

Mahatma Gandhi University Kottayam

Programme						
Course Name	UNDERSTAND THE EARTH					
Type of Course	MDC					
Course Code	MG1MDCGEO100					
Course Level	100-199					
Course Summary	The course offers an overview of the origin and structure of the Earth; and the materials and processes with which the dynamic Earth is constituted. Also, the course deals with the relevance of Geology in the fields of exploration, Geotectonics, disaster management, engineering, geoinformatics, environmental and groundwater studies, for the development of humanity.					
Semester	mester 1 credits			3	Total	
Course Details	Learning Approach	Lecture	Tutorial	Practical	Others	Hours
Details		2	0	1	0	60
Pre- requisites, if any	Basic knowled	ge of Earth	as a plane	et, and Geogr	aphy	

COURSE OUTCOMES (CO)

CO No.	Expected Course Outcome	Learning Domains *	PO No
1	Understand the origin, age, dimension, internal structure, and spheres of the Earth	U	PO 1 PO 2 PO 10
2	Recognize minerals & rocks on Earth, and various branches of the Geology	U	PO 1 PO 2
3	Understand the endogenous and exogenous processes, and natural resources of the Earth	U	PO 1 PO 2 PO 10
4	Realize the natural disasters, disaster management, and National & State level policies	U	PO 2 PO 3

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5	5	Understand the elements of toposheets to interpret SOI Toposheets, and identify the minerals based on their distinguishing properties.	А	PO 2 PO 3

^{*}Remember (K), Understand (U), Apply (A), Analyse (An), Evaluate (E), Create (C), Skill (S), Interest (I) and Appreciation (Ap)

COURSE CONTENT

Content for Classroom transactions (Units)

Module	Units	Course description		CO No.
	1.1	Origin of Earth: Big Bang theory and Nebular hypothesis	2	CO 1
	1.2	Dimension of the earth: size, shape, volume and density; Age, rotation and revolution of the Earth	1	CO 1
	1.3	Internal Structure of the Earth: Crust, Mantle, Asthenosphere and Core;	1	CO 1
	1.4	Introduction to Lithosphere, Biosphere, Hydrosphere and Cryosphere	1	CO 1
1	1.5	Introduction to Geology, and its various branches: Petrology, Exploration Geology, Environmental Geology, Mining Geology, Hydrogeology, Engineering Geology, Petroleum Geology, Geotectonics, and Geoinformatics	2	CO 2
	1.6	Introduction to Minerals: rock-forming, ore minerals and industrial minerals; and their distinguishing properties (only);	2	CO2
	1.7	Rocks: basics of igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary	2	CO2
	1.8	Introduction to fossil fuels: Coal, Petroleum and Natural gas; Basic concepts of their origin	2	CO3
	2.1	Introduction to Earth processes: Exogenous processes	3	CO 3
	2.2	Introduction to Earth processes: Endogenous processes	3	CO3
	2.3	Plate tectonics, and its major evidences	3	CO 3
2	2.4	Hydrological cycle, and introduction to groundwater and hydrogeology	3	CO3
	2.5	Introduction to natural disasters: Volcanism, Earthquake, and landslide	4	CO 4
	2.6	Types of landslides; major causes of landslides, and methods of mitigation of its impacts	4	CO 4

	2.7	Disaster Management Cycle; Institutional framework, and policies to manage disasters in national and state level	2	CO4
Practical Content	3.1	Map reading using Survey of India Toposheets: elements of toposheets	15	CO 5
3	3.2	Identification of minerals based on their distinguishing physical properties	15	CO5
4	Teacher	specific content		

CLASSROOM PROCEDURE

Lectures, demonstrations, assignments, class tests and practical training

MODE OF ASSESSMENT

A. Continuous Comprehensive Assessment (CCA)

Theory: 15 Marks

Assignments, Viva/Seminar, Class Tests

Practical: 15 Marks

Lab Report, Viva, Lab involvement

B. End Semester Evaluation (ESE) Theory: 35 Marks

Short Answer in 60 words (7 out of 8): 7x2=14 Short Notes in 230 words (3 out of 5): 3x7 = 21

Practical: 35 Marks

Examination: 25, Viva:10

References

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