Subject Description Form

Subject Code	CSE392
Subject Title	Quantitative Methods for EOSH
Credit Value	3
Level	3
Pre-requisite	Nil
Exclusion	CSE372 / CSE38300 / CSE38900 / CSE39284
Objectives	To provide the basic tools of mathematics and fundamental concepts to enable the students to formulate problems in statistical terms in civil engineering, sustainable development and occupational safety and health, and to apply statistical tools for their interpretation of data.
Intended Learning Outcomes	Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to: a. summarize and present information effectively from data; b. apply the fundamentals of mathematics and science to formulate problems and obtain cost-effective solutions in civil engineering, sustainable development and occupational safety and health; c. design and carry out proper statistical tests and interpret the results for evaluation of problems in civil engineering, sustainable development and occupational safety and health; d. appreciate probabilistic nature of engineering/scientific problems and develop ability to quantify risk; e. integrate knowledge across different subject domains, including environmental science, engineering, and occupational safety and health when trying to achieve objectives; f. communicate solutions logically and lucidly through calculation, sketch, drawing and in writing.
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus	1. Techniques for analysis of experimental data, field data and meteorological data: first moment and second moment, locations and spread, outliers, scatter plots, box plots, frequency distribution and sample size required. Distributions of experimental results, measured data and meteorological data: normal distribution, lognormal distribution, Weibull distribution. Sampling distribution and estimators. Goodness-of-fit test. Correlation and regression analysis, coefficients and

	residuals. Correlation between collected data: regression models, coefficient of determination, prediction intervals. General linear model, multiple regression. ANOVA applied to regression. Identification of long term trend and contributing factors.

2. Hypothesis testing and tests of significance. p values, power of a test. Mean exceeding standards. Implications of change of mean and standard deviation with time. Inference of two populations. Comparison of environmental quality at different time and different locations, t-test. Inference of more than two populations. One-way ANOVA. Two-way ANOVA. Randomized block. Chi square test. Checking normality of data. Contingency table.

Teaching/Learning Methodology	Emphasis is placed on a pro-active learning approach. Fundamental knowledge will be introduced in the lectures, with interspersed questions, exercises and quizzes for class discussion and after class self study. Students will be expected to read up, do exercises and reflect critically on the material covered in class. A companion web site-cum-discussion forum will be available to facilitate questioning and discussion. Optional tutorial sessions (1 hour per alternative week) can be arranged to cater for diverse learning needs on request.
Assessment Methods in Alignment with Intended Learning Outcomes	

Specific assessment methods/tasks	% weighting	Intended subject learning outcomes to be assessed (Please tick as appropriate)					
		a	b	c	d	e	f
1. Assignments	30	√	√	√	√	√	√
2. Examination	70	√	√	√	√	√	√
Total	100 %						

Students must attain at least grade D in both coursework and final examination (whenever applicable) in order to attain a passing grade in the overall result.

Explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes:

Assignments - Problem solving teaches students how to carry out statistical tests and interpret the results. Real life data set given in assignments help students learn how to explore, summarize and

	present data. It also enables students to formulate engineering/scientific problems and to obtain solutions to problems formulated. The final examination tests how much the students has learnt in this module. It reinforces and assesses the learning outcomes.	
Student Study Effort Expected	Class contact:	Average hours per week
	▪ Lectures / Tutorials	3 Hrs.
	Other student study effort:	
	▪ Assignments	2 Hrs.
	▪ Self Study	4 Hrs.
	Total student study effort	9 Hrs.
Reading List and References	Essential References Navidi, W. S., Statistics for Engineers and Scientists, 4th ed., McGraw-Hill, 2015. Supplementary References Keller G., Thomson, Statistics for Management and Economics, 11th edition, Cengage Learning, 2018. D.S.Wilks, Statistical Methods in Atmospheric Sciences, 3rd, ed., Academic Press, 2011.	