- 1. Environment: Concept, Scope and Practices
  - Development of human society and environment
  - Physical, biological and socio-economic aspects of environment and their interrelationships
  - Environmental degradation and manifestations (Land, water and air)
  - Environmental movements and environmental ethics
- 2. Ecology
  - Population characteristics and regulations
  - Community characteristics, regulation and succession
  - Ecosystem dynamics: energy flow, biogeochemical cycles
  - Terrestrial biomes and characteristics
- 3. Environmental Geology
  - Geological materials and structures
  - Weathering and erosion: types, cycle and control
  - Mass movement: causes and mechanisms
  - Fluvial, glacial and aeolian environmental processes
- 4. Climatology and Hydrometerology
  - Horizontal and vertical temperature distribution
  - Mechanisms of wind development, air masses dynamics
  - Climatic systems, distribution and classifications
  - Floods: classification, causes, triggering factors
- 5. Global Environmental Issues
  - Global warming
  - Green economy
  - Payment for ecosystem services
  - Ozone layer depletion and acid rain
- 6. Water Resources
  - Water resources: sources, extent and assessment
  - Integrated Water Resource Management(IWRM)
  - Water resources of Nepal
  - Problems of water resource management in Nepal
- 7. Food Resources
  - Major food resources and production
  - Human nutrition and health
  - Food resources of Nepal
- 8. Energy Resources
  - Energy resources: Sources and classification
  - Alternative energy resources
  - Environmental issues of energy use
  - Energy resource conservation practices
  - Energy resources of Nepal
- 9. Forest and Biodiversity
  - Forest types and biodiversity status of Nepal
  - Ex-situ and in-situ conservation

- Biodiversity conservation approaches
- Carbon sequestration
- 10. Resource Economics
  - Micro-economic analysis for accounting environmental resources
  - Environmental Kuznets curve, cost benefit analysis and resource accounting
  - Economic and regulatory instruments to control pollution.
- 11. Water Pollution
  - Point and non-point sources and categories of water pollutants
  - Water pollutants effect on human health and ecosystems
  - Standard methods of water analysis
  - Water and waste water treatment techonologies
- 12. Air Pollution
  - Sources and categories of air pollutants
  - Emission, transport, receptors of air pollutants, criteria air pollutants
  - Air pollutants effects on human health, property and visibility
  - Air pollution measurement and emission estimates
  - Air pollution control technologies
- 13. Noise Pollution
  - Noise sources and criteria
  - Health effects of noise and control mechanisms
- 14. Waste Management
  - Sources, types and composition of solid wastes
  - Solid waste management systems
  - Issue, generation and management of e-waste, hazardous and hospital waste
  - Management of industrial and agricultural chemical pesticides
- 15. Toxicology and Eoc-toxicology
  - Acute, sub-acute and chronic toxicity
  - Dose and frequency response relationships
  - Bioassays and attributes for predicting species response to pollution stress
- 16. Climate Change
  - Climate variability and theories of climate change
  - Climate models and model based projections of greenhouse effect
  - Climate change impacts: agriculture and food security, water resources , energy, human health, biodiversity, settlement and infrastructure and livelihood
  - Vulnerability assessment of climate change and mitigation and adaption approaches(NAPA, LAPA)

## 17. Environmental Assessment

- Environmental assessment: evolution in global and national perspectives
- Environmental assessment: process, practices, methods and tools
- Strategic environmental assessment for decision making and integrated planning
- 18. Environmental Management Systems (EMS) & Modeling
  - Concept, components and stages of EMS
  - ISO 14000 series, standards and certification systems
  - Life cycle assessment and environmental labeling
  - Types and importance of environmental models
- 19. Remote Sensing & GIS
  - Concept, scope and stages in remote sensing and GIS

- Remote sensing image: acquisition, resolution, analysis and interpretation
- GIS application in assessing environmental studies
- 20. Environmental Statistics
  - Sampling, data analysis and interpretation
  - Central tendency, measures of dispersion
  - Correlation and regression
  - Parametric and non-parametric tests
- 21. Environmental Governance
  - Institutional arrangement (organogram) and environmental governance; concerned stakeholders and networks
  - Governance tools and strategies
  - Adaptive management and sustainability
- 22. Guidelines and Standards
  - Guidelines and Standards Relating to Air( Ambient, Indoor and Stack) and Water (Tolerance Limits for Industrial Effluents to be Discharged into Public Sewers and Inland Surface Waters); Specific Industrial Effluent Standards
- 23. Existing Legislations
  - Constitution of Nepal; Environmental Protection Act; Environment Protection Rules; National EIA Guidelines; EIA Guidelines for Forestry Sector; EIA Guidelines for Industry Sector; Plant Protection Act; National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act; Water Resources Act; Forest Act; Soil and Watershed Management Act; Solid Waste Management Act; Pesticides Act; Pesticides Regulation: Hydropower Development Policy; Climate change Policy
- 24. International Treaties, Protocols & Conventions
  - Convention on Bioligical Diversity, 1992; United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, 1992; United National Convention to combat Desertification, 1994; Kyoto Protocol,1997; Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, 1985; Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete Ozone Layer, 1987; Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Waste and Their Disposal, 1989; Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, 2004
- 25. Urban Environment
  - Urbanization and its implications on environment(sanitation, solid and hazardous waste, air pollution, water pollution, groundwater depletion, food security)
  - Urbanization infrastructures and environment (housing, water supply and sanitation, waste management, transportation, electricity, markets and commercial areas, religious and heritage sites, open spaces and recreational areas)
  - Concept of urban planning and sustainable cities.
- 26. Land use and Watershed Management
  - Land use and environment (Land use pattern and zoning; Guided Land Development (GLD) and land pooling)
  - Principles of land use and land reclamation
  - Factors governing land utilization and land use pattern
  - Scenario of watershed management in Nepal
  - Development and conservation challenges in watershed management
  - Watershed as ecosystems; Upstream-downstream linkages; Measures for watershed conservation
- 27. Agriculture and Food Security

- Farming systems
- Modern agriculture and its impacts on environment, green revolution
- Sustainable agriculture and food aid policies
- Food security in Nepal
- 28. Disaster Risks & Vulnerability Assessment
  - Hazard, disaster, risk, exposure and vulnerability analysis
  - Disasters due to earthquake, landslide and river bank erosion, flood, GLOF, drought, epidemics, fire and industrial accidents
  - Disaster risk management and practices