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# M.Sc., GEOGRAPHY PROGRAMME

# **CURRICULUM STRUCTURE**

(Academic Year 2023-2024 Onwards)

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## **VISION**

To establish a center of advanced geographical research so as to develop ethical and scientific knowledge to solve the spatial problems by taking the role of leaders, decision-makers, and policy makers.

## **MISSION**

- M1 Provide an enhanced educational atmosphere to the students through blending of teaching and research that fosters the knowledge, skills, and experiences.
- M2 Prepare students to solve societal problems and inspire them to become cognizant decision-makers and leaders.
- M3 Engage local, regional, national and global communities through demand-based collaborative research.
- M4 Establish Centre for Advanced Geographical Research with innovative techniques, instrumentation, and infrastructure.

# PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

- PO1 Prepare students to demonstrate proficiency in theoretical and applied realms of geography.
- PO2 Make the students understand the contemporary environmental issues and underlying cause-effect relationships.
- PO3 Provide the ability to evaluate as well as solve geographic problems effectively through geospatial technologies.
- PO4 Enable students to understand the spatial problems and working towards sustainable environment through both an independent and collaborative system.
- PO5 Prepare the students to apply their skills in professional careers for their career advancement.

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## PROGRAMME SPECIFIC LEARNING OUTCOMES

After the successful completion of M.Sc., Geography, the student will be able to

- PSO1 Explain the planet's physical processes and human interactions at varying spatiotemporal scales.
- PSO2 Demonstrate proficiency in handling geospatial tools and techniques.
- PSO3 Appreciate the relevance of geographical knowledge and to provide geographic insights on important societal issues.
- PSO4 Identify current research trends within the breadth and depth of geography and produce meaningful scholarly contribution.
- PSO5 Create community awareness and demonstrate ethics in conducting geographical research.

## **GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES**

Through M.Sc., Geography, the student will be able to acquire:

- Critical thinking and observation power
- Skills to handle traditional and modern geospatial instruments
- Ability to perform spatial analysis
- Communication and teamwork skills
- Attitude to conduct scientific research projects
- Values of environmental ethics and sustainability
- Paths for self-directed and life-long learning

## PROGRAMME MAPPING

**Programme Outcomes to Mission Statements** 

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
M1	X	X	X	X	X
M2		X	X	X	X
M3		X	X	X	X
M4	X	X	X	X	X

## **Programme Specific Learning Outcomes to Programme Outcomes**

3	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
PSO1	X	X	X	X	
PSO2	X		X		X
PSO3	X	X	X	X	X
PSO4	X	X	X	X	X
PSO5		X		X	X

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# PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Sl.	I. Seme Courses Offered		C 124	Asses	sment			
No.	ster	Category	Code	Title	Credits	CIA	ESE	
				First Year				
1	I	CC	GEO2011	Geomorphology	4	40	60	
2	I	CC	GEO2012	Hydrology and Oceanography	4	40	60	
3	I	CC	GEO2013	Geographical Thought	3	40	60	
4	I	CC	GEO2014	Population and Settlement Geography	4	40	60	
5	I	CC	GEO2015	Geography of Health	4	40	60	
6	I	ССР	GEO2016	Cartographic Techniques - Practical	2	10	100	
7	I	CCP	GEO2017	Survey Methods - Practical 2		100		
	Total				23	70	00	
	Tota	l Credit Poi	nts Earned = 2	3 x 6 (NCrF Level PG1)		138		
8	II	CC	GEO2021	Climatology	4	40	60	
9	II	CC	GEO2022	Social, Cultural and Political Geography	4	40	60	
10	II	CC	GEO2023	Remote Sensing	3	40	60	
11	II	CC	GEO2024	Geographic Information Science	3	40	60	
12	II	CCP	GEO2025	Image Analysis - Practical	2	10	00	
13	II	CCP	GEO2026	GIS - Practical	2	10	00	
14	II	SEC	GEOSE01	Field Work	Field Work 2 100		00	
15	II	SEC	GEOSE02	2 Internship 2		10	00	
16	II	OE	GEOOE	Open Elective *		40	60	
	Total			25	7(	00		
Total Credit Points Earned = 25 x 6 (NCrF Level PG1) 150			150					
	II	VAC	GEOVA01	Conservation of Natural Resources	2			

## **NOTE:**

<sup>\*</sup> In the place of Open Elective, students can choose any open elective course offered by the University Departments. The course should have at least three credits.



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	Second Year						
17	III	CC	GEO2031	Geography of India	4	40	60
18	III	CC	GEO2032	Regional Planning and Development	4	40	60
19	III	CC	GEOON01	Research Methodology (Optional MOOC) 4		40	60
20	III	CC	GEOON02	Disaster Risk Reduction (Optional MOOC)	3	40	60
21	III	ССР	GEO2033	Quantitative Techniques - Practical	2	10	00
22	III	ССР	GEO2034	Advanced Geospatial Techniques - Practical	2	10	00
23	III	DSE	GEOEC01 GEOEC02 GEOEC03 GEOEC04	Environment and Sustainable Development Models in Geography Applied Geomorphology Urban GIS	4	40	60
24	III	SS	GEO2035	Academic Writing	2	40	60
			Total		25	80	00
	Total	Credit Poi	nts Earned = 2	5 x 6.5 (NCrF Level PG2)		162.5	
25	IV	CC	GEO2041	Dissertation	14	10	00
26	IV	CC	GEOON03	Research Ethics (Optional MOOC)	3	40	60
27	IV	DSE	GEOON04	Online Educational Resources Based Course **	4	40	60
	Total				21	30	00
	Total Credit Points Earned = 21 x 6.5 (NCrF Level PG2)				136.5		
Grand Total			94 2500		00		
	Grand Total of Credit Points Earned					587	
	CCP: Core Course Practical				CC: Core		
	SEC: Skill Enhancement Course  DSE: Discipline Specific Elective					n Elective	<u> </u>
					SS: Soft	Skill	
VAC: Value Added Course							

#### **NOTE:**

\*\* In the place of Online Educational Resources based course, students can choose any of the dissertation relevant courses in consultation with the internal supervisor and with the due approval of BoS committee. The courses shall be selected from the UGC recognized online educational platforms. The concerned supervisor shall conduct the internal and end semester examination. The students are also allowed to undertake UGC SWAYAM exam and transfer the marks and credits earned upon successful completion of the course.

For those courses which are mentioned "Optional MOOC", students can pursue these courses in UGC SWAYAM platform. The course should have minimum credits as prescribed in the structure and should be of Post-Graduate learning path. Students can transfer the marks and credits earned upon successful completion of the course.

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## **EVALUATION SCHEME**

The Choice-Based Credit System (CBCS) is adopted for M.Sc., Geography programme that offers flexibility to the students to choose the electives. Each course in the programme is assigned with a fixed number of credits based on the contents to be learned and it is evaluated by the course instructor(s). The evaluation of the internal component of the courses is continuous and the minimum passing mark for all the courses is 50%.

#### **Evaluation of Theory Courses**

All theory courses shall carry a Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA) component to the extent of 40 marks and End Semester Examination (ESE) for 60 marks.

Components	Weightage (%)
Internal Exams (Best 2 of 3)	20
Assignments / Case Studies	10
Seminar	05
Interaction	05
End Semester Exams	60

Students failing to put 75% of attendance in any course/s will not be allowed to write ESE. For other conditions, the University's regulations will be governed. They have to redo the course/s only when it is offered next time and to fulfil the attendance criteria to appear for ESE in that course.

#### **Evaluation of Laboratory Courses**

The Continuous Internal Assessment (CIA) will be the only component for Laboratory Courses. No separate examinations will be conducted.

Components	Weightage (%)
Lab Exercises	60
Assignments / Case Studies	20
Interaction	10
Submission of Record	10

Students failing to put in 75% of attendance in laboratory courses have to redo the course only when it is offered next time. For other conditions, the University's regulations will be governed.

#### **Evaluation of Dissertation / Internship / Field Work**

The thesis/report will be supervised and assessed by internal members. Students must present their thesis/report in a viva-voce which will be conducted at the end of the programme duration.

Components	Weightage (%)		
Components	Dissertation	Internship/Field Work	
Regular interactions with the supervisor	20	20	
Statement of the problem and methods	20		
adopted			
Outputs and scientific merits	20	30	
Structure of thesis/report	20	20	
Viva-voce	20	30	

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# END SEMESTER EXAMINATION – QUESTION PAPER PATTERN

<b>Programme:</b> M.Sc. Geography	<b>Duration</b> : 3 Hours <b>Maximum Marks</b> : 60		
Course Code: XXX			
Course Title: XXX	Date: XXX		
Section-A [5 X 2	= 10 Marks]		
Answer ALL Questions not ex	_		
All the questions to be asked here under are de remembrance and unders			
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
Section-B [4 X 5	= 20 Marks]		
Answer any FOUR Questions n	-		
All the questions to be asked hereunder are parasked from each unit. One or two question(s) will understand, apply, analyse, evaluate,	be asked each to test the students' ability to		
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			
11.			

# Section-C $[2 \times 15 = 30 \text{ Marks}]$

Answer any TWO Questions not exceeding five pages each

12. 13. 14. 15.	ll the questions to be asked hereunder are essay types. One or two question(s) will be as each to test the students' ability to analyse, evaluate, and creative cognitive domains	ked
	13. 14.	

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# Syllabus

# **SEMESTER - I**

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Credits: 4 Course Code: GEO2011

#### **GEOMORPHOLOGY**

## **Learning Outcomes**

After completion of this course, the students will be able to:

- 1. understand the physical earth systems and controls of geomorphic processes
- 2. describe the exogenic and endogenic processes and their importance in landform development
- 3. prepare geomorphology maps and apply the geomorphology skills in geographical research

#### Unit - I

Basic Concepts: Geological time scale - Evolution of geomorphic ideas - Fundamental concepts in geomorphology

#### Unit - II

Endogenic Processes: Internal structure and Isostasy - Plate tectonics - Tectonic and structural landforms - Volcanoes and earthquakes

#### **Unit - III**

Exogenic Processes: Weathering and mass movement – Fluvial processes and landforms - Fluvial geomorphic cycle - Slope development theories

#### **Unit - IV**

Landscapes: Aeolian landforms - Glacial processes and glacio-fluvial landscapes - Karst landscapes - Coastal landforms

#### Unit - V

Morphogenetic regions – Dynamic equilibrium in geomorphology – Quaternary geomorphology - Anthropogeomorphology

Field trips will be arranged to recognize landforms and to understand geomorphic data collection methods.

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	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	X				
CO2		X		X	
CO3			X	X	X

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Credits: 4 Course Code: GEO2012

## **HYDROLOGY AND OCEANOGRAPHY**

#### Learning Outcomes:

*Upon completing this course, the students will be able to:* 

- 1. understand the fundamental components of hydrological cycle and water resource evaluation.
- 2. explain the comprehend practices of integrated watershed management and groundwater management.
- 3. analyse oceanic circulation systems as well as their interconnections and driving forces.
- 4. understand the origin and distribution of marine resources and provide essential background for further studies in ocean and marine environment.

#### Unit - I

Hydrological Cycle: Systems Approach in Hydrology, Hydrological Input and Output, Physical Process and Estimation - Anthropogenic Intervention in Hydrological cycle - Problems of Regional Hydrology

#### Unit - II

Water Resources Evaluation: Surface runoff, Groundwater Occurrence and Movement – Hydrograph Analysis - Watershed Approach: Watershed Modelling, Integrated Watershed Management, Water Quality

#### **Unit - III**

Oceanography: Configuration of ocean floor, temperature, salinity and density of ocean water - Circulation of oceanic waters: waves, tides and currents, Currents of the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans

#### **Unit - IV**

Ocean Resources: Types and Theories of Origin and Distribution - Marine Deposits - Fishing - Conservation of Ocean Resources

#### Unit - V

Coastal and Marine Ecosystems: Ocean Habitats - Mangroves, Coral Reefs, Natural and Anthropogenic Impacts - Deep Sea Ecology

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	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	X	X			
CO2	X	X		X	
CO3	X	X	X		X
CO4	X	X		X	

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Credits: 3 Course Code: GEO2013

## **GEOGRAPHICAL THOUGHT**

#### **Learning Outcomes:**

*Upon completing this course, the students will be able to:* 

- 1. get an insight into the historical evolution of the subject of geography. It will help in creating the philosophical foundation of the subject.
- 2. understand contemporary modern views incorporated will inculcate critical thinking.
- 3. develop both inductive and deductive reasoning to attain holistic thinking about geographic systems.
- 4. critically evaluate the nature of geography as spatial science with changing space and time.

#### Unit - I

Evolution of Geographic Thought: Changing Paradigms in Geography: Environmentalism, Possibilism, Areal differentiation, spatial organization

#### **Unit - II**

Pre-Modern – Early Origins of Geographical Thinking with reference to the Classical and Medieval Philosophies (Greek, Roman and Arab Geographers), Development of geographical thought during Dark Age.

#### Unit - III

Modern – Evolution of Geographical Thinking and Disciplinary Trends in Germany, France, Britain, United States of America.

Indian Geography: Evolution of Geography in India, Progress and Contributions in Indian Geography, Life and works of Indian Geographers, Geographical Societies

## **Unit - IV**

Philosophical Debates in Contemporary Geography: Dichotomy between Environmental Determinism and Possibilism, Systematic and Regional, Digital vs. Analog and Ideographic and Nomeothetic.

#### Unit - V

Recent Trends - Quantitative Revolution and its impact, Behaviourism, Systems Approach, Radicalism, Feminism; Towards Post Modernism - Changing Concept of Space in Geography, Future of Geography. Critical understanding of positivism, Marxism and Postmodernism.

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	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	X	X			
CO2	X	X			
CO3	X		X	X	
					X

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Credits: 4 Course Code: GEO2014

## POPULATION AND SETTLEMENT GEOGRAPHY

#### **Learning Outcomes**

Upon completing this course, the students will be able to:

- 1. get the knowledge of human aspects of geography.
- 2. learn concepts of population geography, settlement geography, economic geography, and contemporary issues that are relevant in the present context.
- 3. think in spatial terms to explain what has occurred in the past as well as using geographic principles to understand the present and plan for the future.
- 4. critically evaluate the contemporary issues for achieving the sustainable development goals.

#### Unit - I

Nature, scope and significance of Population and Settlement Geography, Different Schools of Thoughts in Population Studies, Approaches to study Settlement Geography

#### Unit – II

Sources of Data with reference to India; Population Size, Distribution and Growth – Spatial Patterns; Population Dynamics: Fertility, Mortality and Migration – Measures, Determinants and Implications - Age Sex Pyramid - World Population Growth (prehistoric to modern period), Population Composition and Characteristics, Population Policies in Developed and Developing Countries.

#### **Unit - III**

Types of Rural Settlements (types, patterns, and distribution) – Classification of Urban Settlements; Trends and Patterns of Urbanization, Changing Urban Forms, Concepts of Megacities, Global Cities and Edge Cities,; settlement planning with reference to India

#### **Unit - IV**

Theories of Origin of Towns (Gordon Childe, Henri Pirenne, Lewis Mumford), Urban Systems - Primate city, Rank-size rule, Models of Urban Land Use Models - Central Place Theories (Christaller and Losch) - Theories of Growth – Malthusian theory - Demographic Transition models - Law of Migration, Optimum Theory of Population

## Unit - V

Contemporary Issues - Aging of population - Declining sex ratio – Demographic transition in India- Demographic Dividend - Refugee crisis in India, National Population Policy 2000 - Contemporary Problems of Rural Settlements, Problems of urbanisation and remedies, Social Segregation in the City, Manifestation of Poverty in Cities, Sustainable development of cities.

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	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	X				
CO2	X	X			
CO3	X			X	X
CO4	X	X	X	X	X

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Credits: 4 Course Code: GEO2015

#### **GEOGRAPHY OF HEALTH**

# Learning Outcomes:

*Upon completing this course, the students will be able to:* 

- 1. Understand the sub-discipline of geography which encompasses human health and environment
- 2. acquire knowledge on integrated geographical approaches to attain health and wellbeing
- 3. evaluate spatial health data as well as analyse information to acquire information on health and environment

#### Unit - I

Introduction and Evolution of health geography, Approach of health geography, Measures of health, Health and happiness, Driving forces of health, ICSU programme: Health and wellbeing in the changing urban environment

#### Unit – II

Global burden of Diseases - communicable, non-communicable and infectious diseases, Population distribution and health problem, Technological development, Epidemiological transition model: India

#### Unit - III

Exposure and health risks - Lifestyle, Climate change and human health, Food, diet and nutrition, Population exposure model: population density (microenvironment), time spend (various microenvironment), indoor-outdoor relation (various microenvironment), Geographical understanding of epidemics

#### Unit – IV

Wellbeing in health perspective - Physical wellbeing, Social wellbeing, Psychological wellbeing, Spiritual wellbeing

#### Unit - V

Spatial techniques, Application of GIS and remote sensing for monitoring and analysis, Scope: Health benefit, Landscape development

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	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	X		X	X	X
CO2	X	X	X	X	
CO3			X		X

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Credits: 2 Course Code: GEO2016

## **CARTOGRAPHIC TECHNIQUES - PRACTICAL**

## Learning Outcomes:

*Upon completing this course, the students will be able to:* 

- 1. develop the basic skills of mapmaking and map interpretation
- 2. acquire knowledge about scale, projections, topographical maps, and slope analysis.
- 3. represent geographic data as well as analyse information from a spatio-temporal perspective.

## Ex. 1: Maps and Scales

- Classification of Maps
- Types of Scales
- Construction and Conversion of Scales

## Ex. 2: Map Projections

- Classification of Projections
- Cylindrical Projection
- Conical Projection
- Zenithal Projection
- Coordinate systems

## Ex. 3: Construction of Profiles

- Cross Profile of selected landforms
- Longitudinal profile
- Slope Analysis

#### Ex. 4: Settlement Analysis

- Identification of settlement types
- Settlement pattern
- Network density analysis

## Ex. 5: Interpretation of Maps

- Weather maps, SOI maps, NATMO maps, Hydrographic charts
- Marginal and extra-marginal information
- Interpretation of Physical and Cultural features

**Practical Record:** A Project File in pencil, comprising one exercise each on projections, topographical sheet interpretation.

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CO1	X		X		X
CO2					
CO3	X		X	X	X

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Credits: 2 Course Code: GEO2017

## **SURVEY METHODS - PRACTICAL**

## **Learning Outcomes:**

Upon successful completion of the course,

- 1. Students will acquire knowledge to handle a range of surveying instruments from traditional chains to modern DGPS and total stations.
- 2. Students will able to prepare base map of the study area
- 3. Students will able to identify physical features on the ground, understand the socioeconomic characteristics of village/town/households.

## Ex.1: Chain Survey

- Distance measurement
- Traversing
- Area calculation

## Ex.2: Plane Table Survey

- Open survey
- Closed Survey
- Triangulation and Traversing

## Ex.3: Prismatic Compass Survey

- Prismatic Compass
- Errors in compass survey
- Clinometer

## Ex.4: Total Station survey

- Station setup –Levelling and Resection
- Angle and Distance measurement
- Area and Volume calculation
- Triangulation and Traversing

## Ex.5: GNSS survey

- Point features with attributes
- Line features with attributes
- Polygon features with attributes

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	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	X		X	X	X
CO2				X	X
CO3	X		X	X	X



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# SEMESTER – II

# M.Sc., Geography Programme

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Credits: 4 Course Code: GEO2021

## **CLIMATOLOGY**

## Learning Outcomes:

After completion of this course, students will able to

- 1. understand the basic concepts and provide essential background for further studies in weather and climate.
- 2. explain the weather patterns, causes of atmospheric instability and disturbances, and climate variability
- 3. analyse atmospheric circulation systems as well as their interconnections and driving forces

## Unit - I

Introduction to Climatology: Atmospheric composition, mass and structure - Solar radiation and the global energy budget - Atmospheric moisture budget: humidity, evaporation, condensation and precipitation

#### **Unit - II**

Atmospheric Instability: adiabatic temperature changes, condensation level, air stability and instability - Cloud formation - Precipitation processes - Thunderstorms

#### **Unit - III**

Atmospheric motion: principles and local winds - Global pressure and wind belts - General Circulation - Atmospheric general circulation models

#### **Unit - IV**

Tropical systems: Intertropical convergence, tropical disturbances, Asian monsoon, El Niño-Southern Oscillation

## Unit - V

Mid-latitude systems: air masses - frontogenesis and frontal characteristics, Mesoscale convective systems - Climate classification - Climatic change

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CO1	X	X			
CO2		X			Х
СОЗ		Х	Х		Х

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Credits: 4 Course Code: GEO2022

# SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY

#### **Learning Outcomes:**

*Upon completing this course, the students will able to:* 

- 1. understand human values, social ethics, welfare, wellbeing, inclusion & exclusion and other important concepts
- 2. identify the neutrality in social and cultural issues and demonstrate sense of appreciation and respect for the diversity of perspectives, world-views, and cultures
- 3. explain the evolution and emergence of Nation State by tracing the changes in politics over time and geopolitics based on the struggle for resources and power
- 4. evaluate and correlate different theories with contemporary geopolitical and geo-strategic issues.

#### Unit - I

Social Geography: Nature and Scope - Concept of Social Space: First, Second and third Space; Geographies of Welfare and Wellbeing - Concept of Social wellbeing, Human Development Index, Social Geographies of Inclusion and Exclusion: Slums, Gated Communities with special reference to India.

#### Unit II

Cultural Geography: Nature and Scope; Concept of Culture; Cultural Theory; Cultural Landscape, Integration and Globalisation of Culture - Cultural regions of India: Defining Caste, Class, Religion, Gender, Language and their Spatial Underpinnings with reference to India

#### **Unit III**

Political Geography: Nature, Scope and Development; Concept of Nation and State, Attributes of State – Federalism and Multilevel Governance, Electoral Reforms in India, Determinants of Electoral Behaviour, Geography of Resource Conflicts – Politics of displacement, Regional Organisations of Cooperation (SAARC, ASEAN, OPEC, EU, NATO, BRICS, SCO, OUAD)

#### **Unit IV**

Theories and Laws: Agricultural Systems of the World and Agricultural Land use model - Laws of international boundaries and frontiers Geographical Pivot and Heartland Theory. Rim Land Theory and their Relevance to World's Geopolitics.

#### Unit V

Recent trends in social and cultural geographical studies, social change with special reference to caste and tribal groups, and social change - Racial linguistic and ethnic diversities; religious minorities - impact of globalization on culture related to India - International boundary of India and related issues - India's role in world affairs; Geopolitics of South Asia and Indian Ocean realm

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CO1	X	X		X	
CO2		X	X	X	
CO3	X	X		X	
CO4	X	X		X	X



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Credits: 3 Course Code: GEO2023

## **REMOTE SENSING**

## **Learning Outcomes:**

*Upon completing this course, the students will be able to:* 

- 1. understand the basic concepts of electromagnetic radiation, its interaction with the earth's surface and atmosphere.
- 2. understand resolution properties to interpret, process, and evaluate remotely sensed images.
- 3. apply knowledge of image processing principles strategically to new problems.
- 4. evaluate the applicability of remote sensing technologies as a monitoring tool for studying certain landscape phenomenon and spatial problems.

#### Unit I

Introduction to Remote Sensing: Concepts, Components, Electro Magnetic Radiation & Spectrum, Theories of EMR; Types of Remote Sensing: Based on Energy source and Electro-Magnetic Spectrum.

#### **Unit II**

Energy Interaction with Atmosphere & Earth Surface: Reflection, Absorption, Transmission, Scattering: Rayleigh, Mie and Non-selective; Absorption, and Refraction; Atmospheric Windows. Spectral Signature: Interaction with soil, water, and vegetation, and other features;

#### **Unit III**

Platforms, Sensors, Orbits: Types of platform - Types of sensors: FOV, IFOV, Active and Passive, Satellite orbits - Resolution and its types: Spatial, Spectral, Radiometric, and Temporal.

#### **Unit IV**

Image Colour Composites: False Colour Composite; Natural Colour Composite; Vegetation Indices; Elements of Image Interpretation. Remote Sensing Data Products: Legacy and Recent Developments.

#### Unit V

Advanced Sensing: Principles and Applications of Hyperspectral Remote Sensing, Field and Imaging Spectrometry, UAV Remote Sensing.

**Project**: Image interpretation and applications

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	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	X				
CO2	X		X		
CO3		X	X	X	X
CO4		X	Х	Х	X



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Credits: 3 Course Code: GEO2024

## **GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE**

## Learning Outcomes:

*Upon completing this course, the students will be able to:* 

- 1. understand the fundamental concepts of geographic information systems.
- 2. apply the concept of spatial data and underlying principles to identify spatial problems.
- 3. analysing the spatial datasets and produce map output.
- 4. design and develop research projects involving geospatial processes and data.

#### Unit - I

Introduction to GIS: Definition, and Elements of GIS; Spatial Data and its organization, Components, Spatial Data Infrastructure; Development of GIS technology; theoretical models and framework for GIS, representation of geographic data.

#### Unit - II

Coordinate systems, Datum, Scale, Resolution, Map projection; Data Input, Storage and Editing: Nature of geographic data: Spatial and Attribute Digitization; GIS databases - Storage and manipulation; Data Quality – Errors in geospatial data, Accuracy and Precision.

#### Unit - III

Concept of vector and raster based models; Tessellations, Topology – Elements, Planar and Non-Planar topology; Geodatabase – Components and types; Representation of composite features, DEM, Raster Data Structure, Compression and Conversion.

#### Unit - IV

Basic Spatial Analysis: Spatial Queries, Map algebra, Neighbourhood analysis; Proximity analysis and buffers; Overlays Analysis – raster and vector based overlay and their applications; Interpolation, Network Analysis.

#### Unit - V

Web GIS - Practical Report: Presentation of GIS output - Prepare a report consisting of five exercises using any GIS Software on above mentioned themes.

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CO1	X				X
CO2			X		X
CO3			Х	X	X

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Credits: 2 Course Code: GEO2025

## **IMAGE ANALYSIS - PRACTICAL**

## Learning Outcomes:

*Upon completing this course, the students will be able to:* 

- 1. augment knowledge and skills of image interpretation and mapping, and have experience with image processing software.
- 2. develop analytical workflows to derive products and extract information from remote sensing images for a broad range of applications.
- 3. apply image processing and interpretation skills independently to a real-world situation.
- 4. develop satellite data processing and analysis skills which is helpful for the employability of the students.

# Ex. 1: Image Visualization and Interpretation

- Visual Interpretation Keys
- Visual interpretation of satellite images
- Introduction to stereo images
- Image interpretation using mirror stereoscope

## Ex. 2: Digital Image Analysis

- Introduction to ENVI software
- Satellite Data Visualization
- Exploring Metadata

## Ex. 3: Image Pre-processing

- Radiometric correction
- Atmospheric correction
- Geometric correction

#### Ex. 4: Image Enhancement

- Contrast Enhancement
- Image Sharpening
- Density Slicing
- Low pass and High pass filtering

## Ex. 5: Image Classification

- Unsupervised Classification
- Supervised classification
- Accuracy Assessment

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	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	X		X		X
CO2	X		X	X	X
CO3	X	X	X		X
CO4			X	Х	X



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Credits: 2 Course Code: GEO2026

## **GIS - PRACTICAL**

#### **Learning Outcomes:**

*Upon completing this course, the students will be able to:* 

- 1. understand the scale, projection, and coordinate systems, appropriate use of vector and raster data structures and basics of data capture, storage, analysis, and output in a GIS.
- 2. use GIS software to do georeferencing, digitization, symbolization, layout of map and spatial analysis.
- 3. critically think and evaluate the physical, social, and environment-related research problems through the acquired geospatial practical knowledge.
- 4. acquire GIS practical skills which is helpful for them to fetch good employment opportunities.

## Ex. 1: Structuring geographic data

- Vector and raster data formats
- Building Geodatabase
- Create feature class
- Adding fields and domains

## Ex. 2: Explore spatial and attribute data

- RDBMS Primary key and foreign key
- Joining and Relating the attributes
- Exploring Field calculator and Feature geometry tools
- Aggregating spatial and attribute data

## Ex. 3: Spatial referencing

- Change a projection
- Set-up a custom coordinate system
- Coordinate transformations
- Georeference a raster image

## Ex. 4: Digitizing and editing geographic data

- Digitize point, line and polygon features
- Use advanced edit tools
- Spatially adjust features

## Ex. 5: Map symbolization and layouting

- Symbolizing geographic data
- Creating choropleth maps, point maps
- Create map layouts

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CO1	X		X		X
CO2			X		X
CO3		X	X		X
CO4			X		X

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Credits: 2 Course Code: GEOSE01

## FIELD WORK

## Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing this course, the students will be able to:

- 1. identify geographical problems and understand the linkage between lab and field.
- 2. conduct field oriented research and demonstrate field data collection.

After completing the first two semesters, students need to undergo a field work and prepare a report. The duration, location and purpose of the visit will be decided by concerned faculty members.

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	X	X	X	X	X
CO2			Х	X	Х

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Credits: 2 Course Code: GEOSE02

## **INTERNSHIP**

#### Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing this course, the students will be able to:

- 1. understand the organizational concepts and working culture.
- 2. acquire practical skills and offers opportunities to meet people and build a network that will help with future education or employment.
- 3. adapt effectively to changing conditions and demonstrate effective management of personal behaviour, ethics and attitudes.

After completing the first two semesters, students need to undergo an internship in a reputed institution or industry with a mandate to work as a member of a research group in a project in close association with the subject matter experts. The period of internship should be <u>two to three weeks</u>. The students need to submit a report (minimum of 10 pages) covering the aspects of a) industry/organization background, customs and practices b) intern duties and individual responsibility c) professional skills gathered and d) usefulness and career networking.

Getting Attendance/ Internship completion Certificate from the host institution is mandatory.

	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5
CO1	X			X	X
CO2			X	X	X
CO3				X	Х



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Credits: 2 Course Code: GEOVA01

# **CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

#### Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing this course, the students will be able to:

- 1. understand important aspects of natural resource and its conservation.
- 2. develop knowledge on the concept of sustainable resources management for better future
- 3. critically evaluate the prevailing acts and polices for sustainable resources management

## Unit - I

Introduction to Natural Resources: Concept, and Availability - Classification of Natural Resources - Natural Resources Distribution and Uses

#### Unit - II

Resource Management Paradigms – Ecological, Social, and Economic - Approaches in Resource Management: Integrated Resource Management

#### Unit - III

Natural Resources Governance: Social and Political Perspectives in Resource Management - Challenges - Legal frameworks for Organizational Structure and Stakeholders in Conservation of Resources and Livelihood

#### Unit - IV

Role of National Policies and Acts: Biological Diversity Act of 2002, National Environment Policy of 2004, National Conservation Policy, National Action Plan on Climate Change of 2008, Green Tribunal Act, 2009

#### Unit - V

Recent Trends in Sustainable Resource Management: National and International Efforts and Policies - Institutional Regulatory Bodies and Authorities - Community Based Natural Resources Management



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CO1	X	X			
CO2		X	X	X	
CO3				Х	X



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# SEMESTER – III

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Credits: 4 Course Code: GEO2031

# **GEOGRAPHY OF INDIA**

#### **Learning Outcomes:**

*Upon completing this course, the students will be able to:* 

- 1. understand the physical, cultural, economic, and demographic aspects with reference to India and pursue it for further research.
- 2. acquaint with the distinctiveness of geographic regions as the field of learning in Geographical studies
- 3. Investigate the historical and recent structure and distribution of population in India and explore future scenarios.

#### Unit - I

**Physical Setting:** Physiographic structure and divisions - drainage systems - soils - vegetation - climate (characteristics and classification) - origin of Indian monsoons.

#### Unit - II

**Resource Distribution:** Types of resources, distribution and their utilization in India, minerals, energy resources; fossil, nuclear fuels and other non-conventional energy resources

#### **Unit - III**

Agriculture and Economy: Agricultural production, and distribution of major crops, growth of economic sectors, industrial development, automobiles and information technology.

## **Unit - IV**

**Population and Settlements:** Historical and recent structure and distribution of population; population, density, literacy, sex-ratio, language, tribes, rural urban morphology, trends of urbanization, metro and mega cities - problems of urbanization - Smart Cities - future scenarios.

#### Unit - V

*Geopolitics of India:* Internal political geography of India - conflicts and strategic alliance with neighboring countries – India, the South Asian Country, as an emerging political and economic power, strategic partner - prospects and challenges, recent developments.

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Credits: 4 Course Code: GEO2032

## REGIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

#### **Learning Outcomes**

*Upon completing this course, the students will be able to:* 

- 1. understand the concept, nature and need of planning and development.
- 2. gain knowledge on methods and techniques used in planning and development.
- 3. apply the spatial dimension of planning and development to study spatial problems.

#### Unit - I

Introduction: Types and Methods of Classification of Region –Regionalization - Need for regional planning, Rapid Urbanization, Formal and functional: uniform and nodal, single purpose and composite regions

#### Unit - II

Historical Factor, Geographical factor, Location specific advantages, Early mover advantages, Failure of planning, Planning mechanism, Restricted success of green revolution, Indicators to measure development and under development.

#### **Unit - III**

Spatial planning and development, Liveable city, environmental quality and human health, Objectives: Goal and impact, Growth pole, core-periphery, basic needs strategy, Types of specific spatial planning, Sustainable town planning, Factors determining regional planning, Integrated Area Development Planning (IADP).

#### Unit - IV

Regional planning strategies & techniques, Ecological dimension – strategy for future, Regional development & efficiency, Regional planning example for macro, meso and micro regions Tribal - Development Plans, Scope: Survey Techniques and Mapping (GIS and Remote Sensing), satellite town, urban green belts

## Unit - V

Regional Problem in India- varying levels of development, causative factors, Problems characterizing development-potential, declining, Backward and ecologically sensitive regions examples Inter related nature of regional problem, Types of regional planning, Approaches in regional planning, Regional Policy & Planning.

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Credits: 4 Course Code: GEOON01

## **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

## (Optional MOOC)

## Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Acquaint with the basic knowledge about research in terms of; research design, data collection, analysis, and report writing.
- 2. Get an idea about the scientific processes and ethics of quality research.
- 3. Develop a keen interest in research and use the knowledge for future research.

#### Unit – I

Research Methodology overview - Procedure of Scientific research - Classification of Research - Review of Literature, Logical Reasoning, Defining a Research Problem

#### **Unit - II**

Formulating Hypothesis, Research Design, Measurement of Scales, Sampling - Need for Sampling, Methods of sampling and Size of Sampling

## Unit – III

Methods of Primary and Secondary Data collection; Conducting questionnaire surveys and Pilot Study; Mobile and GNSS based surveys - Processing of Data - Jurimetrics - Data Display: tables, graphs, maps, visualizations - Reliability and validity of data

#### Unit - IV

Report Writing - Preparation of Research Reports - Layout, Structure and Language of typical reports, Story maps - Citation methods: Foot note, Text note, End note.

#### Unit - V

Bibliography – Citation rules: Blue book, OSCOLA, MLA, APA and Chicago - Scientometrics - Reference Management Software; Research Ethics - Plagiarism.



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Credits: 3 Course Code: GEOON02

## **DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**

## (Optional MOOC)

## Learning Outcomes:

*Upon the completion of the course, the students would be able to:* 

- 1. Understand the conceptual aspects of disaster risk reduction
- 2. Apply various approaches and models in disaster risk reduction
- 3. Acquire knowledge on specific actions for disaster risk reduction and develop analytical skills in decision making
- 4. Evaluate the disaster management strategies and facilitate the action plans using geospatial tools and techniques

#### Unit - I

Understanding Disasters - Concepts and Types of disasters (natural and man-made), Factors and Significance of disasters - Trends in disasters - Physical, social, economic and environment impacts of disaster

#### Unit - II

Vulnerability - Concepts and Types of vulnerabilities - Factors and Significance of Vulnerability — Methods and approaches in vulnerability assessment - Coping Capacity - Resilience

#### Unit – III

Risk Assessment – Risk Analysis techniques – Problems in Risk Assessment – Assessment of Risks for different types of disasters – Participatory Risk Assessment - Community based approaches

#### **Unit - IV**

Disaster Risk Management – Prediction and Warning - Early warning systems – Response and Recovery – Mitigation and Prevention - Preparedness and Planning - Role of Geoinformatics in disaster risk reduction

## Unit - V

National and International efforts on disaster risk reduction - National Disaster Management Policy - Institutional efforts for disaster management in India - Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction - Targets, Priorities for Action, and Guiding Principles

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Credits: 2 Course Code: GEO2033

## **QUANTITATIVE TECHNIQUES - PRACTICAL**

#### Learning Outcomes

*Upon completing this course, the students will be able to:* 

- 1. acquaint themselves with the distinctiveness of quantitative techniques in geography.
- 2. gain knowledge about frequency distribution, uni-variate, bi-variate, and multi-variate analysis
- 3. understand software tools such as MS Excel, SPSS etc. which are essential for the analysis of spatial statistics.
- 4. identify specific statistical techniques where they can be used for data analysis.

#### Unit - I

Introduction to statistical Techniques and Uni-variate analysis: Frequency Distribution, types, Measures of Central Tendency, Measures of Dispersion, Skewness, and Kurtosis.

#### Unit - II

Bi-Variate: Correlation – linear correlation, Karl Pearson's correlation coefficient and Spearman's rank correlation, regression analysis, measures of inequality; Lorenz curve and Gini's coefficient.

#### Unit - III

Multi-Variate Analysis: Multiple correlation, multiple regression, principal component analysis, factor analysis, cluster analysis.

#### Unit - IV

Statistical Tests of Significance: Introduction to hypothesis testing, 't' test, 'f' test, z test, sign test, Chi square (X2) test, and ANOVA test.

#### Unit - V

Statistical Software: MS Excel, SPSS and R - Geographic data entry, storing and data file handling, generating new variables, running statistical procedures, constructing graphical displays, output viewer; recent trends in quantitative techniques.

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Credits: 2 Course Code: GEO2034

# **ADVANCED GEOSPATIAL TECHNIQUES - PRACTICAL**

## Learning Outcomes

*Upon completing this course, the students will be able to:* 

- 1. gain knowledge on theoretical background involved in contemporary remote sensing data processing techniques
- 2. proficiently interpret high resolution multi-source remote sensing data and critically evaluate the extracted information
- 3. critically think and evaluate spatial research problems through the acquired geospatial practical knowledge.
- 4. acquire proficiency in remote sensing and GIS practical skills using both open-source and commercial software which is helpful for them to fetch good employment opportunities.
- 5. formulate the research objective which requires robust data for the better understanding of environment related problems

## Ex. 1: Introduction to SAGA GIS Image processing software

- Exploring tools in SAGA GIS
- Mosaicking and subsetting images
- Conversion tools

## Ex. 2: Multispectral Image Analysis

- Image Indices
- Band Math
- Change Detection
- Textural parameters

## Ex. 3: Image Classification

- Classification using Machine Learning Algorithms
- Random Forest, SVM

## Ex. 4: Hyperspectral Image Analysis

- Preprocessing
- Feature Reduction
- Hyperspectral indices
- Classification Multiple Classifiers, Boosting

## Ex. 5: Introduction to QGIS software

- Exploring spatial tools in QGIS
- Exploring map document
- Conversion tools



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## Ex.6: Spatial interpolation

- Thiessen Polygons
- IDW
- Kriging

# Ex. 7: Vector analysis

- Spatial Vector operations (Extract, Overlay, Proximity, Generalization)
- Model Builder

# Ex. 8: Raster analysis

- Local Operations
- Focal Operations
- Raster calculator

# Ex. 9: Web based Geospatial Tools

- Web GIS Services
- Exploring Bhuvan
- Publish the spatial data using ArcGIS Server
- Google Earth Engine

## Ex. 10: Differential GNSS

- Static Survey (Baseline processing, Network adjustment and Loop-closure)
- Kinematic Survey (Post process and Real time)

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Credits: 4 Course Code: GEOEC01

## ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

# Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing this course, the students will be able to:

- 1. Understand the distinctiveness of geographic environment as a field of learning.
- 2. Develop a keen interest in the subject in terms of the key components and functions, and processes of different aspects of the environment and pursue it for further research.
- 3. Develop sustainable management strategies for different ecosystems, to address environmental challenges and promote conservation.

#### Unit - I

Concepts of Environment and Sustainable Development: Meaning, multi-disciplinary nature, components, functions, and processes of geographic environment. resources, development and concept of sustainability, sustainable development and its significance.

#### **Unit - II**

Forest and Mountain Ecosystems: Types, processes, patterns and biodiversity - problems and sustainable management of forest and mountain ecosystems.

Desert Ecosystem: Processes, patterns, desertification and sustainable management strategies for desert ecosystems.

#### Unit - III

Sustainable Coastal Ecosystem: Processes, problems and management of coastal areas; mangroves, coastal pollution, sea-ground water interaction in coastal zones, integrated coastal zone management (ICZM).

Sustainable Urban Ecosystems: Urban environments, problems, urban micro climates, urban heat islands, role of urban green & blue spaces and their management.

#### **Unit - IV**

Climate change and Global warming: Trends and patterns of global temperatures, their implications, UNFCCC reports, global and national action plans to counter climate change and adaptations.

#### Unit - V

Global, National Legislation and recent developments: Environment and sustainable development legislation in India and the world; global conventions, policies and flagship programmes, goals, targets, achievements and the future scenarios, recent advancements.

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Credits: 4 Course Code: GEOEC02

# **MODELS IN GEOGRAPHY**

## Learning Outcomes

Upon completing this course, the students will be able to:

- 1. understand fundamental concept and function of models, and four traditions in geography.
- 2. gain knowledge on measurement and classification models and their applications.
- 3. apply the spatial interaction and spatial diffusion models to study spatial problems.

#### Unit - I

Introduction to models: Function of models, Procedural problems of use of models, Types of model, Models and Paradigms in Geography

#### Unit - II

Four Traditions in geography: Spatial tradition, Area Studies tradition, Man-Land tradition, and Earth Science tradition – Criticisms

#### Unit - III

Observation Models: Measurement Models - Nominal, Ordinal, Interval and multidimensional, application and validation, Measurements in geography - Classification: logic and purpose, properties and procedure for classification, quantitative techniques.

#### Unit - IV

Spatial interaction models: Complementarity, Intervening opportunity, and Transferability - Potential models and Gravity models - Network and Flow Models

#### Unit - V

Spatial Diffusion: Dynamics of Spatial Pattern, Levels, Scales, and Cones of Resolution. Location Allocation problems, Recent trends in spatial organization

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Credits: 4 Course Code: GEOEC03

## **APPLIED GEOMORPHOLOGY**

#### Learning Outcomes:

After completion of this course, the research scholar will able to

- 1. Understand basics of fluvial-coastal forms and processes and likely changes resulting from those processes
- 2. Assess geomorphic dynamics for better landscape and environmental management
- 3. Apply advanced methods and techniques in analysis of geomorphic data

#### UNIT - I

*River basin analysis:* Drainage patterns - Channel types and morphological classification - Longitudinal profiles, baselevel and grade – Tutorials: Strahler's method of stream ordering, Hypsometric curve and longitudinal profiles

#### **UNIT - II**

*Coastal processes*: destructional and constructional - Coastal sediments: textural parameters, magnetic susceptibility and geochemistry - Tutorials: Field mapping of coastal landforms

#### UNIT - III

**Delta systems:** types, morphology and dynamics - Estuaries: formation, types, estuarine circulation and mixing - Tutorials: Extraction of delta features from DEM

#### UNIT - IV

*Sediment dynamics:* Dams, river flow and flood - Dynamics of river confluences - Tutorials: Granulometric analysis

## UNIT - V

*Anthropogeomorphology:* Dating techniques - Record of climatic and sea-level change - Relict landforms - Human impacts on the fluvial system - Tutorials: Flood hazard mapping

#### FIELD TRIP

There will be a field trip during which student will expose to a geomorphic system and techniques of field data collection. A report should be submitted after the field trip.

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Credits: 4 Course Code: GEOEC04

## **URBAN GIS**

## Learning Outcomes

*Upon completing this course, the students will be able to:* 

- 1. gain knowledge of the basic characteristics of urban environments, their common social and physical structures, and issues.
- 2. design a professional-grade, visually-balanced, cartographically complete maps
- 3. analyze the spatial processes and explore the spatial relationships in urban areas.
- 4. apply geospatial techniques in the urban environment.
- 5. create a spatial decision support system for sustainable urban management.

#### Unit - I

Urban definition, Urban terminology, Site and Situation with examples, Structure of cities-Classic land use models, Size and scale of cities, Urban Growth, Urban environmental problems, and issues

#### Unit - II

Urban as a system of systems, Urban infrastructure, Urban green space and blue space, Urban governance, Urban planning and Smart Cities, Sustainable Urban Development

#### **Unit - III**

Urban remote sensing, Urban GIS, Spatial Data: Raster and Vector, Attributes and metadata, Sources of data, Spatial Analysis, and Spatial Decision Support System. Recent Trends in Urban GIS

#### Unit - IV

Applications of GIS in the urban environment: Time enabled geospatial analysis, Network analysis, Site suitability analysis, Poverty and Crime analysis, Urban health, Conservation of green space, water resources, Urban modelling, and Urban disasters

#### Unit - V

Case Studies: Field trip to expose different land use structures in urban areas, Group Project work on any one of the GIS applications in selected cities, Systematic review of Urban GIS research papers on various themes

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CO1	X	X	X	X	
CO2	X	X	X	X	X
CO3		X	X	X	Х
CO4		X	X	X	Х
CO5		X	X	X	X

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# **ACADEMIC WRITING**

#### Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing this course, the students will be able to:

- 1. understand important aspects of academic culture and communication.
- 2. develop more productive, effective writing with healthier, more positive approaches.

#### Unit - I

Defining and understanding academic writing – organizing the materials – construction of thesis statement;

#### Unit - II

Usage of appropriate words in academic essay – use of formal vocabulary - Scientific CV writing

#### **Unit - III**

Reporting research findings – Result interpretation; Proofreading an essay or report – typographical errors – grammatical errors – Academic integrity – Citations and plagiarism

#### Unit - IV

Preparation of presentation – Oral and poster presentations; Working in groups – respect other people's writing styles and decisions – use of common language

#### Unit - V

Preparation of academic essay – monographs – Project proposal in any related Research Area in proper formatting and citation



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CO2				X	X



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# SEMESTER – IV

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## **DISSERTATION**

## Learning Outcomes

Upon completing this course, the students will be able to:

- 1. identify and define research problem and parameters.
- 2. collect and analyse the data in a systematic and scientific manner.
- 3. formulate and carry out independent research in the general field of geography.
- 4. write a scientific research report, thesis, and research proposal.

Students need to carry out dissertation work in a reputed academic/scientific institution or industry, write a thesis and defend it at the end. The thesis will be supervised and assessed by internal and external members. The students should select a specific topic from the following broad areas for conducting the research work.

- a) Applied Geomorphology
- b) Applied Climatology
- c) Integrated Watershed Management
- d) Coastal Zone Management
- e) Biodiversity and Conservation
- f) Environmental Impact Assessment
- g) Agriculture and Land Use Planning
- h) Human Health and Wellbeing
- i) Demography and Social Wellbeing
- j) Energy Resources

- k) Sustainable Tourism
- 1) Urban resilience
- m) Urban Planning and Sustainability
- n) Rural and Regional Development
- o) Remote Sensing
- p) GIS and Location Analytics
- q) Spatial Decision Support System
- r) Climate Change
- s) Disaster Risk Reduction
- t) Sustainable Development Goals

The thesis should be between 80 and 100 pages including maps, tables, diagrams and graphs. The ideal structure of thesis is a) Introduction, b) Objectives c) Study Area, d) Materials and Methods, e) Results and Discussion, f) Summary and Conclusion, g) References, and h) Appendices.

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CO2			X	X	X
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CO4	X		X	X	X

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Credits: 3 Course Code: GEOON03

# RESEARCH ETHICS (Optional MOOC)

## Learning Outcomes

After completion of this course, the research scholar will able to

- 1. understand the basics of philosophy of science and ethics, research integrity, and publication ethics
- 2. identify research misconduct and predatory publications
- 3. demonstrate indexing and citation databases, open access publications, research metrics (citations, h-index, impact factor, etc.) and plagiarism tools

## Unit – I

Introduction to Research Ethics: Definition, moral philosophy, nature of moral judgments and reactions.

#### Unit – II

Ethics with respect to science and research - Intellectual honesty and research integrity - Scientific misconducts - Selective reporting and misrepresentation of data

#### Unit – III

Publication ethics - Best practices/standards setting initiatives and guidelines - Conflicts of interest - Publication misconduct

## Unit - IV

Open access publications and initiatives - Software tool to identify predatory publications developed

## Unit - V

Indexing databases - Citation databases - Reference management software like Mendeley, Zotero etc. and anti-plagiarism software

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CO2		X	X	
CO3			X	X



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Credits: 4 Course Code: GEOON04

# ONLINE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OER) BASED COURSE

Students can choose any of the dissertation relevant courses in consultation with the internal supervisor and with the due approval of BoS committee. The courses shall be selected from the UGC recognised online educational platforms. The course should have four credits and should be of Post-Graduate learning path. The concerned supervisor shall conduct the internal and end semester examination. The students are also allowed to undertake UGC SWAYAM exam and transfer the marks and credits earned upon successful completion of the course.