



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2019

Earth history 163 (GLY 163)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Module credits	16.00
Programmes	BSc Computer Science BSc Engineering and Environmental Geology BSc Extended programme - Physical Sciences BSc Geography BSc Geology BSc Meteorology BSc Physics
Prerequisites	GLY155; a special exemption is given to 2nd-year students registered for degrees in Plant Sciences, Entomology, Ecology and Zoology
Contact time	1 practical per week, 4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Geology
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Module content

This module will give an overview of earth history, from the Archaean to the present. Important concepts such as the principles of stratigraphy and stratigraphic nomenclature, geological dating and international and South African time scales will be introduced. A brief introduction to the principles of palaeontology will be given, along with short descriptions of major fossil groups, fossil forms, ecology and geological meaning. In the South African context, the major stratigraphic units, intrusions and tectonic/metamorphic events will be detailed, along with related rock types, fossil contents, genesis and economic commodities. Practical work will focus on the interpretation of geological maps and profiles.

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