



Module Specification

Independent Project (Geology)

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Part 1: Information

Module title: Independent Project (Geology)

Module code: UBGMQQ-15-3

Level: Level 6

For implementation from: 2023-24

UWE credit rating: 15

ECTS credit rating: 7.5

Faculty: Faculty of Environment & Technology

Department: FET Dept of Geography & Environmental Mgmt

Partner institutions: None

Field: Geography and Environmental Management

Module type: Module

Pre-requisites: Research in Geology 2023-24

Excluded combinations: None

Co-requisites: Placement 2023-24

Continuing professional development: No

Professional, statutory or regulatory body requirements: None

Part 2: Description

Overview: Not applicable

Features: Pre-requisites: 90 credits at Level 2, to include UBGMJN-30-2 Research in Geology

Educational aims: This module builds upon levels 1 and 2; it also gives the opportunity to reflect upon an aspect of geology experienced during the placement

year from an academic perspective, or with the agreement of the supervisor another geological issue can be investigated.

Outline syllabus: The module is assessed by a single 6,000 word project, which comprises 100% of the marks available for this module.

Part 3: Teaching and learning methods

Teaching and learning methods: The Independent Project (Geology) is designed to combine the skills of academic research with practical experience in a clearly specified professional context. Students will pursue a substantial piece of individual, original research on a geological issue, the topic may be linked to their placement experience. The topic will be chosen in consultation with members of the Faculty with appropriate subject knowledge. Students will be expected to meet individually with their supervisors with dates and duration of meetings mutually agreed between them. Students will have a maximum of 4 hours of supervision with their supervisors.

Scheduled learning includes supervision meetings.

Independent learning includes hours engaged with essential reading, case study preparation, assignment preparation and completion.

Module Learning outcomes: On successful completion of this module students will achieve the following learning outcomes.

MO1 Define an academic research question or project and demonstrate its relationship to existing professional practice

MO2 Design and apply an appropriate investigative methodology to obtain relevant and robust information or data from primary and/or secondary sources

MO3 Analyse, interpret and critically appraise collected information or data in the context of the wider academic literature and of professional practice

MO4 Draw conclusions about the topic, reflecting on the investigative process and demonstrating awareness of the limitations of the study

MO5 Manage a substantial independent piece of work

MO6 Demonstrate, where appropriate, an awareness of ethical and health, safety and risk matters relevant to the project

Hours to be allocated: 150

Contact hours:

Independent study/self-guided study = 146 hours

Face-to-face learning = 4 hours

Total = 150

Reading list: The reading list for this module can be accessed at [readinglists.uwe.ac.uk](https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html) via the following link <https://uwe.rl.talis.com/index.html>

Part 4: Assessment

Assessment strategy: Summative assessment:

Assessment Task 1: – Project (6000 words). Learning outcomes 1-6

Strategy:

The Independent Project links academic geology with professional practice (applied geology). The assessment is therefore designed to take account of the following criteria:

Scope, analysis and interpretation of discipline-specific literature.

Clarity of links between academic geology and the professional context.

Appropriateness of methodological design and application.

Assessment of health, safety and risk as appropriate to the professional context.

Depth of interpretation of results.

Integration of results into the wider literature and professional context.

Professional quality report: organisation, quality of writing and presentation.

The resit work can be a rework of the original project, or a new project can be submitted.

Formative assessment:

On-going formative feedback/support will be given through one-to-one contact with supervisors.

Assessment tasks:

Project (First Sit)

Description: Project (6000 words)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested: MO1, MO2, MO3, MO4, MO5, MO6

Project (Resit)

Description: Project (6000 words)

Weighting: 100 %

Final assessment: Yes

Group work: No

Learning outcomes tested:

Part 5: Contributes towards

This module contributes towards the following programmes of study:

Geology [Sep][FT][Frenchay][3yrs] - Not Running BSc (Hons) 2021-22

Geology [Sep][SW][Frenchay][4yrs] - Not Running BSc (Hons) 2021-22