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## **BSc Environmental Geosciences (F630)**

## **BSc Environmental Geosciences with Year Abroad (F631)**

## **BSc Environmental Geosciences with Placement (F632)**

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:

		<b>Credit value</b>
Field Studies #	<a href="#">GEOL1051</a>	20
Understanding Earth Sciences #	<a href="#">GEOL1101</a>	20
Introductory Data Science for Geoscientists	<a href="#">GEOL1151</a>	20
Environment and Sustainability	<a href="#">GEOL1161</a>	20

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

<b>List A:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Mathematical Methods in Geosciences $\Phi$	<a href="#">GEOL1061</a>	20
Further Mathematics for Geoscientists	<a href="#">GEOL1081</a>	20

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

<b>List B:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Earth Materials	<a href="#">GEOL1021</a>	20
Modules up to the value of 20 credits offered by any Boards of Studies (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study).		

### **Level 2 (Diploma)**

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

		<b>Credit value</b>
Sedimentary Environments	<a href="#">GEOL2031</a>	20
Isotopes in Environmental and Climate Sciences	<a href="#">GEOL2171</a>	20
Fieldwork (Environmental)	<a href="#">GEOL2201</a>	20
Research Skills for Geoscientists	<a href="#">GEOL2341</a>	20
Environmental Geophysics	<a href="#">GEOL2331</a>	20

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

<b>List C:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Earth Systems Modelling and Analysis	<a href="#">GEOL2321</a>	20
Igneous and Metamorphic Processes	<a href="#">GEOL2231</a>	20
Modules up to the value of 20 credits offered by any Boards of Studies (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study).		

### **Level 3 (Degree)**

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

		<b>Credit value</b>
Dissertation ~	<a href="#">GEOL3022</a>	40
Environmental Geochemistry	<a href="#">GEOL3041</a>	20

Environmental Management [GEOL3477](#) 10

8. Candidates shall also study and be assessed in modules to the value of 50 credits from List D:

<b>List D:</b>		<b>Credit value</b>
Volcanology and Magmatism	<a href="#">GEOL3527</a>	10
Earth Structure and Dynamics	<a href="#">GEOL3491</a>	20
Earth Sciences into Schools	<a href="#">GEOL3251</a>	20
Atmospheric Circulation and Dynamics	<a href="#">GEOL3387</a>	10
Western Alps field trip (Anatomy of a subduction zone)	<a href="#">GEOL3367</a>	10
Tectonic Processes and Renewable Geo-resources	<a href="#">GEOL3357</a>	10
Monitoring the Oceans: Geohazards & Climate Change	<a href="#">GEOL3377</a>	10
Polar Quaternary Environmental Processes	<a href="#">GEOL3437</a>	10
The Geochemical Evolution of the Earth	<a href="#">GEOL3467</a>	10
Volcanic Hazards and Impacts	<a href="#">GEOL3457</a>	10
Geophysical Data Applications for the Workplace	<a href="#">GEOL3507</a>	10
Earth Systems and Climate	<a href="#">GEOL3501</a>	20

Modules up to the value of 20 credits offered by any Boards of Studies (including appropriate credit-bearing language modules offered by the University's Centre for Foreign Language Study).

### **Assessment, progression and award**

9. At Level 1 students are required to attend a field course that is usually held in the Easter vacation.
10. At Levels 2 and 3 students are required to attend a field course if specified as part of a module.
11. Students are required to take modules marked with a  $\Phi$  if they do not have A-Level Mathematics or equivalent at Grade B or above.
12. Students who have A-Level Mathematics at Grade B or above are not entitled to take GEOL 1061.
13. Modules marked with the # symbol must be passed at 40% or above in order to progress to the next level of study.
14. Modules marked with the ~ symbol must be passed at 40% or above for the award of an honours degree. A mark of 30-39% cannot be compensated.
15. Students who take GEOL 1021 may transfer to F600 at the end of Level 1. Students who take GEOL 1081 may transfer to F662. Students who take both may transfer to either. Students who take GEOG 1261 may transfer to F645.

### **Year Abroad**

16. 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.
17. 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 programme; and
  - b. during 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.

18. 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.

### **Placement**

19. Students admitted to the BSc Environmental Geosciences (F630) are able to apply to transfer to the Environmental Geosciences with Placement (F632). Students undertaking the Environmental Geosciences with Placement (F632) will undertake an approved placement chosen in consultation with the programme director and the placement provider. At the conclusion of the placement, student progress will be assessed. This assessment does not contribute to the marks used to determine the award of the degree, but successful completion of the placement is required to proceed to Level 3 of the Environmental Geosciences with Placement (F632).
20. Candidates wishing to transfer to the Environmental Geosciences with Placement (F632) must:
- (a) have successfully completed Level 1 of the BSc Environmental Geosciences (F630) and progressed to Level 2 of the programme; and
  - (b) during Level 2 study, apply to the Board of Studies in the Department of Earth Sciences to be admitted to the Environmental Geosciences with Placement (F632) and have their application approved by the Chair of the Board of Studies in Earth Sciences; and
  - (c) secure a Placement Year opportunity or opportunities comprising at least 40 weeks of professional-level work experience, agreed with the Departmental Placement Year Convenor and Faculty Placement Manager; 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.
21. Students who the Board of Examiners for Earth Sciences deem to have made satisfactory progress on the placement year will continue to Level 3 of the Environmental Geosciences with Placement (F632). Students who have not made satisfactory progress on the placement will not be permitted to continue on the Environmental Geosciences with Placement (F632), but must instead proceed to Level 3 of the BSc Environmental Geosciences (F630) programme.

### **Professional accreditation**

22. This programme is accredited by the Geological Society for a period of six years with effect from March 2022.