

ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITING

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

| Course title & Code | Credits | Credit distribution of the course | | | Eligibility criteria | Pre-requisite of the course |
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| | | Lecture | Tutorial | Practical/ Practice | | |
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Learning Objectives

- To gain an understanding of the fundamental principles and components of environmental auditing
- To train in conducting an environmental audit in any organization/ institution
- To implement critical thinking toward environmental problems and formulate local solutions for their mitigation

Learning outcomes

After studying the course, the students will be able to:

- Conduct an environmental audit in a scientific manner
- Recommend organizations to adopt specific sustainable strategies
- Serve as catalyst to evolve sense of ownership and responsibility among organizations/industries towards solving local environmental problems.
- Pursue environmental auditing for higher studies and a future career.

SYLLABUS: ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITING

Practicals/Hands-on Exercises (02 Credits: 60 hours)

1. Prepare a working plan (in the form of a flowchart/ graphical abstract) for the environmental audit of any organization/ institution focusing on pre-audit, on-site and post-audit objectives and activities
2. Prepare a brief profile of any selected organization/ institution (Area, land use, green cover, organizational setup, demography etc.) and discuss its environmental policy and the environmental management systems
3. Prepare an interpretive electricity consumption report of the organization/ institution over a five-year period (both actual or arbitrary data can be used).

4. Prepare an interpretive water consumption report of the organization/ institution over a five-year period (both actual or arbitrary data can be used). Also, identify the sources of wastewater discharge and its management, if any.
5. Survey the campus and prepare a list of the plant/ animal (or both) diversity, highlighting its importance and threats faced.
6. Prepare a monthly air quality level dataset nearest to the institution's location, extracting data from the National Air Quality Index (CPCB) website. Prepare a report on causes of variation and measures taken by an organization to improve air quality levels
7. Prepare a comprehensive assessment report of Solid Waste Management at the organization/ institution highlighting compliance to Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.
8. Formulate a scientifically sound protocol for identifying and disposing of e-waste and hazardous waste at any organization based on E-waste (management) rules, 2016 and Hazardous waste (management) rules, 2016.
9. Examine various environment-related practices and activities of the organization/ institution that have impacted the neighbouring communities and prepare a social audit questionnaire for studying the impact.
10. Compile the data, results, and analysis of all previous practicals and prepare a detailed environmental audit report of your selected organization/ institution.

Teaching learning interface for practical skills

To impart training on technical and analytical skills related to the course objectives, a wide range of learning methods will be used, including (a) laboratory practicals; (b) field-work exercises; (c) customized exercises based on available data; (d) survey analyses; and (e) developing case studies; (f) demonstration and critical analyses; and (h) experiential learning individually and collectively.

Prospective Sectors:

- (a) Universities/Colleges, (b) Environmental Consultancies, (c) Environmental NGOs, and (d) Indian Audit & Revenue Departments

Essential/recommended readings

- Cahill, L.B (2017). Environmental Health and Safety Audits: A Compendium of Thoughts and Trends, 2nd Edition, Bernan Press.
- Council, N.C., Britain, G. and Unit, E.F., 2011. Handbook for Phase 1 Habitat Survey: A Technique for Environmental Audit. Nature Conservancy Council.
- Ho G, Anda, M., Brennan, J., 2015. Water Auditing and Water Conservation. IWA Publishing
- Pain, S.W., 2010. Safety, Health, and Environmental Auditing: A Practical Guide. CRC Press.
- Thuman, A., Niehus, T., Younger, W.J., 2012. Handbook of Energy Audits, 9th ed. Routledge, Taylor and Francis
- Van Guilder, C.V., 2014. Environmental Audits. Mercury Learning & Information.

Suggested readings

- Barton, H., and Bruder N., 1993. A Guide to Local Environmental Auditing. Routledge, Taylor and Francis

Examination scheme and mode:

Evaluation scheme and mode will be as per the guidelines notified by the University of Delhi.