

Durham University Faculty Handbook Online

These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's <u>core regulations for undergraduate programmes</u>, and the <u>marking and classification conventions for undergraduate programmes</u>.

BSc Geophysics with Geology (F662), BSc Geophysics with Geology with Year Abroad (F663)

1. This programme is available at Durham City, in a full-time mode of study.

Level 1 (Certificate)

2. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Principles of Earth Sciences Ψ	GEOL1091	20
Earth Materials Ψ	GEOL1021	20
Understanding Earth Sciences Ψ	<u>GEOL1101</u>	20
Field Studies ~ Ψ	GEOL1051	20
Further Mathematics for Geoscientists	GEOL1081	20
Physics for Geoscientists	GEOL1121	20

Level 2 (Diploma)

3. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Fieldwork (Geophysical) Ψ	<u>GEOL2241</u>	20
Geophysical Methods for Geoscientists Ψ	GEOL2081	20
Geophysical Data Applications Ψ	<u>GEOL2291</u>	20
Structural Geology and Tectonics	<u>GEOL2011</u>	20

4. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List B:

List B:		Credit value
Water and Climate	GEOL2171	20
Palaeoecology	GEOL2277	10
The Geological Evolution of the British Isles	GEOL2267	10
Igneous and Metamorphic Geochemistry and Petrology Ψ	GEOL2231	20
Sedimentary Environments Ψ	GEOL2031	20
Modelling Earth Processes	GEOL2251	20
Modules up to the value of 40 credits offered by any other Boards		20
of Studies (including appropriate credit-bearing language		
modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language		
Study).		

Level 3 (Degree)

5. Candidates shall study and be assessed in the following modules:

		Credit value
Dissertation Ψ	GEOL3022	40
Petroleum Geophysics Ψ	<u>GEOL3221</u>	20
Earth Structure and Dynamics	GEOL3151	20

6. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 40 credits from List C:

List C:		Credit value
Challenges in Geodynamics I Ψ	GEOL3011	20
Challenges in Geodynamics II	GEOL3181	20
Earth System and Climate	GEOL3231	20
Sedimentary and Petroleum Systems	GEOL3031	20
Magmatism	GEOL3051	20
Palaeobiology	GEOL3071	20
Tectonics and Deformation Processes	GEOL3091	20

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Environmental Geochemistry	GEOL3041	20
Earth Sciences into Schools	GEOL3251	20
Environmental Management	<u>GEOL3281</u>	20
Hydrogeology and Geomechanics	<u>GEOL3291</u>	20

Assessment, progression and award

- 7. At Level 1 students are required to attend a residential field course that is usually held in the Easter vacation.
- 8. At Levels 2 and 3 students are required to attend a field course if specified as part of a module.
- 9. Modules marked with a ~ must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the Ordinary degree at the next Level. A mark of 30-39% cannot be compensated.
- 10. Modules marked with a Ψ must be taken by students who wish to study for a degree accredited by the Geological Society.

Year Abroad

- 11. Students admitted to the BSc Geophysics with Geology (F662) are able to apply to transfer to the BSc Geophysics with Geology with Year Abroad (F663). Students undertaking the BSc Geophysics with Geology with Year Abroad (F663) will undertake an approved exchange in an overseas university taking a course of study chosen in consultation with the programme director and the host institution. Courses relating to Earth Sciences should normally comprise a minimum of 60% of those taken.
- 12. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BSc Geophysics with Geology with Year Abroad (F663) must:
 - (a) have successfully completed Level 1 of the BSc Geophysics with Geology (F662) and progressed to Level 2 of the honours or Ordinary programme; and
 - (b) during the first term of Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in the Department of Earth Sciences to be admitted to the BSc Geophysics with Geology with Year Abroad (F663) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies in Earth Sciences; and
 - (c) secure an exchange opportunity with an approved international partner institution of the University; and
 - (d) successfully complete Level 2 of the BSc Geophysics with Geology (F662) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BSc Geophysics with Geology (F662) programme.
- 13. Students who the Board of Examiners for Earth Sciences deem to have made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will continue to Level 3 of the BSc Geophysics with Geology with Year Abroad (F663). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the BSc Geophysics with Geology with Year Abroad (F663), but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BSc Geophysics with Geology (F662) programme.

Professional accreditation

14. This programme is accredited by the Geological Society for a period of six years with effect from March 2010, subject to students choosing modules to constitute an approved pathway as indicated above.