Course title: Industrial Ecology			
Course code: NRE 129	**No. of credits:** 3	**L-T-P:** 28-14-0	**Learning hours:** 42
Pre-requisite course code and title (if any): NRE 131 Environmental Chemistry and Microbiology, NRE 137 Environmental Monitoring laboratory			
Department: Department of Energy and Environment			
Course coordinator:	**Course instructor:** Dr Lakshmi Raghupathy		
Contact details:			
Course type: Elective	**Course offered in:** Semester 3		

Course Description

Industrial ecology involves the study of industrial systems with a view to identifying strategies that emulate ecological ecosystems and that can be applied to try to minimize the waste produced in industrial processes and to recycle or reuse as much of the waste as possible. This would involve primarily, the development of cyclic, as opposed to linear processes.

This course aims to introduce the concepts underlying industrial ecology and some tools used in it. It will also discuss eco-industrial development, the key issues involved and some cases from India. It will, therefore, expose students to the multidisciplinary nature of environmental issues and integrate pollution prevention with sustainable development.

As an economy that is developing at a rapid pace, Indian industry should be planned with eco-industrial goals and strategies. This course will attempt to show how that might be done.

Course objectives

Course content

SNo	Topic	L	T	P
1.	**Introduction to industrial ecology**	1	2	
2.	Origin of IE, its definition, the environment and the anthrosphere, industrial systems, material resources, societal factors and environmental equity. Link to sustainable development.			
3.	**Ecologically sustainable systems**	3	2	
4.	The environment and the anthrosphere, industrial systems, material resources, societal factors and environmental equity. Link to sustainable development.			
5.	**Goals and concepts**	6	2	
6.	Systems analysis, industrial metabolism, biological analogies, material and energy flow and their transformations, closing the materials cycle (open vs, closed-loop systems)			
7.	**Industrial ecosystems and key issues in eco-industrial development**	6	2	
8.	Components of an industrial ecosystem (Kalundborg example), industrial symbiosis, role of government, community, developers, management, evaluating the success of eco-industrial development.			
9.	**Life Cycle Analysis**	8		

10.	Life cycles of products, processes and facilities; life cycle assessment (components, methodology, applications, difficulties), design for environment, efficient use of material (remanufacturing, recycling, reuse, etc.			
11.	**Perspective on industrial ecology from India and other developing countries such as China and Thailand, with cases studies.**	4	6	
	Total	**28**	**14**	

Evaluation criteria

- Minor test: 20%
- Major test (end semester): 40%
- Seminar: 20%
- Class discussions/participation: 10%
- Tour report: 10%

Learning outcomes

Pedagogical approach

Materials

Required text

1. Bourg D. and Erkman S.,(edited) Perspectives on Industrial Ecology, 46(2) (hardback).
2. Case Study of the Textile Industry in Tirupur (available at http://www.roi-online.org/bookchapters.php?bid=1, accessed on 17 June 2011).
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6. Manahan S.E.(1999) Industrial Ecology Environmental Chemistry and Hazardous Waste.
7. Thomas E.G. and Brad R.A., Industrial Ecology and Sustainable Engineering, 3nd edition.

Suggested readings

1. Ayres R.U. (2004) On the Life Cycle Metaphor: Where Ecology and Economics Diverge, *Ecological Economics,* 48, 425-438.
2. Baumann H. and TillmanA.M. (2004)LCA in a Nutshell, Chapter 1 in *The Hitch Hiker's Guide to LCA*, Lund, Sweden, Studentlitteratur.
3. Chertow M. (2007) Uncovering' Industrial Symbiosis,*Journal of Industrial Ecology* 11(1), 11-30.
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Flows in a Social Context: A Vietnamese Case Study Combining the Materials Flow Analysis and Action-in-Context Frameworks, *Journal of Industrial Ecology,* 11(1), 141-159.
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12. Kitzes J. and Wackernagel M. (2009) Answers to Common Questions in Ecological Footprint Accounting, *Ecological Indicators,* 9(4), 812-817.
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14. McDonough W., BraumgartM., Anastas P. and ZimmermanJ. (2003) Applying the Principles of Green Engineering to Cradle-to-Cradle Design, *Environmental Science & Technology,*37(23), 434A-441.
15. Prahalad C.K. (2004) Why Selling to the Poor Makes for Good Business, *Fortune* 150(10).
16. Rivela B, Moreira M.T., Bornhardt C., Mendez R. and Feijoo F., Life Cycle Assessment as a Tool for the Environmental Improvement ofthe Tannery Industry in Developing Countries,*Environmental Science & Technology,* 38, 1901-1909.
17. Spiegelman J. (2003) Beyond the Food Web: Connections to a Deeper Industrial Ecology, *Journal of Industrial Ecology,*7(1), 17-23.
18. Xu M. and ZhangT. (2007) Material Flows and Economic Growth in Developing China, *Journal of Industrial Ecology,* 11(1), 121-140.

Case studies
Websites

Journals
1. Environmental Science & Technology
2. Journal of Industrial Ecology

Additional information (if any)

Student responsibilities
Attendance, feedback, discipline, guest faculty etc