

Course Code : ENCM 21522
Title : Environmental Policies and Legislations
Pre-requisite : ENCM 11522
Co-requisite : None
Status : Compulsory, Theory

Learning outcomes:

After completion of the course unit, the student will be able to;

- explain the environmental policy formulation process in Sri Lanka,
- evaluate environmental management policies in Sri Lanka,
- describe the environmental assessment and licensing processes in Sri Lanka,
- describe environmental conventions and protocols that address global environmental issues and discuss their applicability in Sri Lanka, and
- demonstrate competency in applying the provisions in relevant Acts and Ordinances in the management of environment in Sri Lanka.

Course content:

Introduction to environmental policy and environmental law, Policy formulation process in Sri Lanka, Environmental conservation and management policies in Sri Lanka: National Environmental Policy (draft), Constitutional provisions in environmental management, Provisions in the Penal Code and Code of Criminal Procedure; National Environmental Act, National Environmental Regulations and Orders, Flora and Fauna Protection Ordinance, Coast Conservation Act, System of granting approval for development projects and high polluting industries in Sri Lanka, Initial Environmental Examination and Environmental Impact Assessment (IEE and EIA), Environmental Protection licensing (EPL) process, Environmental standards, Environmental management under provincial administration, Legislation on local government, Other Acts and Statutes related to the protection of environment, Central administration and Delegation of power with special reference to environmental conventions and management, Case studies: court cases relevant to application of environmental laws, International conventions and protocols relevant to global environmental issues.

Method of teaching and learning:

A combination of lectures, case studies, computer based learning, assignments and small group discussions.

Assessment:

In-course assessment and end of semester examination.

Recommended reading:

1. Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka of 1978 and amendments.
2. National Environmental Act No. 47 of 1980 of Sri Lanka and amendments.
3. Divan S. & A. Rosencranz (2002). Environmental Law and Policy in India, Cases, Materials and statutes. 2nd Edition. Oxford University press, UK.
4. Donald K (1997). Report of the Regional Symposium on the Role of Judiciary in Promoting the Rule of Law in the area of Sustainable Development. South Asia Co-operative Environmental Programme. Colombo, Sri Lanka.
5. Bernie P. W., A. E. Boyle & C. Redgwell (2009). International Law and the Environment. 3rd Edition, Oxford University Press, UK.
6. Global environmental conventions and protocols.
7. Acts and Ordinances relevant to environmental conservation and management in Sri Lanka.