



University of Kerala

Discipline	CHEMISTRY				
Course Code	UK4DSECHE201				
Course Title	CHEMISTRY FOR RENEWABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY- II				
Type of Course	DSE				
Semester	4				
Academic Level	200-299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total Hours/Week
	4	3 hours	-	2 hours	5
Pre-requisites	1. A strong understanding of fundamental chemistry principles is essential. 2. A solid grounding in environmental science provides the context necessary to understand the interconnectedness of environmental chemistry with broader environmental issues and to effectively design and implement pollution control strategies. 3. UK3DSECHE201 (preferable)				
Course Summary	This course provides a comprehensive understanding of environmental chemistry, pollution control, electronics, solar energy, and green chemistry principles for clean energy applications. Students will engage in hands-on lab sessions to apply theoretical knowledge in water quality analysis and environmental monitoring practices.				

Detailed Syllabus:

Module	Unit	Content	Hrs
		CHEMISTRY FOR RENEWABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY- II	75
I		BASIC ELECTRONICS AND SEMICONDUCTOR MATERIALS	11
	1	Introduction to Electronics: Concept of electron, valence and conduction bands, Conductors, semiconductors, and insulators, Free electron theory and electrical conductivity.	2
	2	Semiconductor Chemistry: Intrinsic and extrinsic semiconductors, Effect of doping on conductivity (n-type and p-type), Formation of p-n junctions, depletion region.	3
	3	Semiconductor Devices: Working principles of diodes and Zener diodes, Transistors (basic idea, NPN/PNP types), Zener as voltage regulator.	3
	4	Optoelectronic Devices: Working and applications of LED and photodiodes, Chemistry and physics of solar cells Characteristics: I-V curve, efficiency, Fill Factor.	3



II	SOLAR ENERGY AND PHOTOVOLTAIC PRINCIPLES		11
	5	Fundamentals of Solar Energy, Solar spectrum, greenhouse effect Terrestrial vs extraterrestrial radiation, Direct and diffused solar radiation, atmospheric filtering.	3
	6	Solar Photovoltaics and Light-Matter Interaction, Absorption of light in semiconductors, Bandgap and photon energy ($E = hv$), Generation of electron-hole pairs, Semiconductor band alignment and junction behavior in PV cells.	4
	7	Solar Cell Structure and Parameters; Working of a solar cell-Parameters: open-circuit voltage (V_{oc}), short-circuit current (I_{sc}), efficiency, Optical coatings, anti-reflective layers, Introduction to modules and arrays.	4
III	PV SYSTEM DESIGN AND ENERGY STORAGE		11
	8	Types of PV Systems, Standalone vs grid-connected PV systems, Practical examples: rooftop solar, solar pumps.	2
	9	Balance of System Components, Charge controllers, inverters, mounting structures, Cabling and wiring considerations, Safety precautions in PV installations.	3
	10	Energy Storage Systems, Electrochemistry of batteries -Types: Lead-acid, Lithium-ion (Chemistry, Advantages and Disadvantages), Depth of discharge (DoD), charge/discharge cycles.	3
	11	Design Principles and Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT), Load estimation and system sizing, PV panel and battery sizing, Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT) – concept and importance.	3
IV	RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES AND SUSTAINABILITY		12
	12	Overview of Renewable Energy Sources Wind, hydro, geothermal, and biomass: basic chemistry and mechanisms, Comparison with solar – energy output and environmental effects.	3
	13	Hybrid Renewable Systems. Solar-wind and solar-biomass systems Examples and benefits of hybrid configurations.	2
	14	Advanced PV Materials: Perovskite solar cells – structure and stability Organic photovoltaics (OPV) – polymer chemistry, Quantum dots – nanoscale semiconductor behaviour.	3
	15	Smart Grids and Energy Policy: Basics of smart grids and renewable integration, Intermittency challenges, role of storage.	2
	16	Environmental & Policy Aspects: Sustainability, carbon footprint reduction, National solar mission, PM-KUSUM, net metering, Role of renewable energy in climate action.	2
V	OPEN ENDED MODULE: LAB COURSE		30
	1	Measurement of Solar Radiation using a Pyranometer or Solar Mobile App.	
	2	Study of I-V Characteristics of a Solar Cell.	
	3	Estimation of Efficiency of a Small Solar Panel.	



4	pH and Conductivity Measurement of Water.	
5	Construction of a Simple Electrochemical Cell.	
6	Comparison of Battery Types (Lead-Acid vs Li-ion) Using Models or Case Studies.	
7	Demonstration of LED and Photodiode Functionality.	
8	Simulation of Solar PV System Design using Free Online Software (e.g., PVsyst, PV Watts).	
Any four Experiments should be done		

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Course Outcomes

No.	Upon completion of the course the graduate will be able to	Cognitive Level	PSO addressed
CO-1	Demonstrate understanding of chemical and biochemical principles dictating fundamental environmental processes in the atmosphere, hydrosphere, and lithosphere	An	PSO - 1,3
CO-2	Outline the fundamental principles of Green Chemistry for Clean Energy	An	PSO - 1,3
CO-3	Develop skills in analysis of water sample	E	PSO - 1,3
CO-4	Utilize fundamental chemical principles to scrutinize chemical reactions implicated in diverse environmental challenges (air, water, and soil).	C	PSO - 1,3
CO-5	Gain the skills to measure solar and electrical parameters, evaluate basic energy devices, compare battery types, and use software to design simple solar systems.	C	PSO - 1,2,3,5

R-Remember, U-Understand, Ap-Apply, An-Analyse, E-Evaluate, C-Create

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Credits: 3:0:1 (Lecture:Tutorial:Practical)

CO No.	CO	PO/PSO	Cognitive Level	Knowledge Category	Lecture (L)/ Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
1	CO-1	PSO - 1,3	An	F, C	L	
2	CO-2	PSO - 1,3	An	F, C	L	
3	CO-3	PSO - 1,3	E	F, C	L	
4	CO-4	PSO - 1,3	C	F, C	L	
5	CO-5	PSO - 1,2,3,5	C	F, C, P		P

F-Factual, C- Conceptual, P-Procedural, M-Metacognitive



Mapping of COs with PSOs and POs:

	PS O1	PS O2	PS O3	PSO 4	PS O5	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO 6	PO 7	PO 8
CO 1	2	-	3	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
CO 2	3	-	2	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
CO 3	3	-	3	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
CO 4	3	-	3	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
CO 5	2	3	2	-	3	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-

Correlation Levels:

Level	Correlation
-	Nil
1	Slightly / Low
2	Moderate / Medium
3	Substantial / High

Assessment Rubrics:

- Quiz / Assignment/ Quiz/ Discussion / Seminar
- Midterm Exam
- Programming Assignments
- Final Exam

Mapping of COs to Assessment Rubrics:

	Internal Exam	Assignment	Project Evaluation	End Semester Examinations
CO 1	✓			✓
CO 2	✓			✓
CO 3	✓			✓
CO 4	✓	✓		✓
CO 5		✓		

