



MANGALORE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF BIOSCIENCES

M.Sc. ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

ESS 553 ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY

39 hrs.

Course Outcomes:

- CO1 Study the process of metabolism of toxic substances.
- CO2 Learn about pesticides.
- CO3 Understand the toxicity of alcohol, tobacco and its products.
- CO4 Describe various toxicants found in the atmosphere.

UNIT I (13 Hours)

Introduction, definition and various facets of toxicology; Kinds of toxicity, time and dose response relationships; factors influencing the toxicity; Bioassay. Metabolism of toxic substances: biomagnification, biotransformation and detoxification; Effects of environmental toxicants- sub cellular, cellular, individual, population and ecosystem levels.

UNIT II (13 Hours)

Atmospheric toxicants: Major sources, types and standards; Primary pollutants-Carbon monoxide, sulphur oxides, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, hydrocarbons, asbestos and CFC's; Secondary pollutants; Impact of air pollutants on climate-Acid rain, photochemical smog, global warming, ozone depletion and haze. Toxicity of Alcohol, tobacco and its products, food additives.

UNIT III (13 Hours)

Pesticides: Definition, classification; Insecticides: Organochlorines, Organophosphates and carbamates. Poisoning and treatment; Herbicides, fungicides, rodenticides, endocrine disrupters. PCBs and Dioxins. Toxic risk assessment: Methods, monitoring, importance and surveillance of risk assessment. Safety standards: Safety measures, safety regulations, protective practices and devices.

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