

Swansea University Prifysgol Abertawe

# FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

# UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT HANDBOOK

# YEAR 2 (FHEQ LEVEL 5)

# BSC ENVIRONMENTAL GEOSCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

SUBJECT SPECIFIC PART TWO OF TWO MODULE AND COURSE STRUCTURE 2023-24

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### The 23-24 academic year begins on 25 September 2023

Full term dates can be found here

### DATES OF 23-24 TERMS

25 September 2023 – 15 December 2023

8 January 2024 – 22 March 2024

15 April 2024 – 07 June 2024

### SEMESTER 1

25 September 2023 – 29 January 2024

### SEMESTER 2

29 January 2024 – 07 June 2024

### SUMMER

10 June 2024 – 20 September 2024

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Please ensure that you read the University webpages covering the topic – procedural guidance <u>here</u> and further information <u>here</u>. You should also read the Faculty Part One handbook fully, in particular the pages that concern Academic Misconduct/Academic Integrity.

### Welcome to the Faculty of Science and Engineering!

Whether you are a new or a returning student, we could not be happier to be on this journey with you.

At Swansea University and in the Faculty of Science and Engineering, we believe in working in partnership with students. We work hard to break down barriers and value the contribution of everyone.

Our goal is an inclusive community where everyone is respected, and everyone's contributions are valued. Always feel free to talk to academic, technical and administrative staff, administrators - I'm sure you will find many friendly helping hands ready to assist you. And make the most of living and working alongside your fellow students.

During your time with us, please learn, create, collaborate, and most of all – enjoy yourself!

### Professor David Smith Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Executive Dean Faculty of Science and Engineering



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### **STUDENT SUPPORT**

The Faculty of Science and Engineering has two **Reception** areas - Engineering Central (Bay Campus) and Wallace 223c (Singleton Park Campus).

Standard Reception opening hours are Monday-Friday 8.30am-4pm.

The **Student Support Team** provides dedicated and professional support to all students in the Faculty of Science and Engineering. Should you require assistance, have any questions, be unsure what to do or are experiencing difficulties with your studies or in your personal life, our team can offer direct help and advice, plus signpost you to further sources of support within the University. There are lots of ways to get information and contact the team:

**Email:** <u>studentsupport-scienceengineering@swansea.ac.uk</u> (Monday–Friday, 9am– 5pm)

**Call:** +44 (0) 1792 295514 (Monday-Friday, 10am–12pm, 2–4pm).

**Zoom:** By appointment. Students can email, and if appropriate we will share a link to our Zoom calendar for students to select a date/time to meet.

The current student **webpages** also contain useful information and links to other resources:

https://myuni.swansea.ac.uk/fse/

#### **READING LISTS**

Reading lists for each module are available on the course Canvas page and are also accessible via <a href="http://ifindreading.swan.ac.uk/">http://ifindreading.swan.ac.uk/</a>. We've removed reading lists from the 23-24 handbooks to ensure that you have access to the most up-to-date versions. We do not expect you to purchase textbooks, unless it is a specified key text for the course.

#### THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COMPULSORY AND CORE MODULES

Compulsory modules must be pursued by a student.

Core modules must not only be pursued, but also passed before a student can proceed to

the next level of study or qualify for an award. Failures in core modules must be redeemed.

Further information can be found under "Modular Terminology" on the following link -

https://myuni.swansea.ac.uk/academic-life/academic-regulations/taught-guidance/essential-

info-taught-students/your-programme-explained/

### Year 2 (FHEQ Level 5) 2023/24 Environmental Geoscience BSc Environmental Geoscience[FF86]

BSc Environmental Geoscience with a Year Abroad[F768]

### **Compulsory Modules**

Semester 1 Modules	Semester 2 Modules		
GEL203	GEL204		
Earth history	Geological Record of Past Environments		
10 Credits	10 Credits		
Dr NJ Felstead	Dr KJ Preece/Dr KJ Ficken		
Total 120 Credits			

#### **Optional Modules**

Choose exactly 20 credits

Cannot select GEC276 with GEG276, GEC277 with GEG277 and GEC278 with GEC278 as they are the Welsh and English equivalent of the same module.

GEC276	Systemau Gwybodaeth Ddaearyddol	Dr RH Meara	TB1	20
GEG276	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	Prof AJ Luckman	TB1	20

#### And

Choose exactly 20 credits

GEC277	Dulliau ac Ymagweddau Daearyddol	Dr RH Meara/Dr A Closs Stephens	TB1	20
GEG277	Geographical Methods and Approaches	Dr KJ Ficken/Prof SH Doerr/Dr KH Halfacree/	TB1	20

#### And

Choose exactly 20 credits

GEC278	Sgiliau Dadansoddi Data a Pharatoi Traethawd Hir	Dr A Closs Stephens/Dr RH Meara	TB2	20
GEG278	Data Analysis and Dissertation Preparation Skills	Dr NJ Felstead/Dr A Closs Stephens/Dr KJ Ficken/	TB2	20

#### And

Choose exactly 20 credits

This module has been pre-allocated to your module selections after our application process in April. Therefore any selection made here will be overwritten by the Geography Department

GEG252	Geographical Fieldwork skills	Dr NJ Felstead	TB1+2	20

#### And

Choose exactly 20 credits

GE-200	Professional Development and Career Planning	Miss VV Wislocka/Miss VV Wislocka	TB1	0
GEG211	Glacial Environments	Dr J Hiemstra	TB1	10
GEG236	Earth from Space: Monitoring Global Environmental Change	Prof PRJ North	TB2	10
GEG273	Geographies of Climate Action and Activism	Dr AL Pigott	TB1	10
GEG283	Sustainable Land Management	Dr E Urbanek/Prof SH Doerr	TB1	10

# Year 2 (FHEQ Level 5) 2023/24 Environmental Geoscience

BSc Environmental Geoscience with a Year in Industry[F769]

### **Compulsory Modules**

Semester 1 Modules	Semester 2 Modules		
GE-200	GEL204		
Professional Development and Career Planning	Geological Record of Past Environments		
0 Credits	10 Credits		
Miss VV Wislocka/Miss VV Wislocka	Dr KJ Preece/Dr KJ Ficken		
GEL203			
Earth history			
10 Credits			
Dr NJ Felstead			
Total 120 Credits			

#### **Optional Modules**

Choose exactly 20 credits

Cannot select GEC276 with GEG276, GEC277 with GEG277 and GEC278 with GEC278 as they are the Welsh and English equivalent of the same module.

GEC276	Systemau Gwybodaeth Ddaearyddol	Dr RH Meara	TB1	20
GEG276	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	Prof AJ Luckman	TB1	20

#### And

Choose exactly 20 credits

GEC277	Dulliau ac Ymagweddau Daearyddol	Dr RH Meara/Dr A Closs Stephens	TB1	20
GEG277	Geographical Methods and Approaches	Dr KJ Ficken/Prof SH Doerr/Dr KH Halfacree/	TB1	20

#### And

Choose exactly 20 credits

GEC278	Sgiliau Dadansoddi Data a Pharatoi Traethawd Hir	Dr A Closs Stephens/Dr RH Meara	TB2	20
GEG278	Data Analysis and Dissertation Preparation Skills	Dr NJ Felstead/Dr A Closs Stephens/Dr KJ Ficken/	TB2	20

#### And

Choose exactly 20 credits

This module has been pre-allocated to your module selections after our application process in April. Therefore any selection made here will be overwritten by the Geography Department

GEG252 Geographical Fieldwork skills	Dr NJ Felstead	TB1+2	20
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And

Choose exactly 20 credits

GEC269 is taught through the medium of welsh

GEG211	Glacial Environments	Dr J Hiemstra	TB1	10
GEG236	Earth from Space: Monitoring Global Environmental Change	Prof PRJ North	TB2	10
GEG273	Geographies of Climate Action and Activism	Dr AL Pigott	TB1	10
GEG283	Sustainable Land Management	Dr E Urbanek/Prof SH Doerr	TB1	10

# **GE-200 Professional Development and Career Planning**

### Credits: 0 Session: 2023/24 September-January

Pre-requisite Modules:

### **Co-requisite Modules:**

Lecturer(s): Miss VV Wislocka, Miss VV Wislocka

Format: 6 hours consisting of a mix of podcasts, recorded lectures and Zoom sessions and optional 1-2-1 meetings and weekly drop-in sessions. Prior to the change it was 6 hours of face to face delivery via PC labs, and a 1-2-1 meeting where applicable / requested.

**Delivery Method:** These modules are delivered through online resources, scheduled Zoom sessions and 1-2-1 meetings. There is self-directed learning required using online resources provided.

**Module Aims:** This module is a mandatory module for all students who have enrolled (or transferred) onto the Science Industrial Placement Year but is also available to all other Geography students. The module focuses on the underpinning and fundamental requisites required to gain, enter and progress through a successful career. Learners will be introduced to (a) sourcing placements, CV writing, and application techniques; (b) Interview techniques, how to pitch yourself and be successful; (c) workplace fundamentals and IP awareness, behaviors and expectations; and, (d) Key employability skills; getting the most from your job or placement.

**Module Content:** The module will focus on the key requirements to gain and be successful whilst on a placement. Directed and self -directed activity will address the following topics:

1) Science Industrial Placements - What they are, how to search and how to apply.

2) CV writing, cover letters and application processes.

3) Assessment centres, interview techniques and a mock interview.

4) Recognizing and developing employability skills.

5) reflecting and maximising your placement experience.

6) one to one meeting with careers and employability officers.

**Intended Learning Outcomes:** By the end of this module, students will be able to:

1) Be aware of and possess the essential skills needed to secure placement opportunities; alongside having the skills to apply for relevant jobs and placements.

2) Have a general understanding of an interview process and what tools and attributes make a good interview.

3) Discuss and share what is expected within the workplace including behavioral and professional conduct.

4) Identify personal employability skills and how these will be used in a workplace setting.

5) Understand the need to reflect and maximise the placement experience in future career decisions. Assessment: Assignment 1 (100%)

**Assessment Description:** Students are required to attend all taught sessions and the one to one meeting (if required). This module has no credit attached. However to ensure engagement with the content a compulsory quiz will be added in session 5. Students who do not attend and have no valid reason will not be permitted to continue on a Science Industrial Placement Year programme of study.

Moderation approach to main assessment: Not applicable

Assessment Feedback: N/A

However feedback on progress and the progression through the module will be provided in the one to one mandatory meeting and MCQ quiz.

**Failure Redemption:** Successful completion of this module depends upon satisfactory attendance at, and engagement with, all sessions. Therefore there will normally be no opportunity to redeem failure. However, special provision will be made for students with extenuating or special circumstances.

Additional Notes: Delivery of both teaching and assessment will be blended including live and selfdirected activities online and on-campus.

The module will focus on the key requirements to gain and be successful whilst on a placement or in work. Directed and self -directed activity will address the following topics:

- 1) Science Industrial Placements What they are, how to search and how to apply.
- 2) CV writing, cover letters and application processes.
- 3) Assessment centres, interview techniques and a mock interview.
- 4) Recognizing and developing employability skills.
- 5) reflecting and maximising your placement experience.
- 6) one to one meeting with careers and employability officers.

# GEC276 Systemau Gwybodaeth Ddaearyddol

# Credits: 20 Session: 2023/24 September-January

### Pre-requisite Modules:

**Co-requisite Modules:** 

Lecturer(s): Dr RH Meara

Format: 11 hours lectures 22 hours computer lab exercises

Delivery Method: Lecture and computer practical

**Module Aims:** A Geographic Information System (GIS) is a computer-based technology for solving problems of a geographical nature – i.e. involving spatial relationships between people, places and objects. It can be applied to a wide range of disciplines within geography and has developed to provide a means to quickly and professionally produce maps from geospatial data. This module provides a basic grounding in GIS from the nature of spatial information, through the use of GIS in social and physical geography contexts, to the application of computers to solving complex geographical problems. Most importantly, it allows hands-on experience in using Quantum GIS (QGIS), the leading open-source GIS software package, and therefore provides a valuable skill for research and the for workplace.

Module Content: 1. Module introduction

- 2. A digital model of the real world
- 3. Comparing raster and vectors data models
- 4. Coordinates and geographic reference systems
- 5. Geographic presentation and map design
- 6. GIS data sources and formats
- 7. Digital land surface topography
- 8. The Global Positioning System (GPS)
- 9. Route-finding in a network

10. The future of GIS

**Intended Learning Outcomes:** • A broad understanding of the purpose and scope of Geographical Information Systems

- An appreciation of the way in which geographical entities can be represented in a computer
- A critical awareness of the increasing role of GIS in government, commerce and science
- The ability to use QGIS software to explore and analyse a range of geospatial data
- The ability to present geospatial data as a well constructed and complete map
- A basic understanding of GIS-related technologies such as route-finding and GPS
- An appreciation of the future direction of GIS in geography and beyond

All marking will be carried out on-line

Assessment:	Coursework 1 (20%)
	Coursework 2 (30%)
	Coursework 3 (20%)
	Coursework 4 (30%)

Assessment Description: Coursework 1: Map figure with caption using given datasets.

Project: Series of maps and captions to present and justify the best location for a windfarm in a region of Wales.

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort

**Assessment Feedback:** Students will receive feedback on each piece of coursework within 3 weeks of the submission deadline.

Each student will receive individual comments on their work.

All feedback will be provided online

Failure Redemption: Resubmit failed components

Additional Notes: Delivery of both teaching and assessment will be blended including live and selfdirected activities online and on-campus.

Nid yw ar gael i fyfyrwyr ymweld a chyfnewid.

Available to visiting and exchange students.

# GEC277 Dulliau ac Ymagweddau Daearyddol

## Credits: 20 Session: 2023/24 September-January

Pre-requisite Modules:

## Co-requisite Modules:

Lecturer(s): Dr RH Meara, Dr A Closs Stephens

Format: Lectures: 11 hours

Practical Classes: 21 hours (desk and field based)

Contact Hours will be delivered through a blend of live activities online and on-campus, and may include, for example, lectures, seminars, practical sessions and Academic Mentoring sessions.

**Delivery Method:** All Programmes will employ a blended approach to delivery using the Canvas Digital Learning Platform for live and self-directed online activity, with live and self-directed on-campus activities each week. Students may also have the opportunity to engage with online versions of sessions delivered on-campus

Cyflwynir y modiwl craidd hwn drwy gyfuniad o ddarlithoedd a sesiynau ymarferol (gan gynnwys rhywfaint o waith grp) ar Gampws Singleton ac mewn safleoedd maes lleol amrywiol. Caiff myfyrwyr ddewis o'r amrywiaeth o brosiectau sydd o ddiddordeb iddynt.

This core module will be delivered through a combination of lectures and practical sessions (including some group work) on Singleton campus and at various local field sites. Students will be able to select from the range of projects that interest them.

### Module Aims:

Mae'r modiwl 20 credyd craidd hwn yn cyflwyno'r amrywiaeth o ymagweddau at Ddaearyddiaeth Ddynol a Ffisegol a geir, gan ddarparu trosolwg o'r prif ddulliau a ddefnyddir yn y ddisgyblaeth. Cyflwynir y paradeimau hyn a rhoddir cyfle i chi bwyso a mesur pa fathau o ddulliau sy'n cyd-fynd â'r ymagweddau daearyddol hyn. Mae'r modiwl yn cyflwyno dulliau data allweddol a'u gwreiddiau damcaniaethol a bydd cyfle i 'ymarfer' y dulliau allweddol hyn mewn gweithdai estynedig – yn yr ystafell ddosbarth ac yn y maes.

This core 20 credit module introduces the variety of approaches to Human and Physical Geography that exist, providing an overview of the key methods used in the discipline. These paradigms will be introduced and then you are given the opportunity to 'think through' what kinds of methods chime with these geographical approaches. The module introduces key data methods and their theoretical roots, with an opportunity to 'practice' these key methods extended workshops - both desk based and in the field.

### Module Content:

Mae'r modiwl hwn yn cyflwyno rhai o'r prif ddulliau ymchwil a ddefnyddir ar hyn o bryd gan ddaearyddwyr dynol a ffisegol, ynghyd ag ystyriaethau cynllunio ymchwil, damcaniaethol a moesegol. Mae'r modiwl yn cynnwys darlithoedd a hyfforddiant ymarferol a gofynnir i'r myfyrwyr gynnal prosiect ymchwil mewn grwpiau bach ar y diwedd.

Bydd y maes llafur yn cynnwys:

Darlithoedd ar gynllun ymchwil; darlithoedd ar ddata meintiol ac ansoddol; darlithoedd ar foeseg ymchwil; sesiynau ymarferol ar holiaduron ac arolygon; data'r Cyfrifiad a ffynonellau eilaidd; y dull gwyddonol; prosiectau maes daearyddiaeth ffisegol; sgiliau adolygu llenyddiaeth.

This module introduces students to some of the main research methods in currently employed by human and

physical geographers, along with research design, philosophical and ethical considerations. The module includes

lectures and practical training, and culminates in a research project conducted in small-groups. The syllabus will

include:

Research Design lectures;

Quantitative and Qualitative data lectures;

Research Ethics lectures;

Questionnaire surveys practicals;

Census data and secondary sources;

The scientific method;

Physical Geography Field Projects; Literature Review Skills.

# Intended Learning Outcomes:

Dangos ymwybyddiaeth o ymchwil effeithiol, gan gynnwys nodi cwestiwn, nodau ac amcanion ymchwil, cynllun ymchwil a dewis dull ymchwil priodol.

Arddangos gwerthfawrogiad o'r cyd-destunau cymdeithasol amrywiol lle defnyddir dulliau ymchwil mewn Daearyddiaeth Ddynol a'r cyd-destunau amgylcheddol lle defnyddir dulliau ymchwil mewn Daearyddiaeth Ffisegol.

Dangos y gallu i werthuso priodoldeb pob dull mewn cyd-destunau ymchwil gwahanol, boed yn yr ystafell ddosbarth neu yn y maes.

Dangos y gallu i adolygu'r llenyddiaeth mewn maes penodol er mwyn lleoli dull mewn cefndir gwyddonol neu wyddor gymdeithasol benodol.

By the end of this module you should be able to:

Demonstrate an awareness of effective research, including identification of a research question, aims and objectives, a research design and selection of an appropriate research methods.

Exhibit an appreciation of the varying social contexts within which research methods are used in Human Geography

and the environmental contexts within which research methods are used in Physical Geography.

Illustrate the ability to evaluate the appropriateness of each method in different research contexts, whether desk or

field based.

Evidence the ability to review the literature in a chosen field in order to situate a method within a particular scientific

or social science background.

Assessment:	Coursework 1 (50%)
	Coursework 2 (50%)

### Assessment Description:

50% Adolygiad llenyddiaeth ar sail maes astudio a ddewiswyd 50% Portffolio ar sail pynciau prosiect a ddewiswyd

50% Literature review

50% Portfolio based on chosen project topic

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort

Assessment Feedback:

Rhoddir adborth ysgrifenedig parhaus ar asesiadau yn electronig, gan ddefnyddio templed safonol a blwch sylwadau. Darperir adborth yn y dosbarth hefyd, drwy werthuso gan gymheiriaid a¿r addysgwr, ar sail cryfderau a gwendidau cyffredin.

Continual assessment feedback is given in writing electronically using a standard rubric and comments box.

Feedback also to be provided in class through peer evaluation and from the instructor on common strengths and weaknesses.

**Failure Redemption:** Ailsefyll arholiad neu ailgyflwyno gwaith asesiad parhaus, p¿un bynnag sy¿n berthnasol.

Resit examination or resubmit continual assessment whichever is applicable

Additional Notes: Delivery of both teaching and assessment will be blended including live and selfdirected activities online and on-campus.

Nid yw ar gael i fyfyrwyr ymweld a chyfnewid.

Not available to visiting and exchange students.

# GEC278 Sgiliau Dadansoddi Data a Pharatoi Traethawd Hir

# Credits: 20 Session: 2023/24 January-June

Pre-requisite Modules:

Co-requisite Modules:

Lecturer(s): Dr A Closs Stephens, Dr RH Meara

Format: Darlithoedd/gweithdai: 24 hours Gwaith maes: 8 awr Contact Hours will be delivered through

Contact Hours will be delivered through a blend of live activities online and on-campus, and may include, for example, lectures, seminars, practical sessions and Academic Mentoring sessions.

**Delivery Method:** All Programmes will employ a blended approach to delivery using the Canvas Digital Learning Platform for live and self-directed online activity, with live and self-directed on-campus activities each week. Students may also have the opportunity to engage with online versions of sessions delivered on-campus

Addysgir y modiwl hwn drwy gyfuniad o ddarlithoedd, sesiynau ymarferol a gweithdai cynllunio traethawd estynedig.

This module is to be delivered through a mixture of lectures, practical sessions and dissertation planning workshops.

**Module Aims:** Mae'r modiwl hwn yn adeiladu ar wybodaeth y myfyrwyr am ddulliau ymchwil gymdeithasol a dulliau amgylcheddol (a addysgir yn GEG277) i lunio cynnig am draethawd estynedig. Mae'r modiwl yn canolbwyntio ar sgiliau allweddol i gynllunio a pharatoi am draethawd estynedig a gyflwynir ar y cyd â'r Ganolfan Llwyddiant Academaidd, megis rheoli amser, meddwl yn greadigol ac yn feirniadol a datblygu ffocws, ysgrifennu cynnig etc. Mae'r modiwl yn canolbwyntio hefyd ar ddadansoddi data ansoddol a meintiol a sut i ddefnyddio data'n effeithiol wrth baratoi am brosiect traethawd estynedig yn y flwyddyn olaf.

This module builds upon student knowledge of social research methods and environmental methods (delivered in GEG277) through to the formulation of a dissertation proposal. The module focuses on key dissertation planning and preparation skills delivered in association with the Centre for Academic Success (CAS) such as time management, creative and critical thinking and developing a focus, writing a proposal etc. The module also focuses on qualitative and quantitative data analysis and how to use data effectively in preparedness for a final year dissertation project.

**Module Content:** Darlith cyflwyno/paratoi: y pwnc ymchwil, y broses a disgwyliadau Llunio cwestiwn ymchwil, nodau, amcanion a chynllun ymchwil Dewis a datblygu eich dulliau casglu data / arolwg / rhannu tasgau mewn grp Casglu data sylfaenol (gwaith maes mewn grp / sesiwn cymorth a chyngor Codeiddio a rhannu data sylfaenol /sesiwn cymorth a chyngor Dadansoddi data meintiol Dadansoddi data ansoddol Sesiwn cymorth a chyngor Llunio a chyflwyno adroddiad ymchwil

Introductory / preparatory lecture: the research topic, process and expectations Formulation of research question, aims, objectives and research design Selecting and developing your data collection methods / survey / group division of labour Primary data collection (group fieldwork) / help and advice session Codifying and sharing of primary data / help and advice session Quantitative data analysis Qualitative data analysis Help and advice session Production and submission of research report

### Intended Learning Outcomes: Erbyn diwedd y modiwl hwn, dylech allu:

• Dangos ymwybyddiaeth o natur fwriadus a strwythuredig ymchwil effeithiol, gan gynnwys nodi cwestiwn, nodau ac amcanion ymchwil, cynllun ymchwil a dewis dull ymchwil priodol;

• Datblygu cynnig ar gyfer darn o ymchwil ddaearyddol sy'n seiliedig ar gysyniad ar ffurf cynnig traethawd ymchwil;

• Dangos meistrolaeth o amrywiaeth o dechnegau addas ar gyfer dadansoddi data meintiol ac ansoddol;

By the end of this module you should be able to:

• Demonstrate an awareness of the considered and structure nature of effective research, including identification of a research question, aims and objectives, a research design and selection of an appropriate research method;

• Develop a proposal for a conceptually grounded piece of geographical research in the form of a dissertation proposal;

• Show mastery of a range of suitable techniques for the analysis of quantitative and qualitative data;

Assessment:	Coursework 1 (40%)	
	Coursework 2 (40%)	
	Coursework 3 (20%)	

Assessment Description: Gwaith cwrs 1: Prosiect a phoster (ffocws dadansoddi data). 1,500 o eiriau a phoster.

Gwaith cwrs 2: Cynnig am draethawd estynedig (gyda'r opsiwn i gael adborth ffurfiannol ar y drafft cyntaf). 1,500 o eiriau.

Gwaith Cwrs (Dadansoddi data) – 20%

Coursework 1: 1 project+1 poster (data analysis focus). 1,500 words plus poster. Coursework 2: dissertation proposal (with option of formative feedback on first draft). 1,500 words. Coursework 3 (Data Analysis)

**Moderation approach to main assessment:** Moderation by sampling of the cohort **Assessment Feedback:** Adborth unigol a ddarperir yn electronig, o natur ffurfiannol a chrynodol

Individual typed electronic feedback which is formative and summative. **Failure Redemption:** Ailgyflwyno cydrannau yn ôl yr angen.

Resubmit components as required.

**Reading List:** A. J. Parsons author., Peter Knight 1961- author., How to do your dissertation in geography and related disciplines / Tony Parsons and Peter G. Knight., Milton Park, Abingdon, Oxon ; New York, NY : Routledge, 2015.ISBN: 9781317909200

Kimberley A. Peters, Your human geography dissertation : designing, doing, delivering / Kimberley A. Peters., Thousand Oaks, CA : SAGE, 2017.ISBN: 9781446295205

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Additional Notes: Delivery of both teaching and assessment will be blended including live and selfdirected activities online and on-campus.

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# **GEG211 Glacial Environments**

### Credits: 10 Session: 2023/24 September-January

### Pre-requisite Modules:

**Co-requisite Modules:** 

Lecturer(s): Dr J Hiemstra

Format: 15 hours lectures and 6 hours of seminars

Contact Hours will be delivered through a blend of live activities online and on-campus, and may include, for example, lectures, seminars, practical sessions and Academic Mentoring sessions.

**Delivery Method:** This module will employ a blended approach to delivery using the Canvas Digital Learning Platform for live/in-person and self-directed activities, with sessions each week.

**Module Aims:** This module provides a comprehensive examination of processes, sediments and landforms associated with glacial activity. It considers aspects of both past (Quaternary) and present-day glacial environments. The module also introduces basic glaciological concepts such as glacier mass balance, transformation of snow to ice, glacier hydrology and glacier thermal regime, and thus provides a foundation for Level 3 module GEG344. The basic glaciological concepts are used to illustrate their implications for ice movement, glacial erosion and glacial deposition, and hence, their role in creating 'glacial' landscapes.

Teaching and Learning will be conducted via a combination of lectures and student-led seminars. The module is assessed through a 1-hour examination (1 from 3 essay questions, 50%), a poster (40%) and an individual oral 3-minute poster pitch/presentation (10%).

**Module Content:** Growth, development and behaviour of glacier ice and the importance in a global context are introduced (2 hours).

Key components of water storage in glacial systems are described followed by an introduction to glacial hydrology and consideration of glacier mass balance and glacier dynamics (5 hours).

Adoption of the landsystem-approach for studying ice-marginal and subglacial environments, together with the most important processes, landforms and sediments are considered (3 hours).

Processes of glacial erosion are described followed by the resulting landforms, which are considered with respect to scale (2 hours).

Glacial depositional landforms are considered according to their orientation with respect to ice flow movement (3 hours).

Two 3-hour sessions of student-led presentations.

Intended Learning Outcomes: At the end of this module the student should be able to:

1 Identify differences between temperate and cold ice masses in terms of movement characteristics. 2 Identify the different mechanisms of glacial erosion and present a reasoned account as regards their operation.

3 Discuss the form and typical dimensions of features and landforms formed by glacial erosion.

4 Evaluate critically different published views concerning the origins of various glacial erosional forms.

5 Discuss the typical locations, forms and dimensions of glacial depositional landforms.

6 Evaluate critically different published views concerning the origins of various glacial depositional features.7 Describe the processes involved in the transformation from snow to glacier ice.

8 Identify and discuss the physical processes and factors that control glacier mass balance.

9 Describe in detail the basic principles of glacial hydrology.

10 Identify the role of water in the dynamics of glacier systems.

Assessment:	Examination 1 (50%)
	Coursework 1 (40%)
	Oral Examination (10%)
Resit Assessment:	Examination (Resit instrument) (100%)

**Assessment Description:** One-hour, end-of-term examination. One from three essay-type answers. Weighting 50%

Coursework 1: poster. Weighting 40%.

Coursework 2: conference-style pitch (3-minute), Weighting 10%

Re-sit examination: two-hour exam, two essay-type answers from six. Weighting 100%.

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort

**Assessment Feedback:** Students will receive examination feedback after exams (tutorial session). Continual assessment feedback is given in writing on standard departmental feedback forms. Additional oral feedback available on request.

Failure Redemption: Re-sit examination (2 hours instead of 1).

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Additional Notes: Delivery of both teaching and assessment will include live and self-directed activities oncampus.

Available to visiting and exchange students, who are expected to be in Swansea for the exam.

# GEG236 Earth from Space: Monitoring Global Environmental Change

## Credits: 10 Session: 2023/24 January-June

Pre-requisite Modules:

**Co-requisite Modules:** 

Lecturer(s): Prof PRJ North

**Format:** 20 (10 lecture + 10 small-group computer project) Contact Hours will be delivered on-campus.

**Delivery Method:** All Programmes will employ a blended approach to delivery using the Canvas Digital Learning Platform for live and self-directed online activity, with live and self-directed on-campus activities each week. Students may also have the opportunity to engage with online versions of sessions delivered on-campus

Half lecture based and half computer based classes. On campus.

**Module Aims:** This module introduces the growing role of Earth Observation in Geography, in the context of monitoring global environmental change. Emphasis will be given to practical use of airborne and satellite imagery in a range of geographical applications. In addition to a grounding in the principles of remote sensing, the course will offer in-depth understanding of the use of satellite observations in the study of global change in particular of deforestation and desertification. Practical exercises will teach image processing skills and familiarity with the range of information sources available for remotely sensed imagery.

Module Content: Outline of lecture topics:

Overview and history of Earth Observation in geography.

Principles of airborne remote sensing, focusing on optical imagery and lidar.

Satellite remote sensing, focussing on Landsat imagery.

Methods for interpreting imagery and production of classified maps.

Study of deforestation using remote sensing.

Application to management and monitoring desertification.

Applications to climate change science and environmental modelling.

Example practical sessions:

Analysis of airborne and lidar aircraft imagery.

Familiarisation with different sources of satellite and aircraft imagery.

Image processing using Landsat imagery.

Interpretation and classification of imagery.

Monitoring global vegetation change.

Intended Learning Outcomes: By the end of this module students should be capable of demonstrating:

A broad understanding of the purpose and scope of Earth Observation in Geography.

A critical awareness of the range of modern geographical applications to which remote sensing contributes.

An ability to analyse remotely sensed data using image processing software.

An understanding of the technology behind satellite and aircraft imagery.

Coursework 2 (50%)	Assessment:	Coursework 1 (50%)
		Coursework 2 (50%)

Assessment Description:

Two items of coursework: (i) Classification of imagery for land cover mapping

(ii) Global time series analysis

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort

Assessment Feedback: Coursework assessment feedback is given in writing via Canvas.

Failure Redemption: Resit examination or resubmit continual assessment whichever if applicable.

**Reading List:** Canada Centre for Remote Sensing, CCRS Remote Sensing Tutorial, Canada Centre for Mapping and Earth Observation, 06/08/2019. USGS, USGS Earth Explorer. Greg Asner, EO and Ecology.

UK Land Cover map, CEH.

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Planet - high resolution satellite archive.

Review of satellite data sources.

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Additional Notes: Delivery of both teaching and assessment will be blended including live and selfdirected activities online and on-campus.

There are no pre- or co-requisites for this module. Available to visiting or exchange students

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# **GEG252 Geographical Fieldwork skills**

### Credits: 20 Session: 2023/24 September-June

## Pre-requisite Modules:

Co-requisite Modules:

Lecturer(s): Dr NJ Felstead

Format: 50

**Delivery Method:** The module is taught at four locations - Austria (GEG252A), Mallorca (GEG252M), New York City (GEG252N) and Vancouver (GEG252V).

Each trip consists of preparatory lectures, seminars and small-group sessions before departure. The main method of delivery is study in the field.

**Module Aims:** The module is concerned with identifying and defining geographical questions within a specific field location and applying the relevant geographical skills, knowledge and techniques to these questions. The general aims are to observe, analyse and achieve an understanding of the varied geographical landscapes and inherent features of a designated fieldweek location. The module comprises a week's fieldwork at a designated, normally foreign, location and preparatory and post-fieldweek lectures and other classes.

**Module Content:** There is a separate syllabus for each indidivual trip - Austria (GEG252A), Mallorca (GEG252M), New York City (GEG252N) and Vancouver (GEG252V).

**Intended Learning Outcomes:** On completion of the module, students should be able to do most of the following:

• Explain physical landscapes in terms of natural environmental factors and processes, environmental change and their human impacts (physical geographers)

• Identify and evaluate the nature and impacts of socio-economic forces in the urban landscape (human geographers)

• Evaluate, where appropriate, the relevance of established models and theories (including those of other modules in Geography) to local case studies

• Identify key issues facing the relevant field location and assess the effectiveness of policy responses

• Use varied geographical methods for studying our designated field area and its landscape issues.

Assessment: Coursework 1 (100%)

**Assessment Description:** Each fieldcourse has its own range of assessment components detailed elsewhere. These are monitored for equivalence.

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort

**Assessment Feedback:** Students will receive examination feedback after submission of coursework. Continual assessment feedback is given in writing on standard departmental feedback forms.

**Failure Redemption:** A student who attends the trip but fails to submit all assessed elements may be allowed to submit these elements during the resit period if extentuating circumstances exist.

A student who fails to attend the fieldtrip for valid personal or medical reasons will be set an alternative and equivalent task - usually involving the application of fieldwork skills - in order to achieve the credits for the module.

Additional Notes: Delivery of both teaching and assessment will be blended including live and selfdirected activities online and on-campus.

Available to visiting and exchange students on a discretionary basis.

# **GEG273 Geographies of Climate Action and Activism**

# Credits: 10 Session: 2023/24 September-January

Pre-requisite Modules:

Co-requisite Modules: Lecturer(s): Dr AL Pigott

Format: Lectures 10 hrs Seminars 10 hrs

Delivery Method: Predominantly lectures (including classroom discussions and group work)

**Module Aims:** This course will explore the kinds of knowledge, politics, and imaginations that underpin current responses to the climate crisis. It will engage critical and cutting-edge debates in Geography and related fields to help us grapple with the multiple ways we might understand and respond to a warming world. The module will begin by introducing climate change as a 'hyperobject' - that is, a phenomenon that is so vast in its temporality and scale that it is hard to grasp as a traditional 'object', but nonetheless requires urgent and widespread action. We will explore the particular politics and imaginaries associated with past and recent prominent climate movements (Extinction Rebellion, Greta Thunberg, and the School Strikes, for example) whilst examining the various attempts at thinking environment and politics differently that some of these movements embody. The final part of the module will engage with the concepts of ecological anxiety and ecological citizenship. This is a crucial and exciting time to be studying the emerging responses to the climate crisis, as there are so many examples from the world around us, and geographers are especially well placed to explore their tensions and possibilities. This course will help students to develop their 'climate change literacy' and to learn how to navigate and contribute to the complex political worlds of climate science, activism, and agency.

Module Content: 1. Introduction to the climate crisis

- 2. Geographies of climate action: Key approaches
- 3. Geographies of climate action: Emergency politics
- 4. Geographies of climate action: Anthropocene imaginaries
- 5. Activism and agency: Climate Justice and Governance
- 6. Activism and agency: The New Climate Movements
- 7. Activism and agency: Activism and Agency
- 8. Ecological distress
- 9. Ecological citizenship

10. Citizens' assembly

**Intended Learning Outcomes:** • Explain key conceptual and theoretical debates in contemporary academic environmental politics and be able to apply those to the world around us;

• Critically evaluate key concepts including climate change, nature, activism, imaginaries, narrative, identity, agency, Anthropocene, as well as the relationship between them;

• Demonstrate a good awareness of cutting edge debates in the academic fields of cultural and critical geography as well as related debates in fields such as political ecology.

• Be able to critically reflect on our own positions in relation to political issues and environmental crises taking place in the world;

• Explain how approaches to environmental politics enable and disable different political possibilities in terms of policy and practice.

Assessment: Coursework 2 (40%) Coursework 1 (60%)

**Assessment Description:** Coursework 1 60%: Option 1 - this will require students to undertake a climate action of their choice and to write a reflective report. Option 2 - to imagine a carbon-free 2040 (1500 words) on it.

Online multiple choice questions: 40%.

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort

**Assessment Feedback:** Feedback on the Online MCQ will be provided via a recorded video published on Canvas

**Failure Redemption:** Projects continual assessments to be redeemed on an essay based on the topic covered by the project.

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Additional Notes: Open to visiting and exchange students.

# **GEG276** Introduction to Geographic Information Systems

## Credits: 20 Session: 2023/24 September-January

# Pre-requisite Modules:

# Co-requisite Modules:

**Lecturer(s):** Prof AJ Luckman **Format:** 11 hours lectures

22 hours computer lab practicals

Contact Hours will be delivered through a blend of live activities online and on-campus, and may include, for example, lectures, seminars, practical sessions and Academic Mentoring sessions.

**Delivery Method:** All Programmes will employ a blended approach to delivery using the Canvas Digital Learning Platform for live and self-directed online activity, with live and self-directed on-campus activities each week. Students may also have the opportunity to engage with online versions of sessions delivered on-campus

### Lecture and computer practical

**Module Aims:** A Geographic Information System (GIS) is a computer-based technology for solving problems of a geographical nature – i.e. involving spatial relationships between people, places and objects. It can be applied to a wide range of disciplines within geography and has developed to provide a means to quickly and professionally produce maps from geospatial data. This module provides a basic grounding in GIS from the nature of spatial information, through the use of GIS in social and physical geography contexts, to the application of computers to solving complex geographical problems. Most importantly, it allows hands-on experience in using Quantum GIS (QGIS), the leading open-source GIS software package, and therefore provides a valuable skill for research and the for workplace.

Module Content: 1. Module introduction

- 2. A digital model of the real world
- 3. Comparing raster and vectors data models
- 4. Coordinates and geographic reference systems
- 5. Geographic presentation and map design
- 6. GIS data sources and formats
- 7. Digital land surface topography
- 8. The Global Positioning System (GPS)
- 9. Route-finding in a network

### 10. The future of GIS

**Intended Learning Outcomes:** • A broad understanding of the purpose and scope of Geographical Information Systems

- An appreciation of the way in which geographical entities can be represented in a computer
- A critical awareness of the increasing role of GIS in government, commerce and science
- The ability to use QGIS software to explore and analyse a range of geospatial data
- The ability to present geospatial data as a well constructed and functionally complete map
- A basic understanding of GIS-related technologies such as route-finding and GPS
- An appreciation of the future direction of GIS in geography and beyond

Assessment:	Coursework 1 (20%)
	Coursework 2 (30%)
	Coursework 3 (20%)
	Coursework 4 (30%)

Assessment Description: Coursework 1 - Project Figure 1

Coursework 2 - Project Figure 2

Coursework 3 - Multiple choice questions

Coursework 4 - Project Figure 3

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort

**Assessment Feedback:** Students will receive feedback on each piece of coursework within 3 weeks of the submission deadline.

Each student will receive individual comments on their work.

The cohort will also receive general feedback in lectures, including an ideal example.

All feedback will be provided online.

Failure Redemption: Resubmit failed components.

Reading List: QGIS, QGIS Tutorial.

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**Additional Notes:** Delivery of both teaching and assessment will be blended including live and selfdirected activities online and on-campus.

Available to visiting and exchange students.

# **GEG277 Geographical Methods and Approaches**

## Credits: 20 Session: 2023/24 September-January

#### Pre-requisite Modules: Co-requisite Modules:

Lecturer(s): Dr KJ Ficken, Prof SH Doerr, Dr KH Halfacree, Dr JR Jordan, Dr JF Maddern, Dr KG Rees, Dr I Robertson, Dr E Urbanek

### Format: 11 hours of lectures

21 hours of workshops (desk based and field based).

Contact Hours will be delivered through a blend of live activities online and on-campus, and may include, for example, lectures, seminars, practical sessions and Academic Mentoring sessions.

**Delivery Method:** All Programmes will employ a blended approach to delivery using the Canvas Digital Learning Platform for live and self-directed online activity, with live and self-directed on-campus activities each week. Students may also have the opportunity to engage with online versions of sessions delivered on-campus This core module will be delivered through a combination of lectures and practical sessions (including some group work) on Singleton campus and at various local field sites. Students will be able to select from the range of projects that interest them.

### Module Aims:

This core 20 credit module introduces the variety of approaches to Human and Physical Geography that exist, providing an overview of the key methods used in the discipline. These paradigms will be introduced and then you are given the opportunity to 'think through' what kinds of methods chime with these geographical approaches. The module introduces key data methods and their theoretical roots, with an opportunity to 'practice' these key methods extended workshops - both desk based and in the field.

### Module Content:

This module introduces students to some of the main research methods in currently employed by human and physical geographers, along with research design, philosophical and ethical considerations. The module includes lectures and practical training, and culminates in a research project conducted in small-groups. The syllabus will include:

Research Design lectures; Quantitative and Qualitative data lectures; Research Ethics lectures; Questionnaire surveys practicals; Census data and secondary sources; The scientific method; Physical Geography Field Projects; Literature Review Skills.

### Intended Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this module you should be able to:

Demonstrate an awareness of effective research, including identification of a research question, aims and objectives, a research design and selection of an appropriate research methods.

Exhibit an appreciation of the varying social contexts within which research methods are used in Human Geography and the environmental contexts within which research methods are used in Physical Geography.

Illustrate the ability to evaluate the appropriateness of each method in different research contexts, whether desk or field based.

Evidence the ability to review the literature in a chosen field in order to situate a method within a particular scientific or social science background.

Assessment:	Coursework 1 (50%)
	Coursework 2 (50%)

Assessment Description:

Coursework 1 Literature review based on a chosen field of study.

Coursework 2 Either Human Geography or Physical Geography projects

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort

**Assessment Feedback:** Continual assessment feedback is given in writing electronically using a standard rubric and comments box.

Feedback also to be provided in class through peer evaluation and from the instructor on common strengths and weaknesses.

Failure Redemption: Resit examination or resubmit continual assessment whichever is applicable

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Additional Notes: Delivery of both teaching and assessment will be blended including live and selfdirected activities online and on-campus.

Not available to visiting and exchange students.

# **GEG278** Data Analysis and Dissertation Preparation Skills

# Credits: 20 Session: 2023/24 January-June

Pre-requisite Modules: Co-requisite Modules:

Lecturer(s): Dr NJ Felstead, Dr A Closs Stephens, Dr KJ Ficken, Dr J Hiemstra

Format: Lectures/practicals: 17 hours

Dissertation preparation lectures and workshops: 15

Contact Hours will be delivered through a blend of live activities online and on-campus, and may include, for example, lectures, seminars, practical sessions and Academic Mentoring sessions.

**Delivery Method:** All Programmes will employ a blended approach to delivery using the Canvas Digital Learning Platform for live and self-directed online activity, with live and self-directed on-campus activities each week. Students may also have the opportunity to engage with online versions of sessions delivered on-campus

This module is to be delivered through a mixture of lectures, practical sessions and dissertation planning workshops.

**Module Aims:** This module builds upon student knowledge of social research methods and environmental methods (delivered in GEG277) through to the formulation of a dissertation proposal. The module focuses on key dissertation planning and preparation skills delivered in association with the Centre for Academic Success (CAS) such as time management, creative and critical thinking and developing a focus, writing a proposal etc. The module also focuses on qualitative and quantitative data analysis and how to use data effectively in preparedness for a final year dissertation project.

Module Content: Introductory / preparatory lecture: the research topic, process and expectations

Formulation of research question, aims, objectives and research design

Selecting and developing your data collection methods / survey / group division of labour

Primary data collection (group fieldwork) / help and advice session

Codifying and sharing of primary data / help and advice session

Quantitative data analysis

Qualitative data analysis

Help and advice session

Production and submission of research report Intended Learning Outcomes: By the end of this module you should be able to:

• Demonstrate an awareness of the considered and structure nature of effective research, including identification of a research question, aims and objectives, a research design and selection of an appropriate research method;

• develop a proposal for a conceptually grounded piece of geographical research in the form of a dissertation proposal;

• Show mastery of a range of suitable techniques for the analysis of quantitative and qualitative data;

Assessment:	Coursework 1 (40%)
	Coursework 2 (40%)
	Coursework 3 (20%)

**Assessment Description:** Coursework 1: 1 project+1 poster (data analysis focus). 1,500 words plus poster.

Coursework 2: dissertation proposal (with option of formative feedback on first draft). 1,500 words.

Coursework 3 (Data Analysis)

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort

Assessment Feedback: Individual typed electronic feedback which is formative and summative.

Failure Redemption: Resubmit components as required.

**Reading List:** A. J. Parsons author., Peter Knight 1961- author., How to do your dissertation in geography and related disciplines / Tony Parsons and Peter G. Knight., Milton Park, Abingdon, Oxon ; New York, NY : Routledge, 2015.ISBN: 9781317909200

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Additional Notes: Delivery of both teaching and assessment will be blended including live and selfdirected activities online and on-campus.

This module is not available to visiting or exchange students.

# GEG283 Sustainable Land Management

Credits: 10 Session: 2023/24 September-January		
Pre-requisite Modules:		
Co-requisite Modules:		
Lecturer(s): Dr E Urbanek, Prof SH Doerr		
Format: lectures, workshops, field visits		
Contact Hours will be delivered through a blend of live activities online and on-campus, and		
may include, for example, lectures, seminars, practical sessions and Academic Mentoring		
sessions.		
<b>Delivery Method:</b> All Programmes will employ a blended approach to delivery using the Canvas Digital Learning Platform for live and self-directed online activity, with live and self-directed on-campus activities each week. Students may also have the opportunity to engage with online versions of sessions delivered on-campus		
The module will be taught, but will include some practical aspects and field visit.		
Module Aims: Sustainable Land Management course focuses on the understanding and maintaining of		
environmental values of LAND and SOIL for food production, water quality, flood defence and climate regulation		
To understand the Sustainable Land Management the basic understanding of SOIL properties functions		
will be introduced followed by the main threads and challenges to soil health connected with climate change and incorrect land management. Case studies of Sustainable Land Management in agriculture, fi prevention and mitigation, peatland restoration and land remediation will be showcased and discussed. The module will contain a series of lectures, workshops and field visit.		
Students are recommended to sign up to the GEG277 Environmental Research Methods - Soil, but the		
knowledge from the GEG277 sessions are not essential to complete the module.		
Module Content: 1 (2hrs) Sustainable land management, soil functions		
2 (2hrs) Soil components, soil formation, soil classification		
3 (2hrs) Soil hydrology;		
4 (2hrs) Greenhouse gas emissions from land, Carbon and Nitrogen cycle;		
5 (2hrs) Climate change adaptation and mitigation		
6 (2hrs) Land degradation and global challenges		
7 (2+4hrs) Sustainable land management - agriculture + Field visit to sustainable farm		
8 (2hrs) Fire prevention and mitigation		
9 (2hrs) Land reclamation, peatland restoration		
Intended Learning Outcomes: On successfully completing this module, students will be able to: - Understand main soil properties and processes occurring in healthy and degraded soils;		
- Describe the main land-related challenges and suggest mitigation strategies to improve soil health and		
functioning of land:		
- Recommend sustainable solutions for prevention and mitigation of soil problems related to land		
mismanagement and climate change		
Assessment: Online Multiple Choice Questions (10%)		
Examination (70%)		
Online Multiple Choice Questions (10%)		
Online Multiple Choice Questions (10%)		
Assessment Description: 3 x MCQ tests (10% each) following each learning block		
Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort		
Assessment Feedback: Written feedback on exam		
Failure Redemntion: Exam resit		
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Available to visiting and exchange students.		

# **GEL203 Earth history**

# Credits: 10 Session: 2023/24 September-January

### Pre-requisite Modules:

### **Co-requisite Modules:**

Lecturer(s): Dr NJ Felstead

Format: 18 hours: lectures

Delivery Method: Lectures

**Module Aims:** This module will investigate the history of planet Earth with particular emphasis on the fossil evidence. Life appeared very early on Earth, and changes in the oceans, atmosphere and in climate are intimately linked to the evolution of life. Large changes in the fossil record represent major events in Earth's history, including the catastrophic collapse of ecosystems and major radiations of diversity. We will take a journey through the history of the planet, tracking major changes in ecosystems and focussing on the major events, as well as considering the way that the fossil evidence has been used in debates about the way that evolution works.

Module Content: The nature of the fossil record

Formation of Earth and Moon and conditions on the early Earth

The origin of life and implications for the chemistry of the atmosphere and oceans

Proterozoic life and the Cambrian explosion of diversity

Ecosystems in the Palaeozoic, Mesozoic and Cenozoic

Major extinction events and the recovery of ecosystems

Vertebrate evolution and the origin of humans

How the fossil record has been used in debates about evolution

Intended Learning Outcomes: Overview of the major changes in environments and ecosystems that have occurred on Earth

Understanding of the way that the fossil evidence can be used to interpret ancient environments and ecosystems

Understanding of the contested ways that the fossil evidence has been used in debates about evolution
Assessment: Examination 1 (80%)
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In class test (Invigilated on campus) (20%)

Assessment Description: Weekly quiz - 20 questions each

Two hour examination comprising short answers and/or multiple choice questions and an essay

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort

Assessment Feedback: individual feedback through the tutorial system

Failure Redemption: Re-sit the examination

**Reading List:** Benton, Michael J, Cowen's history of life, Wiley, 2020.ISBN: 1119482216 D. J. Beerling author., The emerald planet : how plants changed Earth's history / David Beerling., Oxford : Oxford University Press, 2007.ISBN: 9780192806024

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**Additional Notes:** Delivery of both teaching and assessment will be blended including live and selfdirected activities online and on-campus.

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Available to visitng and exchange students - must be available to sit examination.

# **GEL204 Geological Record of Past Environments**

### Credits: 10 Session: 2023/24 January-June

Pre-requisite Modules: GEL121

# Co-requisite Modules:

Lecturer(s): Dr KJ Preece, Dr KJ Ficken

Format: 10 x 2 hour on campus sessions

20 hours enquiry-based field course

Contact Hours will be delivered through a blend of live activities online and on-campus, and may include, for example, lectures, seminars, practical sessions and Academic Mentoring sessions.

**Delivery Method:** All Programmes will employ a blended approach to delivery using the Canvas Digital Learning Platform for live and self-directed online activity, with live and self-directed on-campus activities each week. Students may also have the opportunity to engage with online versions of sessions delivered on-campus

Lectures: on campus.

Coursework: field course (3 days over a weekend).

**Module Aims:** The geological record gives a long-term perspective on environmental and climatic change, including changes that occurred over hundreds of thousands to millions of years. This record, derived from the interpretation of rocks, provides a long-term perspective on the magnitude and extent of environmental changes and their causes.

This module focuses on the reconstruction of environmental parameters from the geological record. Principles and techniques for palaeoenvironmental reconstruction are outlined, with an emphasis on facies analysis and palaeoecology. Sedimentary structures are interpreted in terms of processes of sediment transport, deposition and disturbance. The facies characteristics of major depositional systems are outlined, including deserts, rivers, deltas, the deep sea and volcaniclastic environments.

This module builds on aspects of geology introduced at Year One and provides a long-term perspective on environmental and climatic conditions that complements Earth history and physical geography modules. The module is compulsory for students taking BSc Environmental Geoscience. The module will include lectures and a weekend long field course component.

Module Content: Topics include

1. Introduction and overview of sedimentology

2. Physical processes and sedimentary structures

3. Facies analysis and characteristics of deposits from different depositional environments

Intended Learning Outcomes: By the end of this module you should be able to:

• explain the concept of sedimentary facies and how this is used to reconstruct depositional palaeoenvironments;

• interpret a range of sedimentary structures in terms of processes of sediment transport, deposition and disturbance;

• recognise the evidence for and roles of different types of events in the sedimentary record;

• describe and interpret the facies characteristics of several depositional environments, including deserts, rivers, deltas, the deep sea and volcaniclastic environments;

• relate facies changes in the rock record to environmental and climatic changes;

Assessment:	Coursework 1 (50%)
	Examination 1 (50%)

Assessment Description: Coursework (50%)

Examination 1 - June examination (50%)

Moderation approach to main assessment: Moderation by sampling of the cohort

**Assessment Feedback:** Students will receive examination feedback after exams. Coursework feedback is given in writing on standard departmental feedback forms.

Failure Redemption: Resit examination or resubmit coursework reports, whichever is applicable.

**Reading List:** Gary. Nichols, Sedimentology and stratigraphy / Gary Nichols., Wiley-Blackwell, 2009.ISBN: 9781405135924

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Additional Notes: Delivery of both teaching and assessment will be blended including live and selfdirected activities online and on-campus.

This module is compulsory for students enrolled for the BSc Environmental Geoscience degree scheme. This module is not available to visiting or exchange students.