# **Course Syllabus**

1. **Program of Study**Bachelor of Science Program in Environment

Faculty/Institute/College Mahidol University International College, Faculty of

Science, Faculty of Environment and Resource Studies, Mahidol University

**2. Course Code** ICEN 467 **Course Title** Environmental Risk Assessment

and Management

3. Number of Credits 4 (Lecture/Lab) (4-0)

**4. Prerequisite** (s) None

**5. Type of Course** Elective

**6.** Trimester / Academic Year Third / 2005

## 7. Course Description

Concept of risk assessment, human health risk assessment and ecological risk assessment, major risk, risk sources, primary control mechanism, transport and secondary control mechanism, target, exposure assessment, risk decision making and risk management, risk communication, environmental risk inventory system.

## 8. Course Objective (s)

- 1. Understanding of the principles and methods of risk assessment,
- 2. Critical discussions of the assumptions and reasons for using risk assessment,
- Conduct practical applications of risk methods in making decisions with uncertain hazards and risks likely to affect human or ecological communities in the short-or long-term through routine or catastrophic events,
- 4. Become aware of the role of risk analysis methods with proper communication,
- 5. Make decisions about human death, illnesses or injuries in public and occupational contexts through environmental risk inventory system.

## 9. Course Outline

Week	Topic				T
	Lecture/Seminar	Hour	Lab	Hour	Instructor
1-2	Numerical aspects of risk	8			Dr.Vimut
	calculations; the role of estimation,				Prasertpun
	variability and uncertainty. Basic				
	calculation schemes. Toxicological				
	and epidemiological data; the				
	fundamental types of studies				
	generating those data:				
	experimental designs, protocols,				
	random sampling and other				
	sampling schemes.				
3	Application to human risk	4			Dr.Vimut
	assessment				Prasertpun
4	Application to ecological risk	4			Dr.Vimut
	assessment				Prasertpun
5-6	Primary and secondary control	8			Dr.Vimut
	mechanisms				Prasertpun
7	Target and exposure assessment	4			Dr.Vimut
					Prasertpun
8	Risk decision making and	4			Dr.Vimut
	management				Prasertpun
9	Risk communication	4			Dr.Vimut
					Prasertpun
10	Environmental risk inventory	4			Dr.Vimut
	system				Prasertpun
11	Student presentations	4			Dr.Vimut
					Prasertpun
	Total	44			

# 10. Teaching Method

- 1. Lecture
- 2. Practical Excercises
- 3. Discussion
- 4. Quiz
- 5. Self-Study

# 11. Teaching Media

- 1. Texts and Teaching Materials
- 2. Transparencies
- 3. Power Point Presentation

### 12. Course Achievement

Assessment made from the set-forward criteria. Student who gets 85% up, will have Grade A.

#### 13. Course Evaluation

- 1. Exercises 10%
- 2. Oral Presentation 10%
- 3. midterm Examination 40%
- 4. Final Examination 40%

#### 14. References

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## 15. Instructor

Dr. Vimut Prasertpun

#### 16. Course Coordinator

Dr. Vimut Prasertpun