

These programme regulations should be read in conjunction with the University's [core regulations for undergraduate programmes](#), and the [marking and classification conventions for undergraduate programmes](#).

BSc Environmental Geosciences (F630), BSc Environmental Geosciences with Year Abroad (F631)

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
Earth Materials	GEOL1021	20
Field Studies	GEOL1051	20
Understanding Earth Sciences	GEOL1101	20
Environment and Resources	GEOL1111	20
Geoinformatics	GEOL1131	20

3. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 20 credits from List A:

List A:		Credit value
Mathematical Methods in Geosciences Φ	GEOL1061	20
Further Mathematics for Geoscientists	GEOL1081	20
Modules up to the value of 20 credits offered by any other Boards of Studies (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study).		20

Level 2 (Diploma)

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

		Credit value
Palaeoecology and Sedimentology	GEOL2031	20
Hydrology and Climate	GEOL2171	20
Fieldwork (Environmental)	GEOL2201	20

5. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 60 credits from List B:

List B:		Credit value
Structural Geology and Tectonics	GEOL2011	20
Geophysical Methods for Geoscientists Ψ	GEOL2081	20
Igneous and Metamorphic Geochemistry and Petrology	GEOL2231	20
Modelling Earth Processes	GEOL2251	20
Modules up to the value of 20 credits offered by any other Boards of Studies (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study).		20

Level 3 (Degree)

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

		Credit value
Dissertation	GEOL3022	40
Environmental Geochemistry	GEOL3041	20
Environmental Management	GEOL3281	20

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

List C:		Credit value
Geological Evolution and Petroleum Systems of the British Isles	GEOL3031	20
Volcanology and Magmatism	GEOL3051	20

Deformation Processes in the Lithosphere	GEOL3091	20
Earth Structure and Dynamics	GEOL3151	20
Advanced Geophysics	GEOL3221	20
Earth System and Climate	GEOL3231	20
Earth Sciences into Schools	GEOL3251	20
Modules up to the value of 20 credits offered by any other Boards of Studies (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study).		20

Assessment, progression and award

8. At Level 1 students are required to attend a residential field course that is usually held in the Easter vacation.
9. At Levels 2 and 3 students are required to attend a field course if specified as part of a module.
10. Students are required to take modules marked with a Φ if they do not have AS-Level Mathematics or equivalent at Grade B or above.
11. Modules marked with a Ψ must be taken by students who wish to study for a degree accredited by the Geological Society.
12. Students who have AS-Level Mathematics at Grade B or above are not entitled to take [GEOL1061](#).

Year Abroad

13. Students admitted to the BSc Environmental Geosciences (F630) are able to apply to transfer to the BSc Environmental Geosciences with Year Abroad (F631). Students undertaking the BSc Environmental Geosciences with Year Abroad (F631) 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.
14. Candidates wishing to transfer to the BSc Environmental Geosciences with Year Abroad (F631) must:
 - a. have successfully completed Level 1 of the BSc Environmental Geosciences (F630) 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 Environmental Geosciences with Year Abroad (F631) 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 Environmental Geosciences (F630) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BSc Environmental Geosciences (F630) programme.
15. 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 Environmental Geosciences with Year Abroad (F631). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the BSc Environmental Geosciences with Year Abroad (F631), but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BSc Environmental Geosciences (F630) programme.

Professional accreditation

16. This programme is accredited by the Geological Society for a period of six years with effect from March 2016, subject to students choosing modules to constitute an approved pathway as indicated above.