MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING CAN THO UNIVERSITY

COURSE SYLLABUS

1. INFORMATION OF COURSE AND LECTURER

- 1.1. Course name and code: Aquatic Toxicology AQ
- 1.2. Course specification: 2 Cred. (Theory: ; Assignment: ; Practice:), 30 hours (T: 20; A/P: 20)
- 1.3. Prerequistes courses:
- 1.4. Responsible Department: Department of Environmental Sciences College of Environment and Natural Resources
- 1.5. Information of lecturer: Name: A/Prof. Nguyen Van Cong Email: <u>nvcong@ctu.edu.vn</u> Co-teaching lecturer:

2. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Aquatic Toxicology mainly focuses on identifying effects of toxicants/toxins for aquatic organisms at different levels, including acute effects and sublethal effects. Achivements from aquatic toxicology have contributed for establishing limited levels of toxicants/toxins in aquatic environment for risk assessment and protection health of aquatic organisms as well as health of aquatic ecosystem.

3. COURSE EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students after attending the course, he/she should know:

Theoretically:

- Basic fundamentals of toxicology
- Uptake, bio-transformation, elimination and bio-accumulation of toxicants
- Mode of actions of common toxicants for organisms.
- Risk assessment of toxicants for aquatic organisms.

Practically:

- Design and carry out experiment to identify acute toxicity of toxicant for aquatic organims

4. COURSE CONTENTS

Chapters	Hours (T(A/D)
	$(\mathbf{I}/\mathbf{A}/\mathbf{F})$
Chapter 1: Gerneral Introduction to Aquatic Toxicology	2/5/0
1. History of aquatic toxicology and concepts in aquatic	
toxicology,	
2. Factors affect to toxicity of toxicants	
3. Contributions of aqutic toxicology	
A: LC50 estimation and comparation toxicity among toxicants	
Chapter 2: Common Toxicants in water bodies	3/0/0
1. Metals	
2. Pesticides	
3. Organic and Inorganics	

4. Others (Aflatoxins)	
Chapter 3: Uptake, biotranformation, elimination and accumulation of toxicants in aquatic organisms	5/0/0
 Biotranformation Elimination 	
4. Accumulation	
 Chapter 4: Mode of actions of common toxicants 1. Metals 2. Pesticides 3. Organic and Inorganics 	5/5/0
A: Siminar on effects of selected toxicants for aquatic organisms	
Chapter 5: Risk assessment1. Hazard identification2. Exposure assessment3. Effect assessment4. Risk CharacterizationA: Risk assessment and management for sevaral situations	5/10/0

5. TEACHING METHODS AND ASSESSMENT

5.1. Teaching methods:

Theory lecturing and problem base learning

5.2. Assessment methods:

Multible choices questions and problem based solving

6. READING REFERENCES

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Peakall D. 1992. Animal Biomarkers as Pollution Indicators. Chapman & Hall. London.

Sprague J.B. 1971. Review paper: Measurement of pollution toxicity to fish-III, Sub-lethal effects and "safe" concentrations. *Water Research Pergamon Press*. Vol. 5, p. 245-266

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