



5 credits

30.0 h + 22.5 h

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Language :	French
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	<p>The soil, as bio-physico-chemical reactor at the interface between lithosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere and atmosphere evolves at the expense of parental material as a result of soil-forming factors, such as climate, vegetation and topography.</p> <p>The study of soil formation and evolution (pedology) will be addressed through four topics: (1) processes controlling soil formation at pedon scale, (2) effect of environmental conditions and anthropic factors on soil evolution, (3) classification, distribution and functionality of major soil groups of the World, (4) soil management principles based on their agronomical and silvicultural efficiency.</p>
Aims	<p>a. <u>Contribution of the activity to the framework AA</u>                      1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5                      2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4                      3.4                      6.2, 6.4</p> <p>b. <u>Expected learning outcomes</u>                      At the end of the activity, the student is able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Integrate the fundamental disciplines to diagnose pedological processes and soil functioning and to assess the anthropic impact on soils,</li> <li>1 - Discern and briefly and precisely summarize the laws governing soil development, based on the relation factors-processes-properties (part II),</li> <li>- Describe and predict pedogenic processes controlling soil evolution according to environmental conditions by applying concepts and tools (analytical tables) taught (part III),</li> <li>- Decipher soil-forming processes for the major soil groups of the World (in natural and anthropic environment), by integrating theoretical concepts taught (part IV) and illustrated in tutorials and field trips,</li> <li>- Classify soil types by applying in operational terms the soil typology principles taught in lecture and tutorials (part IV),</li> <li>- Describe properties and how soil operates for major soil types of the World in terms of agronomical and environmental functions, based on example taught in lectures and shown in field trips (part II, III et IV).</li> </ul> <p>-----  <i>The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".</i></p>
Evaluation methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Group report on field sessions</li> <li>- Oral exam</li> </ul>
Teaching methods	Teaching is in the form of lectures in classroom with active learning activities. Tutorial sessions in the field and in computer classroom are on the agenda as well as field trips to apply the concepts taught in lectures.
Content	Part I. Introduction Part II. Pedogenesis II.1. Weathering and formation of mineral phases II.2. Dynamic of soil organic matter II.3. Organo-mineral interactions II.4. Pedogenic factors and processes Partie III. Soil evolution III.1. Soil evolution cycles III.2. Soil sequences Partie IV. Applied pedology IV.1. Interpretation of morphological and analytical data of typical soil profiles IV.2. Classification principles IV.3. Belgian soil typology principles (Tutorial) IV.4. Soil description in the international soil classification system (WRB) IV.5. Functioning and management of major soils of the World

	IV.6. Soil evolution and interactions with the biological environment (field trips)
Inline resources	Lecture notes available on Moodle website
Bibliography	Support de cours facultatifs : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Livre : « Lectures notes of the major soils of the world »</li> <li>- Articles scientifiques accessibles sur Moodle</li> </ul>
Other infos	This course can be given in English.
Faculty or entity in charge	AGRO

<b>Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)</b>				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims
Master [120] in Agricultural Bioengineering	BIRA2M	5		
Master [120] in Environmental Bioengineering	BIRE2M	5		
Master [120] in Forests and Natural Areas Engineering	BIRF2M	5		