

Course title: Basic Concepts of Sustainable Development			
Course code:	No. of credits: 2	L-T-P: 15-15-0	Learning hours: 30
L: Lectures; T: Tutorials; P: Practicals			
Pre-requisite course code and title (if any): None			
Department: Natural and Applied Sciences			
Course coordinator:		Course instructor:	
Contact details:			
Course type: VAC		Course offered in: Semester 1	
<p>Course description</p> <p>The course seeks to develop a basic understanding of sustainable development while building a holistic view of the associated concerns and challenges. This course familiarizes students with complex relationships between social, economic and environmental processes for sustainable development.</p> <p>The course topics will be grounded in a practical, multi-disciplinary approach that will essentially focus on the inter-relationship of agriculture and food security, economics, environment and climate science, management, policy, anthropology and social studies, public health and nutrition, technology and engineering; thereby exposing students to current debates, inter-disciplinary perspectives in analysing constraints and opportunities as well as various approaches and responses to key developmental challenges.</p>			
<p>Course objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To build an inter-disciplinary perspective on understanding sustainable development concerns. • To empower students to critically analyse different, often competing, definitions of sustainability driven by the perspectives and interests of societal stakeholders. • To provide students with a general introduction to approaches and responses towards mitigating the challenges associated with sustainability. 			