

Course Contents

M.Tech. in Soil and Water Conservation Engineering

I. Course Title : Advanced Soil and Water Conservation Engineering

II. Course Code : SWCE 501

III. Credit Hours : 2+1

IV. Aim of the course

To acquaint and equip students with the advances in soil and water conservation measures, use of RS and GIS and Software's for design of soil and water conservation structures.

V. Theory

Unit I

Concept of probability in design of soil and water conservation structures. Probability and continuous frequency distribution. Fitting empirical distributions.

Unit II

Relevance of soil and water conservation in agriculture and in the river valley projects. Layout and planning of soil and water conservation measures. Software's for design of conservation structures.

Unit III

Productivity loss due to soil erosion. Water stress and water excess. Types and mechanics of soil erosion. Software's for soil loss estimation, WEAP, EPIC

Unit IV

Theories of sediment transport. Control of runoff and sediment loss. Sediment deposition process. Estimation of sediment load.

Unit V

Design of soil and water conservation structures: Check dams, gully plugs, gabion structures, earth dams, silt detention dams, farm ponds, etc., and the alternate use of the stored water for agriculture. Application of Remote Sensing and GIS in Soil and Water Conservation.

VI. Practical

Assessment of erosive status of a watershed through field measurement or analysis of morphometric properties. Estimation of erosivity index of rainfall. Determination of soil physical properties: Texture, grain size distribution, Atterberg's limits, various moisture percentages. Locating best possible sites of soil and water conservation structures on the basis of map features and erosivity status. Estimation of costs of soil and water conservation measures.

VII. Learning outcome

The students will able to plan and design soil and water conservation measures in particular watershed using RS and GIS techniques. They can estimate the

sedimentation and capacity losses, design of gully control structures and earthen dams using software's.

VIII. Lecture Schedule

S.No.	Topic	No. of Lectures
1.	Concept of probability in design of soil and water conservation structures	2
2.	Probability and continuous frequency distribution	2
	Fitting empirical distributions	2
3.	Relevance of soil and water conservation in agriculture and in the river valley projects	2
4.	Layout and planning of soil and water conservation measures	2
5.	Software's for design of conservation structures	1
6.	Productivity loss due to soil erosion	1
7.	Water stress and water excess	1
8.	Types and mechanics of soil erosion	1
9.	Software's for soil loss estimation, WEAP, EPIC	3
10.	Theories of sediment transport	2
11.	Control of runoff and sediment loss	1
12.	Sediment deposition process and estimation of sediment load	2
13.	Design of soil and water conservation structures: Check dams, gully plugs, gabion structures, earth dams, silt detention dams, farm ponds, etc., and the alternate use of the stored water for agriculture	6
14.	Application of Remote Sensing and GIS in Soil and Water Conservation	3
	Total	31

IX. List of Practicals

S.No.	Topic	No. of Practicals
1.	Assessment of erosive status of a watershed through field measurement	2
2.	Morphometric analysis of a watershed	2
3.	Estimation of erosivity index of rainfall	1
4.	Determination of soil texture	1
5.	Determination of soil grain size distribution	1
6.	Determination of Atterberg's limits of soil	1
7.	Determination of various soilmoisture percentages	1
8.	Locating best possible sites of soil and water conservation structures on the basis of map features and erosivity status	2
9.	Design of Check dams, gully plugs, gabion structures, earth dams, silt detention dams and farm ponds	4
10.	Estimation of costs of soil and water conservation measures	2
	Total	17

X. Suggested Reading

- Garg SK. 1987. *Irrigation Engineering and Hydraulic Structures*. Khanna Publishers, New Delhi.
- Kirkby MJ and Morgan PPC (eds). 1980. *Soil Erosion*. John Wiley and Sons. New York, USA.
- Suresh R. 2016. *Soil and Water Conservation Engineering*. Standard Publishers and Distributors, Delhi.