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PHYSICAL GEOLOGY

MSc in Earth Science Engineering 2023/24/I. semester

MFFTT710001

COURSE COMMUNICATION FOLDER

University of Miskolc Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences and Engineering Institute of Exploration Geosciences

Datasheet of the course

Course title: Physical Geology Teacher: Éva Hartai, Honorary Professor, PhD	Code of the course: MFFTT710001 Responsible institute: Institute of Exploration Geosciences Type of course: C
Recommended semester: 1	Pre-requisites: -
No. of contact hours/week (sem.+lab.): 2+1	Type of assessment (exam/pr. mark/other): exam
Credit points: 4	Course: full-time

Competencies to evolve:

Knowledge: T1, T2, T3, T7, T8, T9 *Ability:* K1, K2, K3, K5, K6, K7, K9, K11, K12, K13 *Attitude:*

Autonomy and responsibility: F1, F2, F3, F4, F5

Description of the course:

Understanding the processes described by the general and specific theories required for the practicising of the fields of earth science engineering (geologist-engineering, geophysical-engineering, geoinformatics-engineering), understanding the internal connections between geological processes, and knowing the planning and interpretation procedures based on the processes. Providing a solid technical and scientific knowledge required for the high-level progress in earth sciences engineering disciplines, among others in numerical methods, technical physics and their contexts.

Acquired store of learning:

<u>Study goals:</u> Deepening the students' abilities for geological interpretation, reconstruction of rock-forming processes.

<u>Course content:</u> The formation and the inner structure of the Earth. Plate tectonic background of the geological processes. The role of physical geology in the geological exploration. Methodology of fieldwork, interpretation of the magmatic, sedimentary and metamorphic rock forming processes in field. Principles of stratigraphy, stratigraphic nomenclature. Stratotype, lito-, bio- and chronostratigraphy. Modern stratigraphic methods: magneto-, chemo-, seismic, sequence, and cycle stratigraphy. Reconstruction of paleo-environments by the investigation of sedimentary sequences. Identification of rock-forming processes and tectonic events, defining their succession.

<u>Education method</u>: Obligatory attendance of the lectures and the two fieldtrips. Students present the results of one fieldtrip by a Power Point presentation, and submit a written report on the other fieldtrip.

Type of Assessment (exam. / pr. mark. / other): exam

Attendance of lectures is obligatory. During the semester students have to complete two field programmes: 1) Studying sedimentary rocks. Visiting outcrops with the teacher's explanation, presenting their observations and interpretations in an oral presentation (15% in the final assessment). 2) Studying magmatic rocks. Examining magmatic outcrops in groups of two, submitting written report on their work (15% in the final assessment). Final exam: written test and oral exam (70%).

Grading limits:

>80%: excellent, 70-79%: good, 60-69%: medium, 50-59%: satisfactory, <50%: unsatisfactory.

The 3-5 most important compulsory, or recommended literature (textbook, book) resources:

- Sam J. Boggs: Principles of Sedimentology and Stratigraphy, Prentice Hall Publishing, 2011
- Angela L. Coe: Field techniques. Wiley-Blackwell 2010
- Steven Earle: Physical Geology. BCCampus, 2015

Themes of the lectures, 2023/24 fall semester

Lectures: Wednesday, 12:00-14:00, Room LFFT.

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2023-09-13	The formation and the inner structure of the Earth
2023-09-27	Plate tectonic background of the geological processes
2023-10-04	The role of physical geology in the geological exploration-
	Magmatic processes, their interpretation on field
2023-10-11	Fieldtrip to the Tokaj Mountains, studying magmatic rocks
2023-10-18	Fieldtrip to the Bükk Mountains, studying sedimentary rocks
2023-10-25	Sedimentary processes, their interpretation on field
2023-11-08	Metamorphic processes, their interpretation on field
2023-11-15	Principles of stratigraphy, stratigraphic nomenclature
2023-11-22	Stratotype, lito-, bio-, chrono-, magneto-, chemo-, seismic,
	sequence and cycle stratigraphy
2023-11-29	Reconstruction of continental sedimentary environments
2023-12-06	Reconstruction of marine sedimentary environments
2023-12-13	Defining the succession of rock-forming processes and tectonic
	events

Practical exercises: Wednesday, 14:00-15, Room LFFT.

Example of the written exam

Physical Geology exam Name:.....

1. Principle statements of the plate tectonic theory:

2. Formation of marine and continental volcanic arcs, recent examples:

3. Main characteristics of siliciclastic sediments, categories within each parameter:

4. Specify the rocks which can be characterised by the following conditions of formation:

Middle-course river channel:

Steep rocky coast:

300 C° temperature, 400 MPa pressure:

Subductional zone, shallow depth:

magma of 70 % SiO₂ content, explosive eruption:

Warm climate, open shelf area:

5. Name the structural/textural features related to the pictures below, explain their formation, name the rock:



6. Specify the textural types of carbonates in Dunham's (1962) classification, give a short characterisation for each group:

7. Lows of stratigraphy, short characterisations:

8. Explain by illustrations how we can identify overturned layers:

9. Principles of sequence stratigraphy, orders of sequence units:

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