



# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

## Introduction to geology 155 (GLY 155)

<b>Qualification</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
<b>Module credits</b>	16.00
<b>Programmes</b>	BSc Computer Science BSc Engineering and Environmental Geology BSc Extended programme - Physical Sciences BSc Geography BSc Geology BSc Meteorology BSc Physics
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
<b>Prerequisites</b>	A candidate must have passed Mathematics with at least 60% in the Grade 12 examination.
<b>Contact time</b>	1 practical per week, 4 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Geology
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

### Module content

Solar system; structure of solid matter; minerals and rocks; introduction to symmetry and crystallography; important minerals and solid solutions; rock cycle; classification of rocks. External geological processes (gravity, water, wind, sea, ice) and their products (including geomorphology). Internal structure of the earth. The dynamic earth - volcanism, earthquakes, mountain building - the theory of plate tectonics. Geological processes (magmatism, metamorphism, sedimentology, structural geology) in a plate tectonic context. Geological maps and mineral and rock specimens. Interaction between man and the environment, and nature of anthropogenic climate change.

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