

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 Geology (F600), BSc Geology with Year Abroad (F603)

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	<u>GEOL1021</u>	20
Field Studies	<u>GEOL1051</u>	20
Understanding Earth Sciences	<u>GEOL1101</u>	20
Environment and Resources Ψ	<u>GEOL1111</u>	20
Geoinformatics Ψ	<u>GEOL1131</u>	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		20
modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language		
Study).		

Level 2 (Diploma)

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

		Credit value
Structural Geology and Tectonics	GEOL2011	20
Sedimentary Environments and Palaeoecology	GEOL2031	20
Fieldwork (Geological)	GEOL2191	20
Igneous and Metamorphic Geochemistry and Petrology	GEOL2231	20

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

List B:		Credit value
Geophysical Methods for Geoscientists	GEOL2081	20
Isotopes and Climate	GEOL2171	20
Modelling Earth Processes	GEOL2251	20
Modules up to 20 credits offered by any other Boards of Studies		20
(including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered		
by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study).		

Level 3 (Degree)

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

		Credit value
Dissertation	GEOL3022	40

7. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 80 credits from List C:

List C:		Credit value
Geological Evolution and Petroleum Systems of the British Isles	GEOL3031	20
Environmental Geochemistry	GEOL3041	20
Volcanology and Magmatism \$	GEOL3051	20
Earth Structure and Dynamics	GEOL3151	20
Hazardous Geophysical Flows	GEOL3221	20
Earth System and Climate Ψ	GEOL3231	20

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Environmental Management	GEOL3281	20
Petrology, Geochemistry and Global Tectonics	GEOL3301	20
Public Engagement in Earth Sciences	GEOL3311	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).		

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. All modules marked with a Ψ must be taken by students who wish to study for a degree accredited by the Geological Society. At Level 3 students must choose either GEOL3301\$, GEOL 3051\$ or GEOL3281\$ to gain accreditation.
- 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 Geology (F600) are able to apply to transfer to the BSc Geology with Year Abroad (F603). Students undertaking the BSc Geology with Year Abroad (F603) 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 Geology with Year Abroad (F603) must:
 - (a) have successfully completed Level 1 of the BSc Geology (F600) 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 Geology with Year Abroad (F603) 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 Geology (F600) so as to be eligible to progress to Level 3 of the BSc Geology (F600) 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 Geology with Year Abroad (F603). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the year abroad will not be permitted to continue on the BSc Geology with Year Abroad (F603), but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BSc Geology (F600) 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.