The University of Southern Queensland

Course Specification

Description: Environmental Technology

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Academic Group: FOENS
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HECS Band: 2
ASCED Code: 039901

STAFFING
Examiner: Mark Porter
Moderator: Ernest Yoong

SYNOPSIS
This course is designed to introduce the student to the interactive complexity of environmental problem solving. It will: (i) acquaint students with a wide range of pollution and waste management issues (including air, water and noise pollution; solid waste disposal; bioremediation; and the setting of emission and quality standards); (ii) provide students with the knowledge to assess and develop solutions for these issues; (iii) provide an awareness of modern environmental protection legislation and ethical considerations that form the background to engineering activity.

OBJECTIVES
On completion of this course, students should be able to:

- evaluate representative sources and the effects of air, water and noise pollution;
- apply appropriate theory to predict: the transport and dispersion of air and water pollutants; the transmission of noise; flow and solute movement through porous media;
- apply appropriate techniques to the measurement of quantities based on human sensory perceptions such as odour and noise;
- justify the need for emission and quality standards and apply the standards appropriately;
- evaluate measures for the control of air and water quality;
- analyse the social forces involved in the generation and minimisation of solid wastes;
- evaluate the factors important in the design of effective solid waste disposal, processing or recycling schemes;
- analyse and evaluate the factors governing the occurrence of acid sulphate soils and evaluate their impact on the environment;
- analyse and evaluate the range of soil treatments available for mine site rehabilitation;
- explain the philosophy and workings of current environmental legislation;
- explain the role of public consultation in engineering projects;
- apply internationally recognised ethical standards and environmental principles.

**TOPICS**

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3. Groundwater Pollution 15.00

3.1. Groundwater hydraulics

3.2. Sources

3.3. Mechanics of solute movement

3.4. Assessment

3.5. Quality standards

4. Solid Waste 10.00

4.1. Landfill

4.2. Composting

4.3. Incineration

4.4. Recycling

5. Noise 10.00

5.1. Sources and characteristics

5.2. Control mechanisms

5.3. Standards

6. Soil Response to Development 15.00

6.1. Acid sulphate soils

6.2. Mine site rehabilitation

7. Bioremediation 5.00
8. Environmental Protection Legislation  5.00

8.1. Philosophy (licensing vs end of pipe)

8.2. Qld Env Protection Act

**TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:**
Books can be ordered by fax or telephone. For costs and further details use the 'Book Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au by entering the author or title of the text.

*ENV4204 Environmental Technology External Study Package*, USQ Publication,

**REFERENCE MATERIALS**
Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.


**STUDENT WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS**

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**ASSESSMENT DETAILS**

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<td>300.00</td>
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<td>3 HOUR RESTRICTED EXAMINATION</td>
<td>700.00</td>
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**NOTES:**
Student Administration will advise students of the dates of their examinations during the semester.
IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1 Attendance requirements:
   It is the students' responsibility to attend and participate appropriately in all activities
   (such as lectures, tutorials, laboratories and practical work) scheduled for them,
   and to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to
   maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed
   of course-related activities and administration.

2 Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:
   To complete each of the assessment items satisfactorily, students must obtain at
   least 50% of the marks available (or at least a grade of C-) for each assessment
   item.

3 Penalties for late submission of required work:
   If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval then a
   penalty of 20% of the total marks available for the assignment will apply for each
   working day late.

4 Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:
   To be assured of a passing grade, students must demonstrate, via the summative
   assessment items, that they have achieved the required minimum standards in
   relation to the objectives of the course by: (i) satisfactorily completing the
   examination and assignments; and (ii) obtaining at least 50% of the total weighted
   marks available for all summative assessment items.

5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
   The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate
   of the marks (or grades) obtained for each of the summative assessment items in
   the course.

6 Examination information:
   In a Restricted Examination, candidates are allowed access to specific materials
   during the examination. The only materials that candidates may use in the restricted
   examination for this course are: writing materials (non-electronic and free from
   material which could give the student an unfair advantage in the examination);
   calculators which cannot hold textual information (students must indicate on their
   examination paper the make and model of any calculator(s) they use during the
   examination).

7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
   Any Deferred or Supplementary examinations for this course will be held during
   the examination period at the end of the semester of the next offering of this course.

8 University Regulations:
   Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10
   Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might
   contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL:
   http://www.usq.edu.au/SECARIAT/calendar/Part5/ or in the printed version of the
   current USQ Handbook.
ASSESSMENT NOTES

1 The due date for an assignment is the date by which a student must despatch the assignment to the USQ. The onus is on the student to provide proof of the despatch date, if requested by the Examiner.

2 Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be produced within five days if required by the Examiner.

3 In accordance with University's Assignment Extension Policy (Regulation 5.6.1), the examiner of a course may grant an extension of the due date of an assignment in extenuating circumstances.

4 The Faculty will normally only accept assessments that have been written, typed or printed on paper-based media.

5 The Faculty will NOT accept submission of assignments by facsimile.

6 Students who do not have regular access to postal services or who are otherwise disadvantaged by these regulations may be given special consideration. They should contact the examiner of the course to negotiate such special arrangements.

7 In the event that a due date for an assignment falls on a local public holiday in their area, such as a Show holiday, the due date for the assignment will be the next day. Students are to note on the assignment cover the date of the public holiday for the Examiner's convenience.

8 Students who have undertaken all of the required assessments in a course but who have failed to meet some of the specified objectives of a course within the normally prescribed time may be awarded the temporary grade: IM (Incomplete - Make up). An IM grade will only be awarded when, in the opinion of the examiner, a student will be able to achieve the remaining objectives of the course after a period of non-directed personal study.

9 Students who, for medical, family/personal, or employment-related reasons, are unable to complete an assignment or to sit for an examination at the scheduled time may apply to defer an assessment in a course. Such a request must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation. One of the following temporary grades may be awarded IDS (Incomplete - Deferred Examination; IDM (Incomplete Deferred Make-up); IDB (Incomplete - Both Deferred Examination and Deferred Make-up).

10 The Faculty of Engineering and Surveying does not offer supplementary examinations.