GENERIC ELECTIVES (GE-EVS-6): WETLANDS FOR INDUSTRIES AND ENVIRONMENT

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
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
WETLANDS FOR INDUSTRIES AND ENVIRONMENT	4	2	0	2	Class XII pass	NA

Learning objectives

The Learning Objectives of this course are as follows:

- Delineate, and classify the target wetland
- Identify common wetland plants and indicators of wetlands
- Assess landscape for wetland management and conservation
- Evolve a wetland construction and restoration plan
- Suggest appropriate changes for effective wetland regulation law and policy

Learning outcomes

After successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Apply basic principles of wastewater treatment for environmental and industrial applications
- Develop plans for monitoring wetland health and designing a constructed wetland
- Assess the feasibility of constructed wetlands for wastewater treatment
- Operate and maintain wetlands in nature and industries

SYLLABUS OF GE-EVS-6

Theory (02 Credits: 30 lectures)

UNIT – I Ecology and socio-economy of wetlands (5½ Weeks) (11 lectures)

Wetland types and functions; Ramsar Convention, Vegetation type and dynamics; Soil types; Geology and geomorphology; Hydrological regimes: Water quality and balance, Sedimentation; Indicators; Biodiversity and its significance; Ecological and economic benefits: Provisioning, Regulating, Cultural and Supporting services, Socio-economic and cultural diversity in human society living in and around wetlands; Income and employment generation by wetlands; Community resource use and management practices. (11 lectures)

UNIT – II Wetlands and water treatments (4 Weeks) (8 lectures)
Principles and efficacy of natural wetlands; Economics of treatment; Case studies from India and other countries; Types of constructed wetlands and their principles; Potential of constructed wetlands for treating different types of wastewaters (agriculture, domestic, industry, municipal, runoff, and sludge); Operation and maintenance; Case studies from India and other countries (8 lectures)

UNIT – II Wetland management (5½ Weeks) (11 lectures)
Delineation and mapping; Features and associated factors; Monitoring ecosystem health; Major threats; Setting up goals and objectives; Institutional arrangements, Wetlands ecosystem services maps; Ecosystem services trade-offs; Landscape-scale Management; Interventions to sustain biodiversity and ecosystem services; Mobilizing community participation and generating finance; Cross-sectoral integration; Integration of wetland conservation in development plans, acts, and rules; Adaptive management. (11 lectures)

Teaching and learning interface for theoretical concepts

To achieve the course objectives and match with the contents, a wide range of teaching and learning tools will be employed, including (a) Formal lectures; (b) Interactive sessions using visual aid; (c) Case study analyses; (d) Hypothetical scenario building; (e) Group discussion on key topics; and (f) documentary screening and critical analyses.

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

1. Identify a potential area for wetland construction, propose its purpose and goal, and develop the construction plan giving details of location, type, current land use, biodiversity, and hydrologic regime
1. Prepare water budgets and hydrographs of the selected area based on the data on water inputs and outputs collected from concerned institutes
2. Field surveys and analyze vegetation characteristics of a pristine wetland present in the nearby location of the study site
3. Analyze adaptive strategies of selected native plants to hydrologic regime suitable for wetland construction and develop planting strategies of species assemblage
4. Analyze soil type and determine its physico-chemical properties (pH, TDS, EC, CEC, Redox potential, etc.)
5. Evolve soil amendment method to improve texture, percolation, and nutrient composition. suitable for the hydrogeomorphic model and selected plant species
6. Surveying wetlands to identify suitable indicators for mapping and delineating wetlands zone of influence and evaluate anthropogenic activities as major threats to wetlands
7. Develop wetlands ecosystem services (ES) potential maps and evaluate ES trade-offs

8. Analyze different models for wetland construction and, based on the nature of the water regime and basic methods of wetland construction, recommend the hydrogeomorphic model suitable for the selected landscape

Teaching and 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.

Essential/recommended readings

- Aber, J.S., Pavri, F. and Aber, S., 2012. *Wetland Environments: A Global Perspective*. John Wiley & Sons.
- Keddy, P.A., 2010. *Wetland Ecology: Principles and Conservation*. Cambridge University Press.
- Shuqing, An., and Jos, T.A. Verhoeven (Eds)., 2019. *Wetlands: Ecosystem Services, Restoration and Wise Use Series: Ecological Studies*, Volume 238, Springer, Cham.
- Stefanakis, A.I. ed., 2018. *Constructed Wetlands for Industrial Wastewater Treatment*, Wiley, Blackwell.
- Tiner, R.W., 2016. *Wetland Indicators: A Guide to Wetland Formation, Identification, Delineation, Classification, and Mapping*. CRC Press.

Suggestive readings

- Austin, G. and Yu, K., 2016. *Constructed Wetlands and Sustainable Development*. Routledge.
- Lopez, R.D., Lyon, J.G., Lyon, L.K. and Lopez, D.K., 2013. *Wetland Landscape Characterization: Practical Tools, Methods, and Approaches for Landscape Ecology*. CRC Press.
- Windham-Myers, L., Crooks, S. and Troxler, T.G. eds., 2018. *A Blue Carbon Primer: The State of Coastal Wetland Carbon Science, Practice and Policy*. CRC Press.

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.