



**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF ENGINEERING**  
**COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING**  
**SANITARY ENGINEERING PROGRAM**

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**SA115 – ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION I**

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

<b>CODE</b>	: SA115 Environmental Sanitation I
<b>SEMESTER</b>	: 7
<b>CREDITS</b>	: 4
<b>HOURS PER WEEK</b>	: 6 (Theory, Practice)
<b>PREREQUISITES</b>	: HH223 Fluid Mechanics I SA413 Water and Sewerage Analysis
<b>CONDITION</b>	: Mandatory

**II. COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The course prepares students for the understanding of the relationship between air, water, food and housing with public health and the importance of the availability of drinkable water in rural and urban areas. Students understand and apply methods for the design of drinkable water supply systems for rural areas including pump selection, pipes dimensioning and water treatment according to the type of water source. Students also understand the methods for water disinfection, and final disposal of solid waste.

**III. COURSE OUTCOMES**

At the end of the course, students:

1. Identify the environment factors affecting people wellbeing and quality of life: clean air and water, efficient and safe waste disposal, food protection, proper housing.
2. Analyze water sources regarding water quantity and quality.
3. Formulate general design of water supply systems in rural areas including pipes, pumps and regulation tank.
4. Understand water treatment process applicable in rural areas.
5. Understand the process for excrete elimination with and without hydraulic trawl in rural areas.
6. Understand the processes for solid waste collection, transport and disposal.

**IV. LEARNING UNITS**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

Environmental conditions affecting people wellbeing. Clean and safe water supply. Clean and safe ambient air. Efficient human, animal and industrial waste disposal. Protection of safe food. Adequate housing. Environmental hygiene. Contaminated water as a disease mean. Importance of sanitary education.

**2. DRINKABLE WATER SUPPLY IN RURAL AREAS**

Norms and regulations. Field study. Necessary information for developing a drinkable water supply project in a rural area. Water endowment and consumption. Population growing in rural areas. Elements of a rural water supply system. Supply sources and catchment types. Selection of water source. Estimation of future population and calculation of design flows.

**3. CATHMENT SYSTEMS AND WATER TREATMENT**

Catchment types according to water source. Hillside spring boxes. Surface water catchment.

Drinkable water treatment in rural areas. Design of shredders, settlers and slow filtration systems. Disinfection using chlorine and chlorinated compounds.

#### **4. CONDUCTION LINES AND NETWORKS**

Conduction lines. By gravity and by pumping. Design of a gravity conduction line including pipe type and class. Design of a pumping conduction line using the method of economic diameter and the Bresse formula. Calculation of volume of regulation reservoir. Types of reservoirs. Reservoir dimensioning and construction materials. Design of water distribution networks using the sectioning method. Home connection. Public pool.

#### **5. EXCRETA ELIMINATION**

Excreta elimination without hydraulic trawl. Sanitary latrines. Construction considerations. Excreta elimination with hydraulic trawl. Septic tank and pre-collation system. Design criteria of this type of evacuation system.

#### **6. STABILIZATION PONDS AND SEWAGE ELIMINATION**

Stabilization ponds. Types: primary, secondary, anaerobic. Aspects to be taken into account in rural areas regarding alimentation patterns.

Sewage elimination in rural areas: recollection, transport and disposal. Equipment and machines. Equipment operation and maintenance.

### **V. PRACTICE WORK**

- Work 1. Future population estimation
- Work 2. Design of conduction line and distribution networks
- Work 3. Non-conventional methods for solid waste recollection
- Work 4. Design of septic tank

### **V. METHODOLOGY**

The course develops through theory, practice and laboratory sessions. In theory session, the instructor presents the concepts and methods. In practice sessions, students solve different problems related to water supply and consumption, piping systems, distribution networks. At the end of the course, students present a report on a relevant theme of the course. Active student participation is encouraged throughout the course.

### **VI. EVALUATION FORMULA**

The average grade PF is calculated as follows:

$$PF = (EP + EF + PC) / 3$$

- EP: Mid term exam
- EF: Final exam
- PC: Average of quizzes including final report

### **VII. BIBLIOGRAPHY**

- 1. MANUAL OF HYDRAULICS**  
Azevedo Netto, Acosta Alvarez  
McGraw Hill Interamerican. Mexico
- 2. URBAN AND RURAL SANITATION**  
Ehlers and Steel  
McGraw Hill Interamerican. Mexico
- 3. TREATMENT OF DRINKABLE WATER IN RURAL AREAS**  
Panamerican Center of Sanitary Engineering and Environmental Sciences.