

OGI751 CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACT

DETAILED SYLLABUS

OBJECTIVES:

- To understand the basics of weather and climate
- To have an insight on Atmospheric dynamics and transport of heat
- To develop simple climate models and evaluate climate changes using models

UNIT I BASICS OF WEATHER AND CLIMATE:

Shallow film of Air– stratified & disturbed atmosphere – law – atmosphere Engine. Observation of parameters: Temperature – Humidity – Wind - Pressure – precipitation-surface – networks. Constitution of atmosphere: well stirred atmosphere – process around turbopause – in dry air – ozone – carbon Dioxide – Sulphur Dioxide– Aerosol - water. Evolution of Atmosphere. State of atmosphere: Air temperature – pressure – hydrostatic – Chemistry – Distribution – circulation

UNIT II ATMOSPHERIC DYNAMICS

Atmosphere dynamics: law – isobaric heating and cooling – adiabatic lapse rates – equation of motion - solving and forecasting. Forces – Relative and absolute acceleration – Earth's rotation coriolis on sphere – full equation of motion – Geostrophy;- Thermal winds –departures – smallscale motion. Radiation, convection and advections: sun & solar radiation – energy balance – terrestrial radiation and the atmosphere – Greenhouse effect- Global warming - Global budget – radiative fluxes - heat transport. Atmosphere and ocean systems convecting & advecting heat. Surface and boundary layer – smaller scale weather system – larger scale weather system.

UNIT III GLOBAL CLIMATE

Components and phenomena in the climate system: Time and space scales – interaction and parameterization problem. Gradients of Radiative forcing and energy transports by atmosphere and ocean – atmospheric circulation – latitude structure of the circulation - latitude – longitude dependence of climate features. Ocean circulation: latitude – longitude dependence of climate features – ocean vertical structure – ocean thermohaline circulation – land surface processes – carbon cycle.

UNIT IV CLIMATE SYSTEM PROCESSES

Conservation of motion: Force – coriolis - pressure gradient- velocity equations – Application – geotropic wind – pressure co-ordinates. Equation of State – atmosphere – ocean. Application: thermal circulation – sea level rise. Temperature equation: Ocean – air – Application – decay of sea surface temperature. Continuity equation: ocean – atmosphere. Application: coastal upwelling – equatorial upwelling – conservation of warm water mass. Moisture and salinity equation: conservation of mass – moisture. Source & sinks – latent heat. Moist processes – saturation – convection – Wave processes in atmosphere and ocean.

UNIT V CLIMATE CHANGE MODELS

Constructing a climate model – climate system modeling – climate simulation and drift – Evaluation of climate model simulation – regional (RCM) – global (GCM) – Global average response to warming – climate change observed to date.

OUTCOMES:

At the end of the course the student will be able to understand

- The concepts of weather and climate
- The principles of Atmospheric dynamics and transport of heat and air mass
- The develop simple climate models and to predict climate change

TEXTBOOKS:

1. Fundamentals of weather and climate (2nd Edition) Robin Moilveen (2010), Oxford University Press
2. Climate change and climate modeling, J. David Neelin (2011) Cambridge University press.