

EVR 5215 Water Resources Assessment
Department of Earth and Environment

Fall 2010

Location: OE 105
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Course Description

The course is designed to provide students with an insight of the different elements of water resources science. Students will familiarize themselves with hydrological cycle and factors involved in influencing the cycle, the physical and chemical properties of water and hydrological processes responsible for the distribution and movement of water. Solving hydrological problems, water quality and quantity estimation, management and planning of water resources and projects will be stressed. Students will gain an understanding of the environmental impacts of water, water resources, and changes in water supply and availability, and they will be introduced to current and emerging trends in water resource issues, development, and technology. Students will learn through lectures, guest lectures, home work, and lab analysis.

Objectives

The course is designed to help students to

1. understand the water resources at local, national and global levels and the challenges ahead
2. acquaint themselves with the elements hydrological cycle and processes
3. solve hydrological problems involving water quantity and quality
4. understand natural and human-induced factors in altering the hydrological cycle and processes
5. apply knowledge gained in class to solving local water resources problems:
Everglades hydrology and urban flooding

TEXTS: Ward and Trimble, Environmental Hydrology, 2nd Edition

REFERENCES:

Davis and SJ Masten, Principles of Environmental Engineering and
Science, ML, McGraw Hill, 2004
Dingman, Physical Hydrology, 2nd edition
Viessman, Intro. to Hydrology, 5th edition

Cech, Principles of Water Resources: History, Development,
Management and Policy, 2nd edition
Hornberger, Elements of Physical Hydrology

Useful Links

Glossary of Hydrological terms: http://or.water.usgs.gov/projs_dir/willgw/glossary.html
South Florida Water Management District: www.sfwmd.gov
Florida water (USGS): <http://fl.water.usgs.gov/>
USGS Drinking Water programs: <http://water.usgs.gov/owq/dwi/index.html>
Water Use: <http://water.usgs.gov/watuse/>
USGS Groundwater Information: <http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/>
USGS surface water Information <http://water.usgs.gov/osw/>
Wetland Functions and Values: <http://www.epa.gov/watertrain/wetlands/index.htm>
Rainfall atlas maps: http://www.srh.noaa.gov/lub/wx/precip_freq/precip_index.htm
ET concepts: <http://www.fao.org/docrep/X0490E/X0490E00.htm>

GRADING:

EVR 5215	
Attendance	5%
Home works	25%
3 Exams	60%
Papers review	10%
Total	100

A	90-100
B+	88-89
B	80-87
C+	78-79
C	70-77
D+	68-69
D	55-67
F	<55

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COURSE OUTLINE

Lec	Date	Topic	Reading Assignment/ Home work
1	08/24	Course Overview Introduction, concepts in hydrology and properties of water	Davis (190-197)
2	08/26	Overview of hydrological cycles, physical processes and water budget	Ward (1-26) Davis (190-197)
3	08/31	Precipitation Precipitation Process and formation Measurement (Point and areal) Remote sensing application	Ward (29-51)
4	09/02	Evaporation and Transpiration Concept and measurement	Ward (83-117) Home work 1
5	09/07	Exercise 1	
6	09/09	Surface energy budget, soil water budget, remote sensing approach SEBAL model	Ward (83-117)
7	09/14	Infiltration & interception Storm runoff and stream flow analysis	Ward (55-80) Homework 1 due
8	09/16	Homework 1 solution	
9	09/21	Exam 1 (Lecture 1-7)	
10	09/23	Runoff computation Curve Number: Theory, application and limitation Rational Method	Ward (119-159)
11	09/28	Hydrograph analysis and base flow separation Time of concentration, Overland flow, Unit hydrograph	Ward (119-159)
12	09/30	Wetland Definition, Functions of Wetlands Wetland restoration	Ward (315-317)
13	10/05	Groundwater hydrology Aquifers, Hydrostatics, Darcy's law (diffusion), Permeability	Ward (321-337) Davis (208-217)
14	10/07	Groundwater Flow, flow nets	Ward (321-337) Davis (208-217)
15	10/12	Anthropogenic impacts on the hydrology Effects of Urbanization on Runoff: hydrograph analysis of urban watersheds	Ward (339-372) Homework 2
16	10/14	Water use and sustainability	
17	10/19	Exercise 2	

18	10/21	<i>Invited talk on hydrology of South Florida</i>	Dr. Wossenu Abteu, SFWMD
19	10/26	Homework 2 solution	Homework 2 due
20	10/28	Drinking water quality and health	Davis (323-328)
21	11/02	Exam 2 (Lecture 10-20)	
22	11/04	Water Pollution and its Prevention Coastal and fresh water eutrophication Mechanism and environmental impact	Davis (265-280)
23	11/09	Point source pollution and non-point source pollution TMDL	Davis (271-280)
24	11/11	Water quality Management: BOD, COD	Davis (271-297)
25	11/16	Wastewater treatment	Davis (371-384)
26	11/18	<i>Guest lecture: GLOWS overview</i>	Dr. Elisabeth Anderson
27	11/23	Water Resources Video	
	11/25	Thanksgiving	
28	11/30	Study for the exam	
29	12/02	Exam 3 (Lecture 22-27)	