

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
B.A. DEGREE COURSE IN ENGLISH
SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2020-2021

Title of the Course	Elective BEN-DSE3A: GREEN STUDIES		
Category of the Course	Year & Semester Third Year & Sixth Semester	Credits 5	Subject Code
Hours: 90	90		
Objectives:	This paper seeks to give awareness, and to sensitize students on the role of literature in addressing contemporary social and environmental concerns, using the relevant Tinai and the postmodern Eco criticism to analyze literary texts .		
Course Introduction (to be considered for internal assessment only)	Background concepts(to be integrated while teaching the prescribed texts): Ecology: Tinai regions- and concepts. Biocentric Equality, self- realization (Deep Ecology) Community, Region, Home(Bioregionalism) Ecological concepts of Symbiosis, Mutation, Parasitism and Biodiversity, Ecofeminism , Oikos and Oikopoetics		
Course Components	<p>Unit 1: Indian Ecocriticism (Tinai- Kurinchi, Neidal, Mullai Marutam and Palai)</p> <p>1.1.Introducing concepts of Indian ecocriticism –Tinai - significance- ecoregions 1.2 What She Said - Tevakulattar, Kurunthokai (page 3) 1.3 What She Said to her Girlfriend - Kapilar, Akanaanooru (page 82) 1.4 What She Said - Kapilar,Akanaanooru 318 A,K.Ramanujan (page 14) 1.5 What Her Girl Friend Said, the Lover within Earshot, Behind a Fence- Uloccanar. Narrinai (page 63) [Prescribed Essay: Nirmal Selvamony -Tinai in <i>Primal and Stratified Societies</i>,from OSLE-India’s Indian Journal of Ecocriticism, vol.1,Aug.2008,pp.38-48]</p> <p>Unit 2: Bioregionalism(Community, Region, Home) and Ecofeminism</p> <p>2.1.<i>Letter to President Pierce,1855</i> -Chief Seattle - The tribal world view (Norton Reader -An Anthology of Non-fiction,11th Edition,pp.611-612) 2.2. “A Fable for Tomorrow’ from <i>The Silent Spring</i> by Rachel Carson - (Chapter One) 2.3. “Flowering Tree” by A.K Ramanujan [from Flowering Tree and other Tales] 2.4. Reith Lectures 2000: Respect for the Earth Lecture 5-Poverty & Globalisation – Vandana Shiva – Delhi</p> <p>Unit 3: Ecology, Symbiosis, Mutation, Parasitism Biodiversity</p> <p>3.1 Deep Ecology Basic Principles-Biocentric Equality- Naess and George Sessions 3.2 “The World is Too Much With Us” by William Wordsworth (Self-realization- Deep ecology) 3.3 “Nutting” by Wordsworth 3.4. “The sap that through the green fuse drives the flower” by Dylan Thomas</p> <p>Unit 4: Man and Environment</p> <p>4.1. <i>The Hungry Tide</i> by Amitav Ghosh</p>		

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	<p>Unit 5: Oikopoetics - Oikos, Integrative, Hierarchic Anarchic Oikos</p> <p>5.1 “Oikopetic Method” by Nirmal Selvamony- Tinai 3 5.2 “The Fly” by William Blake 5.3 “Snake” by D.H. Lawrence 5.4 “Horses” by Edwin Muir</p>
<p>Learning Outcomes:</p>	<p>At the end of the course students will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ acquire awareness about one of the oldest forms of ecocriticism- the Tinai ➤ understand and respect world views and the discrimination in society as failure to comply with egalitarian values of Nature. ➤ become familiar with the opposing viewpoints in Man’s relationship with the physical environment from literary texts. ➤ understand and identify Ecological concepts- Symbiosis, Mutation, , Parasitism Biodiversity from the literary texts prescribed. ➤ become familiar with ecological, deep ecological and oikopoetic principles ➤ apply these critical tools to analyse and understand environmental messages from literary texts and other mediums.

<p>Prescribed Texts/ Web Sources</p>	
<p>1.1-5</p>	<p>Nirmal Selvamony -Tinai in Primal and Stratified Societies Ramanujan, A.K. Trans. Poems of Love and War. New Delhi: OUP, 1985. Rpt.2013 Translation of Sangam Age Poetry by A.K.Ramanujan 1.2,3,4 http://www.poetrynook.com/poem/what-she-said-7</p> <p>2.1 Naess and George Sessions Deep Ecology Basic Principles- Letter to President Pierce,1855 -Chief Seattle The Norton Reader An Anthology of Non- Fiction, Ed. Linda H Peterson&John Brereton,11th Ed,</p> <p>2.2 Rachel L Carson, The Silent Spring,Other India Press, Chapter I 2.3 A.K Ramanujan, Flowering tree and other tales https://publishing.cdlib.org/ucpressebooks/view?docId=ft067n99wt&chunk.id=ch19&toc.depth=1&toc.id=ch19&brand=ucpress</p> <p>2.4 http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/rmhttp/radio4/transcripts/20000510_reith.pdf</p> <p>3.1 https://theanarchistlibrary.org/library/arne-naess-and-george-sessions-basic-principles-of-deep-ecology</p> <p>4.1 The Hungry Tide by Amitav Ghosh. Penguin Viking / Harper Collins 2011. 5.1 “Oikopetic Method” Selvamony, Nirmal. Tinai 3. Chennai: Persons for Alternative Social Order, 2001, Print. http://www.angelfire.com/nd/nirmaldasan/tinai3.html</p>

BOOKS & WEB SOURCES FOR FURTHER REFERENCE

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- Selvamony, Nirmal et.al., Essays in Ecocriticism, Swarup and Sons, 2007.
- Shiva, Vandana. “TEDx Masala- Dr. Vandana shiva-Solutions to the food and ecological crisis facing us today.” YouTube, 24, Sept. 2012, www.youtube.com/watch?v=ER5ZZk5atIE

RECOMMENDED MOOC

- Ecology and Environment (Multidisciplinary): Co-ordinated by IITM (NPTEL)
<https://nptel.ac.in/courses/127/106/127106004/>
- Eco-criticism - Environmental Humanities – Future Learn
<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/remaking-nature/0/steps/16754>

TED TALKS

- Solutions to the food and ecological crisis facing us today: Dr Vandana Shiva
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ER5ZZk5atIE>
- Environmental TED Talks
<https://www.ted.com/talks?topics%5B%5D=environment>