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Earth Science 7.5 cr

Geovetenskap 7,5 hp

Set by Faculty of Engineering and Sustainable Development

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Level	G1F
Education level	First cycle
Course identifier	SBG061
Credits	7.5 cr
Main field of study	Geography
Subject group	Earth Science and Physical Geography
Disciplinary domain	Technology 20.0 % Natural sciences 80.0 %

Learning outcomes

After completion of the course the student shall be able to

1. state the geological history of Earth, the development of life and the geoscientific methodology on which the knowledge is based
2. describe the structure and composition of Earth, and the forces governing mountain range formation, volcanism and earthquakes.
3. describe mineral and rock formation processes, and be able to identify the most common rock forming minerals and a selection of common rocks.
4. describe soil types and soil formation processes with focus on Swedish conditions, and be able to identify the most common soil types in Sweden
5. describe landscape and landform formation processes with focus on Swedish conditions
6. describe the processes in the atmosphere and the hydrosphere (basic meteorology and climatology) and their connection to current climate and environmental problems
7. account for our most important geological resources and be able to discuss the role of earth sciences in society.

Course content

The formation, structure and dynamic development of the planet Earth. Geological history and the development of life. Stratigraphy and geological dating methodology. Mineral and

rock formation processes. Knowledge of minerals and bedrocks. Bedrock-geological maps and structural geology.
 Quaternary climate and landscape development, with emphasis on the latest ice age and post-glacial time. Mineral and organic soil, their structure, formation and properties. Soil formation processes. Knowledge of soil and soil-geological maps.
 Geomorphology and exogenous forces (weathering, mass movement, erosion, transport and sedimentation). Geo-information, maps and air photos.
 The general circulation of the atmosphere. Climate and weather systems. Climate regions and global climate changes.
 The movement of water in nature and water renewal, soil and groundwater. Hydrological and hydrogeological maps.
 Natural resources and their use. Geodiversity.
 Strong emphasis is placed on understanding the relationship between forces, materials and forms. The knowledge acquired from the theoretical parts of the course will be reinforced and illustrated during field trips, exercises and laboratory sessions. The course should constitute the basis for continued studies in geoscientific subjects.

Teaching Lectures, exercises, laboratory sessions, group assignments, field trip and field exercises

Prerequisites General entry requirements + Mathematics 2a or 2b or 2c, Social studies 1b or 1a1+1a2.

Examination Written examination, assignments, laboratory sessions and field trip

Grade A, B, C, D, E, Fx, F

Other regulations Degree criteria for final grade will be given by examiner or course responsible latest at the beginning of the course.

Sustainable environment The majority of the course content deals with sustainable development..

Module			
	0010	Written examination	4.5 cr Grade: AF
	0020	Assignments and laboratory sessions	2 cr Grade: UG
	0030	Field trip	1 cr Grade: UV