

Subject: Social Work	Semester: EIGHTH
Course Title: Environmental Social Work	Credits: 4+2
Course Type: (Major) CT3	Course Code: SWKC3822M
<p>Course Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the concepts, theories, and foundations of Environmental Social Work, including the relationship between human societies and the natural environment. • Analyse major environmental issues, social inequalities, and justice concerns, with special emphasis on poverty, gender, and vulnerable communities. • Examine environmental policies, laws, governance systems, and social movements at national and international levels. • Develop knowledge and skills for social work interventions in environmental protection, community-based resource management, disaster response, and sustainable development. 	

Course Contents: (Theory)

Max. Marks= 100

Min. Marks= 40

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Unit – 1: Foundations of Environmental Social Work

15 Hours

- Introduction to Environmental Social Work – Meaning, scope, and evolution (Green/Eco-social work).
- Human-Environment Relationship – Ecosystems, biodiversity and human dependence, and SDGs.
- Person-in-Environment (PIE) Framework
- Key Theoretical Perspectives – Ecological systems theory, Deep ecology, political ecology, eco-social theory.

Unit – 2: Environmental Issues and Social Inequality

15 Hours

- Environmental Problems and Social Impact
- Environmental Justice and Inequality
- Poverty-Environment Nexus
- Gender and Environment (Eco-feminism)

Unit – 3: Environmental Policies, Movements, and Governance

15 Hours

- International Environmental Agreements - Paris Agreement, Kyoto Protocol
- Global Environmental Governance
- Environmental Movements - (e.g., Chipko, Narmada Bachao)
- Introduction to environmental policies and laws in India

Unit – 4: Social Work Practice and Interventions

15 Hours

- Role of Social Workers in Environmental Protection – awareness, community mobilization, capacity building, and advocacy.
- Community-Based Environmental Management - Watershed management, afforestation, waste management initiatives.
- Disaster Management and Rehabilitation – Role of social workers in disaster preparedness and response
- Sustainable Development and Future Directions Green social work, circular economy

TUTORIALS (2 Credits=30 Hours)

Max. Marks=50

Min. Marks=20

Tutorials with duration of 30 Hours shall be based on the assignments given to course. Field tour related to environmental social work projects/interventions, and report, book review, discussion on select readings, screening of documentaries and other feasible activities that the tutor deems relevant for the course.

Reading List

1. Basak, A. (2018). Introduction to environmental studies. Pearson Education.
2. Bharucha, E. (2019). Textbook of environmental studies for undergraduate courses (3rd ed.). Universities Press.
3. Carson, R. (1962). Silent spring. Houghton Mifflin.
4. Coates, J. (2003). Ecology and social work: Toward a new paradigm. Fernwood Publishing.
5. Divan, S., & Rosencranz, A. (2022). Environmental law and policy in India: Cases, materials and statutes (4th ed.). Oxford University Press.
6. Dominelli, L. (2012). Green social work: From environmental crises to environmental justice. Polity Press.
7. Gray, M., Coates, J., & Hetherington, T. (Eds.). (2013). Environmental social work. Routledge.
8. Guha, R. (2006). How much should a person consume? Environmentalism in India and the United States. University of California Press.
9. Hannigan, J. A. (2014). Environmental sociology (3rd ed.). Routledge.
10. Martinez-Alier, J. (2002). The environmentalism of the poor: A study of ecological conflicts and valuation. Edward Elgar Publishing.
11. Matthies, A.-L., Närhi, K., & Ward, D. (Eds.). (2001). The eco-social approach in social work. SoPhi, University of Jyväskylä.
12. Mies, M., & Shiva, V. (2014). Ecofeminism (2nd ed.). Zed Books.
13. Modh, S. (2010). Managing natural disasters. Macmillan Publishers India.
14. Ross, M. G. (1955). Community organization: Theory and principles. Harper & Brothers.
15. Schlosberg, D. (2007). Defining environmental justice: Theories, movements, and nature. Oxford University Press.
16. Sen, A. (1999). Development as freedom. Oxford University Press.
17. Sharma, P. D. (2022). Ecology and environment (14th ed.). Rastogi Publications.
18. Shaw, R. (Ed.). (2009). Community, environment and disaster risk management. Emerald Group Publishing.