H.P. University
Structure and Syllabus

Of

Geology

For

B.Sc. Undergraduate Programme
Based on:

(Effective from Academic Session July, 2018-2019)
Comprehensive Continuance Assessment (CCA) and End Term - Examination Scheme in Geology of Three years

Scheme of Examination for every course except Skill enhancement course*

English shall be the medium of instructions and Examinations.
Examinations shall be conducted at the end of year as per the academic calendar notified by H.P. University Shimla-5
Each course of 6 credits will carry 100 marks (theory + practical) and will have following components:

1. Theory
   i) Comprehensive Continuous Assessment  50 marks
   a) Assignment/Quiz/Seminar/model/ Mid-Term Examination  30 marks
      The Comprehensive Continuous Assessment will have the following components:
      a) Assignment/Quiz/Seminar/model/ Mid-Term Examination  15 marks
      b) Attendance  05 marks
      c) Lab Seminar /Lab CCA  10 marks
   ii) End-Term Examination  50 marks

II. Practical  20 marks
   The Practical examination will have the following components:
   i) Performing the two practical exercises assigned by the examiner  10 marks
   ii) viva-voce examination  05 marks
   ii) Practical note book and regularity during practical classes  05 Marks

{Theory Paper (CCA + Year based Examination) +Practical [30 +50 +20] =100 marks}

* Each Skill Enhancement course will be of 4 credits and scheme of examination for these courses is as under:

{CCA + Year Based Examination  [30 + 70] =100 marks}

Criterion for marks on the basis of Class-room attendance  (0 - 5 marks)

Under component CCA/ IA are defined as follows:

a) Attendance 75 - 80% = 3 marks
b) Attendance 81 – 90 % = 4 marks
c) Attendance 91% and above = 5 marks
d) Candidates securing 75% Attendance after condonation will not be entitled to get any mark.
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Core Courses (CC) for Geology
(1-4)
(Credits: 06 each)
# Proposed Scheme for Annual System in B. Sc. with Geology

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FIRST YEAR

PHYSICAL GEOLOGY AND GEOMORPHOLOGY

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Physical Geology and Geomorphology (GEOL 101TH)

Unit-I: Introduction to geology and its scope, Earth and solar system: origin, size, shape, mass, density and its atmosphere.

Unit-II: A brief account of various theories regarding the origin and age of the earth; Brief idea of interior of earth and its composition.

Unit-III: Weathering, Mass wasting and erosion: factors, types and their effects; Soil: development and types.

Unit-IV: Earthquakes: nature of seismic waves, their intensity and magnitude scale; Origin and prediction of earthquake; Earthquake Zones of India. Volcanoes: types, products and causes of volcanism.
**Unit-V:** Basic principles of Geomorphology, Geomorphic mapping- tools and techniques, Epigene/exogenic processes: degradation and aggradation. Hypogene/endogenic processes.

**Unit-VI:** Diastrophism; Geological work of wind, glacier, river, underground water and ocean. Drainage Pattern: Development, analysis of stream activity and its relation to the structures.

**Unit-VII:** Earth as a dynamic system. Elementary idea of continental drift, sea-floor spreading and mid-oceanic ridges. Paleomagnetism and its application.

**Unit-VIII:** Plate Tectonics: the concept, plate margins, orogeny, deep sea trenches, island arcs and volcanic arcs.

**PRACTICAL (GEOL 101PR)**

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**Physical Geology:**
Study of important geomorphological models; Reading topographical maps of the Survey of India; Identification of geomorphic features.

**Geomorphology:**
Formation of various Landform Contour Maps, Calculation of area on toposheets and the study of some important landforms in the field.

**BOOKS SUGGESTED:**
1. Principles of Physical Geology by Arthur Holmes
3. Basic concepts of Physical Geology by Spencer
5. Introduction to Physical Geology by A K Dutta.
6. Earth Surface Processes by P. Allen
10. Tectonics by E Moors and R J Twiss.
STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY AND MINERALOGY

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Structural Geology and Mineralogy (GEOL 102TH)

Unit-I: Introduction to Structural Geology; contours, topographic and geological maps; Elementary idea of bed, dip and strike; Outcrop, effects of various structures on outcrop. Clinometer/Brunton compass and its use.

Unit-II: Elementary idea of types of deformation; Folds: nomenclature and types of folds;

Unit-III: Faults: nomenclature, geometrical and genetic classifications, normal, thrust and slip faults; window, Klippe and Nappe.

Unit-IV: Definition, kinds and significance of joints and unconformity.

Unit-V: Definition and scope of mineralogy; Physical characters of minerals depending upon specific gravity, light, heat, electricity and magnetism; Classification of minerals; Isomorphism, Polymorphism, Pseudomorphism.
Unit-VI: Study of physical and chemical properties, classification, occurrence and uses of following groups of minerals and their species: Silica family, Feldsper family, Feldspathoids.

Unit-VII: Study of physical and chemical properties, classification, occurrence and uses of following groups of minerals and their species: -Olivine, Pyroxene, Amphibole, Mica.

Unit-VIII: General Principals of optics; elements of optics; Isotropism and anisotropism; General idea about refractive index, double refraction, extinction, pleochroism and interference colours; Study of optical properties of the minerals given in the unit VI and VII of the course.

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**Structural Geology:**
Study of clinometers/Brunton compass; Identification of different types of folds/faults from block models; Exercises on structural problems: preparation of cross section profile from a geological map.

**Mineralogy:**
Study of physical properties of minerals mentioned in theory course; Use of polarizing microscope; Study of optical properties of common rock forming minerals mentioned in theory course.

**BOOKS SUGGESTED:**

2. Elements of Structural Geology by E S Hills.
6. A textbook of Mineralogy by E S Dana and W E Ford. (Reprints).
7. Mineralogy by L G Berry, B Mason and R V Dietrich.
8. Optical Mineralogy by D W Nesse.
9. Rutley’s Element of Mineralogy by H H Read (Rev. Ed.).
10. Mineralogy by Berry and Mason.
SECOND YEAR

PETROLOGY

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PETROLOGY (GEOL 201TH)

Igneous Petrology

Unit-I: Magma: definition, composition, types and origin; Forms of igneous rocks; textures and structures of igneous rocks.

Unit-II: Reaction principle; Differentiation and Assimilation; Crystallization of unicomponent and bicomponent (mix-crystals); Bowen’s reaction series.

Unit-III: Mineralogical and chemical classification of igneous rocks.

Unit-IV: Detailed petrographic description of Granite, Granodiorite, Rhyolite, Syenite, Peridotite, Diorite, Gabbro, Basalt.
Sedimentary Petrology
Unit-V: Processes of formation of sedimentary rocks; Classification, textures and structures of sedimentary rocks.
Unit-VI: Petrographic details of important siliciclastic and carbonate rocks such as conglomerate, breccia, sandstone, greywacke, shale, limestone.

Metamorphic Petrology
Unit-VII: Process and products of Metamorphism; Type of metamorphism. Factors, zones and grade of metamorphism; Textures, structures and classification of metamorphic rocks.
Unit-VIII: Petrographic details of some important metamorphic rocks such as slate, phyllite, schist, gneiss, quartzite, marble.

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Igneous Petrology:
Identification of rocks: On the basis of their physical properties in hand specimen; and optical properties in thin sections.

Sedimentary and metamorphic Petrology:
Identification of sedimentary and metamorphic rocks both in hand specimen and thin sections.

BOOKS SUGGESTED:

1. Igneous & Metamorphic petrology by F J Turner and J Verhoogen.
2. Igneous petrology by M K Bose.
5. The study of rocks in thin sections by W W Moorhouse.
6. Principles of Sedimentology by Friedman and Sanders.
7. Sedimentary rocks by F J Pettijohn.
9. Introduction to sedimentology by S Sengupta.
STRATIGRAPHY AND PALEONTOLOGY

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Stratigraphy and Paleontology (GEOL202TH)

Unit I: Introduction to stratigraphic nomenclature.
- Brief account of Archiozoic rocks.
  - Dharwar Super Group of Karnataka.
  - Stratigraphy of the Cuddapah super Group and vindhiyan Super Group in their type area.

Unit II: Distribution of Palaeozoic rocks in India.
- Palaeozoic of Kashmir
  - Gondwana Super Group (lower Gondwana sequence,upper Gondwana).
- Sequence and classification and their marker fossils.
- Umaria marine beds.

Unit III: Distribution of Mesozoic rocks in India.
- Triassic of Spiti.
- Jurassic of Kutch.
- Cretaceous rocks of Trichinopoly and Pondicherry.
- Bagh beds and lameta formation.

Unit IV: Deccan traps-intertrappean.
- Shiwaliks Super group, classification and significant vertebrate faunas.
- Subathu, Dharamshala,Dagshai and Kasauli Groups.
- Karewa beds of Kashmir.

Unit V: Palaeontology: Definition of Fossils, characters, binomial nomenclature in taxonomy, mode of preservation, condition of fossilization and significance of fossils;

Unit VI: Study, classification, morphology, distribution and Geological history of the classes.
- Phylum Mollusca: Pelecypoda, Gastropoda and Cephalopoda.
- Phylum Brachiopoda, Arthropoda(class trilobite)
- Phylum Echinodermata,Phylum Protochodata (Graptoloidea

Unit VII: Introduction to reptiles and their classification, distribution, their appearance and extinction Mesozoic reptiles with special reference to India.
Evolutionary trends of following:
- Man
- Horse
- Elephant

Unit VIII: Introduction of plant kingdom- Classification
Description, morphology of the following plant fossils.
- Glossopteris, Gangmopteris, Vertebraia, Ptilophyllum, lepidodendron, Williamsonia and Schizoneura.

PRACTICAL (GEOL 202 PR)

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**Stratigraphy:**

- Recognition of stratigraphic rocks their mineral contents, textures, structures and rock type area.
- Preparation of stratigraphic columns according to ascending order of rocks of Precambrian.
- Preparation of stratigraphic columns according to ascending order of rocks of Paleozoic.
- Preparation of stratigraphic columns according to ascending order of rocks of Mesozoic.
- Preparation of stratigraphic columns according to ascending order of rocks of Tertiary.
- Preparation of stratigraphic columns according to ascending order of rocks of Extra peninsular India.
- Study of some type areas in the field.

**Paleontology:**

Description and identification of flowing:
- Mollusca, Brachiopoda, Echinodermata, Graptolite, Trilobite
- Study of the models/ fossils of the reptiles of different ages.
- Study of the Models/Fossils of the man, horse and elephant.
- Megascopic study of the following plant
- Glossopteris, Gangmopteris, Vertebraia, Ptilophyllum, Lepidodendron, Williamsonia, Schizoneura.

**BOOKS SUGGESTED:**

1. Geology of India by D Wadia.
2. Geology of India and Burma by M S Krishnan.
3. Fundamentals of Historical Geology & Stratigraphy of India by Ravindra Kumar.
4. Principles of Invertebrate Paleontology by R R Shrock and W H Twenhoffel.
5. Outlines of Paleontology by H H Swinerton.
7. Fossil Invertebrate by U Lehmann.
8. Organic evolution by Rastogi.
Skill Enhancement Compulsory Course

GEOCHEMISTRY

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Geochemistry (GEOL 203TH)

Unit-I: Introduction to geochemistry: basic knowledge about crystal chemistry. Types of chemical bonds, coordination number; Colloids in geological systems, ion exchanges and geological evidence for earlier colloids; Elementary idea of Periodic Table.

Unit-II: Cosmic abundance of elements; Composition of the planets and meteorites; Geochemical evolution of the earth and geochemical cycles.

Unit-III: Gold Schmidt's geochemical classification of elements; Distribution of major, minor and trace elements in igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks.

Unit-IV: Elements of geochemical thermodynamics; Isomorphism and polymorphism; Isotope geochemistry.
BOOKS SUGGESTED:
THIRD YEAR

SKILL ENHANCEMENT COMPULSORY COURSE
PHOTO GEOLOGY AND REMOTE SENSING

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Photo Geology and Remote Sensing (GEOL 301TH)

Unit-I: Elementary idea about Photo geology: electro-magnetic spectrum, types & geometry of aerial photographs; factors affecting aerial photography.

Unit-II: Fundamentals of remote sensing; remote sensing systems; remote sensing sensors; signatures of rocks, minerals and soils. Application of remote sensing in geosciences and geomorphological studies.

Unit-III: Types of Indian and Foreign Remote Sensing Satellites, Digital image processing; fundamental steps in image processing; elements of pattern recognition and image classification.
Unit-IV: Introduction to Geographic Information System (GIS); components of GIS; product generation in GIS; tools for map analysis; integration of GIS with remote sensing.

Books Recommended:
APPLIED AND ECONOMIC GEOLOGY

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Unit I: Elements of magnetic, electromagnetic, radiometric and seismic methods of mineral exploration; Principal methods of geological prospecting.

Unit II: Introduction of mining methods; -Open cast and underground mining.

Unit III: Remote sensing techniques and other visual imageries. Basic idea about remote sensing, satellite imageries, spectral bands. Brief idea about the application of remote sensing in ground water exploration and glaciology.

Unit IV: Engineering properties of rocks and other structural materials; Geological considerations relating to the design of Dams, Tunnels, Bridges, canals and Highways.

UNIT V: Economic Geology its definition, scope and terminology; Syngenetic - Epigenetic minerals deposits; Classification of mineral deposits
Unit VI: Fundamentals of Ore genesis; Control of ore mineralization; Magmatic and hydrothermal processes

Unit VII: Oxidation and Supergene enrichment; Mechanical and residual concentration.

Unit VIII: Physical properties, chemical composition, mode of occurrence, Geographical and Geological distribution and use of the following Ore deposits of India.
- Iron, Manganese and Copper.
- Lead, Zinc and Aluminum.
- Mica
- Magnesite
- Gypsum

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Familiarization about instruments used in Geological prospecting; Study of models related to open-cast and underground mining; Megascopic study of rocks used for construction purposes; Interpretation of satellite imageries for lithology, soil, surface water and Glaciers; Geological field study of an area undergoing opencast/ underground mining.

Economic Geology:
Megascopic study of physical chemical properties and identification of following ore minerals:-
- Iron: Magnetic, Hematite, Pyrite, Ilmenite.
- Manganese: Pyrolucite, Psilomaline, Rhodonite, Rhodocrosite.
- Copper: Cuperite, Chalcopyrite, Chalcocite, Malachite.
- Lead Zinc and Tin: Zincite, Sphalrite, Cassitirite, Galena, Cerussite
- Aluminium:Crundum, Bauxite, Spinel.

BOOKS SUGGESTED:
2. Elements of Mining technology by G.d Deshmukh .
3. Geology of engineers by Prabin Singh.
6. Applied Geology by Nealson and Nealson
10. Economic minerals of India by P.C Pandey.
11. Ore Deposits by C.S Park and Mac Diarmid.
ENVIROMENTAL GEOLOGY AND GEOHYDROLOGY

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Environmental Geology and Geohydrology (GEOL 303TH)

Unit I: Fundamental principles of environmental geology, its definition and scope.
- Geologic hazards,
- Landslides, its causes and remedial measures, prevention and identification

Unit II: Earthquakes hazard, its causes and remedies.
- Predications of Earthquakes.
- Construction in earthquakes prone area.
- Volcanic hazards, its causes and remedies.

Unit III: Atmosphere, its pollution, causes and remedies.
Deforestation and causes and effects
Basic idea about global warming and its future projections

Unit IV: Water pollution, pollutants and remedies. Elementary idea of water quality and destructive effects of water pollution. Waste disposal and its management.
Unit V: Hydrological Cycles - Distribution of water on earth crust
- Types of Ground Water, meteoric water, juvenile and magmatic waters. Characters of Zones of aeration, saturation and Water table

Unit VI: classification of aquifer
- Unconfined, confined, leaky and bounded aquifers.
- Runoff, Rainfall, evaporation and Transpiration.
- Hydro geological properties of rock and soil, permeability and porosity their relations to ground water motions. Its determination in lab and field.
- Transmissivity, storativity specific yield, specific retention and diffusivity

Unit VII: Surface investigations:
- Geophysical exploration, electric resistivity, seismic, gravity and magnetic methods
- Sub-surface investigations of ground water: electrical, traditional and allied logging methods, test drilling
- Fluctuations of water level and its causes
- Quality of ground water – chemical analysis

Unit VIII: Principles governing ground water movement
- Darcy law, its application range, validity, Reynold’s number and its application
- Well hydraulics and water wells, methods of constructing shallow and deep wells.
- Various recharging methods with Indian examples.
- Spring wells, origins, classification, distribution and important hot water springs in India.

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Environmental Geology:
Identification and classification of Landslides
Generation of seismic maps and Iso-seismal maps and their interpretation.
Generation of land degradation maps with special emphasis on hilly terrain using satellite imageries.
Measurement of Water pollution levels using water quality kit.
Field study of Geo- environmentally sensitive zone.

Geohydrology:
Well logs, water quality analysis, study of Bore hole drilling in field
BOOKS SUGGESTED:
2. Geology and Environment by Coats.
3. Understanding The Earth by Gunter Gass.
4. Environmental geology by Flawn.
5. Geology in Environmental Planning by Howarde and Remson
6. Hydrogeology by Davis and Wiest.
7. Applied Hydrogeology by C.W Felter.
10. Ground Water Survey and investigation by Gautam Mahajan