

Environmental Awareness: Only One Earth



Faculty	Course Type	Credits	Prerequisites	Semester
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Brief Overview

Environmental education has been made compulsory in school and colleges. It has been observed that students find it boring for the same reason, that it is compulsory. Initially, they face scientific jargon of the text books and secondly, they develop a feeling that anything enjoyable is against environment. So, how do we care for it? They may not articulate this thinking and express it openly. But this is one of the major underlying thoughts. The present course will tackle this issue with a fresh outlook and methodology based on direct experience.

There are a certain percentage of students who are simply not aware of what is happening around them that is vital for their survival. This is the second category. Activities in the present course will be planned in such a way that the least interested student would also find something 'doable' and 'enjoyable' in it.

There are few students who are deeply interested and wish to study the subject deeply. They are interested in gaining experience with some practical work. This is the third category. Involvement of such students in various projects and activities will be planned as a part of the course.

This way a 'compulsory' course would not become a burden but prove as a thought provoking learning and enjoyable experience.

Course Objectives

This course has been designed with three objectives.

- to sensitize students regarding environmental issues
- to develop a perspective for ‘sustainability’
- to get introduced to management practices

Teaching Methodology

The theory for this course will be delivered via lectures. However every class has been designed to be interactive and active participation is expected from all students. There is time devoted for compulsory reading. There is field work. There would be a major emphasis on visual material, films and documentaries that would bring in an outdoor environment in the classroom.

Requirements

Students are expected to –

- Complete all required reading for each scheduled class as per the course outline,
- Actively participate in class activities and discussions, and
- Complete all evaluative processes for successful course completion!