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Geophysics and basin analysis 703 (GLY 703)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Module credits	16.00
Programmes	BScHons Geology
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	5 practical sessions per week, 5 lectures per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Geology
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Physical properties of rocks and minerals: porosity and permeability; density; magnetic properties; natural radioactivity; elastic properties; seismic wave attenuation; thermal properties; electrical properties. Basic principles and applications of various geophysical techniques: gravity, magnetic, resistivity, electromagnetic, seismic and radiometric techniques. Principles of basin analysis; controls on sea level change; subsurface analytical methods; basin mapping methods; subsidence analysis (decompaction and sediment loading, subsidence curves); sequence stratigraphy; sedimentation systems in different basin types; Precambrian basins.

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