

Nature of the Programme	Master in Social Work
Semester	
Course title	Environmental Social Work
Nature of Course	Value Added
Credits	2
Marks	50

Objectives:

- To enhance knowledge about environmental issues and social concerns.
- To understand the root causes of environmental problems in the community.
- To learn how to develop strategies for environmental justice.
- To learn how to make sustainable plans and policies for environmental problems.
- To learn about community resilience in facing environmental challenges.

Unit	Name of the unit	Contents	L	T	P	Marks
1	Basic concepts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment, Ecology, Biodiversity, environmental threats, environmental impact, Nature conservation, environment management, sustainable development, natural resources management, climate change 	6	1		10
2	Environmental Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy, institution, and legal framework in Environment protection and management in (National and State domain) • Free Prior Informed Consent of local communities for initiating environmental and developmental interventions. • Environmental democracy: Empowered and effective 	7	2		10

		<p>participation of people in environmental decision making, projects and the development process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental and social impact of anthropogenic interventions on natural environmental and ecosystems. • Environmental and social impact of development polices practices and projects. 				
3	Environmental Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmentalism • Principles of Environmental Social Work (ESW) • Environmental stewardship as a practice in ESW • Inequality and inequity in access and rights to resources and benefits of development • Unequal burden of negative consequences of social and environmental interventions as well as development policies and practices • Dependence of human well-being on environmental status • Environmental human rights • Rights to nature: Rights to ecosystems; Rights to rivers-emerging discourse, global and national in the contest of India • Gender and Environment: Gender justice • Environmental Justice and social justice, justice to 	6	2		15

		<p>vulnerable human groups and natural ecosystems; Environmental justice movement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objectives of promoting environmental justice: Equity, sustainability, and environmental and social resilience 				
4	Climate Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global climate change and climate crisis: Regional and local ramifications affecting vulnerable (poor and marginalized) social groups. Vulnerability and risk due to local climatic impact Climate justice: Emergence of the concept, broad definition, historical global and regional context Unequal responsibilities for energy transitions and achievement of net zero emission; Just Energy Transition Climate injustice: Examples from global, regional, national, and local contexts Need of alternative development paradigm for addressing climate injustice <p>Objectives of promoting climate justice: Environmental and social resilience to climate-induced risks.</p>	6	2		15
		Total hours		32		50

➤ **Note: End Semester Exam: 30 Marks, In Semester 20 Marks (10 In Semester Exam, 5 Presentation, 5 Assignment)**

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