

Module Specification

Structural Geology and Geophysics

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Structural Geology and Geophysics

Module code: UBGMPQ-30-3

Level: Level 6

For implementation from: 2021-22

UWE credit rating: 30

ECTS credit rating: 15

Faculty: Faculty of Environment & Technology

Department: FET Dept of Geography & Envrnmental Mgmt

Partner institutions: None

Delivery locations: Frenchay Campus

Field: Geography and Environmental Management

Module type: Standard

Pre-requisites: None

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: None

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: Not applicable

Features: Module Entry Requirements: 60 credits at Level 2

Educational aims: This module will build on levels 1 and 2 modules addressing

geological structures and plate tectonics.

Outline syllabus: You will cover:

Principal theories and concepts of structural geology and geophysics

Styles of deformation, stress and responses.

Rheology and quantification of deformation.

Structural systems and evolution in time and space.

Global tectonics.

Gravity measurements and applications.

Seismology and whole Earth structure.

Geomagnetism and geoelectricity.

Map interpretation and geophysical surveys.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The principal theories and concepts will be introduced through lectures and case studies. These will be reinforced through tutorial discussions and project work. There will be local field work aimed at providing the basis for the coursework assessment. There will be practical and computer-based workshops to develop students' interpretational, graphics and presentation skills. One-to-one support will be provided during practical and tutorial sessions and via email.

Module Learning outcomes:

MO1 Categorize and interpret rock deformation in terms of global tectonic processes

MO2 Critically evaluate geophysical concepts and the use of geophysical survey methods in interpretation of geological structures and maps and in site investigations

MO3 Explain and synthesise the relationships between active tectonic processes on the Earth's surface and underlying processes within the Earth

MO4 Quantify rock deformation over space and time

MO5 Demonstrate independent and critical engagement with academic literature

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Hours to be allocated: 300

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 228 hours

Face-to-face learning = 72 hours

Total = 300

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at readinglists.uwe.ac.uk via the following link https://uwe.rl.talis.com/modules/ubgmpq-30-3.html

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: Summative assessment:

Component A – In-class test (2 hours):

In class test with a practical component.

Strategy:

This will assess students' ability to interpret rock deformation in terms of global tectonic processes.

Students will be able to demonstrate their understanding of key concepts in structural geology and geophysics and their ability to explain and synthesis relationships between surface and subsurface processes.

Component B – Fieldwork report and map interpretation:

The report will be equivalent to 2500 words.

Strategy:

The report will enable students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills using various media.

It will enable assessment of their ability to organise their thoughts, summarise their knowledge and express interpretations and arguments.

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Students will be able to demonstrate their engagement with academic literature.

Formative work:

Formative work will be set weekly during practical and field sessions for students' self-assessment. Formative work will be an integral part of the reading strategy. Students will receive preparation practical exercises that will help with interpretative questions for the summative assessment.

Resit:

Online exam (2 hours) within a 24 hour window.

Report (2,500 words).

Assessment components:

In-class test - Component A (First Sit)

Description: In-class test (2 hours)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Report - Component B (First Sit)

Description: Report (2500 words)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Examination (Online) - Component A (Resit)

Description: Examination Online with a 24 hour window.

This online examine will replicate the in-class test from the sit period.

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Report - Component B (Resit)

Description: Report (2500 words)

Weighting: 50 %

Final assessment: No

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Geology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20

Geology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2019-20

Geology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] BSc (Hons) 2018-19