Ozone layer depletion, Regional and Local Environmental Issues. Carbon credits and carbon trading, carbon foot print.	L6	15%
	Students may be assigned to do at least one project for eg: a) Assessing the pollution status of a small area b) Programmes for enhancing public environmental awareness c) Observe a pond nearby and think about the different measures that can be adopted for its conservation	P3	
FIRST INTERNAL EXAM			
III	Environmental management standards, ISO 14000 series, Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) - Scope and Goal, Bio-mimicking, Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) - Procedures of EIA in India.	L4	15%
	Students may be assigned to do at least one project eg: a) Conducting LCA of products (eg. Aluminium cans, PVC bottles, cars etc. or activities (Comparison of land filling and open burning) b) Conducting an EIA study of a small project (eg. Construction of a building)	P2	

IV	Basic concepts of sustainable habitat, Green buildings, green materials for building construction, material selection for sustainable design, green building certification, Methods for increasing energy efficiency of buildings. Sustainable cities, Sustainable transport.	L5	15%
	Students may be assigned to do at least one project eg: a) Consider the design aspects of a sustainable building for your campus b) Explore the different methods that can be adopted for maintaining a sustainable transport system in your city.	P2	
SECOND INTERNAL EXAM			
V	Energy sources: Basic concepts-Conventional and non-conventional, solar energy, Fuel cells, Wind energy, Small hydro plants, bio-fuels, Energy derived from oceans, Geothermal energy.	L5	20%
	Students may be assigned to do at least one project eg: a) Find out the energy savings that can be achieved by the installation of a solar water heater b) Conduct a feasibility study for the installation of wind mills in Kerala	P2	
VI	Green Engineering, Sustainable Urbanisation, industrialisation and poverty reduction; Social and technological change, Industrial Processes: Material selection, Pollution Prevention, Industrial Ecology, Industrial symbiosis.	L5	20%
	Students may be assigned to do a group project eg: a) Collect details for instances of climate change in your locality b) Find out the carbon credits you can gain by using a sustainable transport system (travelling in a cycle or car pooling from college to home) c) Have a debate on the topics like: Industrial Ecology is a Boon or Bane for Industries?/Are we scaring the people on Climate Change unnecessarily?/Technology enables Development sustainable or the root cause of unsustainability?	P3	
END SEMESTER EXAM			