UCLouvain

lgeo1231

Elements of physical geography

5 credits

30.0 h + 30.0 h

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Teacher(s)	Chartin Caroline (compensates van Wesemael Bas) ;van Wesemael Bas ;			
Language :	French			
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve			
Prerequisites	The prerequisite(s) for this Teaching Unit (Unité d'enseignement – UE) for the programmes/courses that offer this Teaching Unit are specified at the end of this sheet.			
Main themes	This course introduces the process, materials and landforms of the main geomorphic systems. First, the exogenous process and their relative intensities will be reviewed for different climatic zones. Then the production of soil and unconsolidated materials through weathering will be discussed and finally, the main geomorphic systems will be reviewed such as hillslopes, rivers, glaciers and coasts.			
Aims	This course introduces the concepts of geomorphology i.e. the interaction between processes, materials and land forms. At the end of the course students should be able to: Describe the most important interactions between process, materials and land forms within the main geomorphic systems (hillslopes, rivers, glaciers and coasts) Interpret the morphology and the dominant processes in a given landscape using topographic maps and aerial photographs Represent the spatial variation in soil characteristics of a hillslope and its impacts on the infiltration rates based on the interpretation of data collected in the field.			
Content	This is an introductory course in geomorphology, one of the main disciplines in physical geography. The lectures describe the interactions between processes, materials and landforms, while the main geomorphic systems will be introduced i.e. hillslopes, rivers, glaciers and coasts. Practical work focuses on interpretation of landscape forms and dominant processes from topographical maps and aerial photographs ass well as field data collection and analysis.			
Other infos	Prerequisites : None Evaluation : Written exam, course work counts for a third of the final grade. Support : Lecture notes and textbook 'Fundamentals of the Physical Environment' D. Briggs et al. Two copies are available in the library (BSE).			
Faculty or entity in charge	GEOG			

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)					
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims	
Master [120] in History of Art and Archaeology : General	ARKE2M	5		٩	
Bachelor in Geography : General	GEOG1BA	5	LBIR1130	٩	
Minor in Geography	LGEOG100I	5		٩	
Minor in Scientific Culture	LCUSC100I	5		٩	