

Semester II C2 – Open Elective

Course Pre-requisite(s): *12th Standard Pass*

Course Outcomes (Cos):

By the end of the course the student will be able to:

1. Understand the co-existence and analyse environmental issues efficiently with spirituality.
2. Motivates the student to contribute towards the sustainable development of natural resources and create in them the love and care for nature.
3. Make them the true stewards of the world to protect and preserve our universe for the future generation.

Content of Eco-Spirituality

48 Hrs

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Unit – 1 Eco-Spirituality meaning and content 16

Chapter No. 1 – Ecology

- Meaning
- Relation to Evolution
- Complexity
- Human Ecology

Chapter No. 2 – Spirituality

- Etymology and Definition
- Development of the meaning of Spirituality
- Traditional Spirituality
- Contemporary Spirituality

Chapter No. 3 – Ecology and Religion

- Ecological Crisis
- Research on Eco spirituality
- Dark Green Religion
- Ecofeminism and Christianity on the ecological crisis

Unit – 2 Religion attitude towards Ecology 16

Chapter No. 4 – Biblical Concept of Ecology

- Worldview in scientific interpretation
- Creation - The foundation for an ecological model
- An initial synthesis of current creation research (Noah)

Chapter No. 5 – Hinduism and Ecology

- Hindus view on Ecology and Environmental Well-being
- Hindus view on the Essence of the Mother Earth
- The interrelationship between the Hindu Concept of Karma, Dharma and Ecosystem

Chapter No. 6 – Buddhism and Ecology – four dimensions

- Suffering and Compassion
- Karma, rebirth, and Buddhist cosmology

- An Ecology of Human flourishing

Chapter No. 7 – Jainism and Ecology

- Universe Lives
- Jaina Physics and Metaphysics
- Jaina Vows and Moral Foundation

Course Title: DSE / OE: Eco-Spirituality

Total Contact Hours: 48 Course Credits: 3

Formative Assessment Marks: 40 Duration of ESA/Exam:3 Hrs.

Model Syllabus Authors: Summative Assessment Marks: 60

Unit – 3 Ecological Challenges and Solutions 16

Chapter No. 8 – Ecological Crisis

- Meaning of Pollution
- Air Pollution
- Water Pollution
- Soil Pollution
- Noise Pollution

Chapter No. 9 – Response to Ecological Crisis

- Response based on Bible
- Ecology as a sacrament
- Call to responsibility
- Call to social Justice
- Restoration Work as Sacred Work and Public Witness
- Restoration of the “personal heart”

Chapter No. 10 – Attitude

- Environmental Education
- Environmental Awareness
- Afforestation efforts

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