

Compulsory Course on Environmental Studies for Undergraduates of University of Delhi (One Semester): Teaching Schedule & Guidelines		
1.	Course Name and [Code] & Academic Session	Compulsory Core Course on Environmental Studies¹ [ENVS 1] [With effect from Session 2014-15]
2.	Course Credits [CC]:	4 CC
3.	Rationale for introducing this Course:	Environment protection has dominated the global developmental narrative post UN Conference on Environment and Development at Rio de Janeiro in 1992. The awareness that economic development must not compete with environment has since been internalized in development framework in India. It is in this context that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in 1993 directed UGC to frame a compulsory core 4 credit course for all undergraduate students in India. UGC subsequently framed a course, which provides the basic protocol for the Course now being implemented by University of Delhi. Since human survival in many ways is linked to environmental security, this Course would help students understand and appreciate various concepts and issues concerning this linkage.
4.	Brief Course Description:	<p>This Course is aimed at imparting knowledge to undergraduates from all study areas to help them understand and appreciate various concepts and issues about environment at local, regional and global levels. Case studies will form the basic pedagogical tool of delivery for this Course.</p> <p>The major topics covered in this course are*:</p> <p>Unit 1 : Introduction to environmental studies Unit 2 : Ecosystems Unit 3 : Natural Resources : Renewable and Non-renewable Resources Unit 4 : Biodiversity and Conservation Unit 5 : Environmental Pollution Unit 6 : Environmental Policies & Practices Unit 7 : Human Population and the Environment Unit 8: Field Work</p> <p>*for details see teaching schedule at serial no. 10</p>
5.	Requisites:	All 1 st year undergraduate students of the University (one semester only) .

¹ Approved vide AC and EC Resolutions of 19th July, 2014.

		the Course under intimation to Head, Department of Environmental Studies. Wherever necessary, Colleges may seek assistance/guidance of Head, Department of Environmental Studies for smooth teaching of the ENVS1 Course .
10.	Modes of Teaching and Learning: (Lectures, Seminars, Discussions, Regular tests, Q & A).	An optimal combination and mix of approaches would be followed in teaching and learning this course. These will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectures/seminars and discussion sessions • Video presentations • Field visits/excursions • Interactive session/class • Project activity/ report writing/presentation
11.	Interdisciplinarity & Multidisciplinarity	Inter-disciplinarity will be the main focus of teaching and learning strategies. The course content and suggested readings draw heavily from ideas developed through inter-disciplinary works. Likewise, the course will be multiple and cross-discipline based.