Academic course description – paleontology II

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| bachelor’s DEGREE **Geological engineering** 2nd YEAR OF STUDY, 2nd SEMESTER |

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| **Course title** | | **Paleontology II** |
| Course code | | 31120120010SL1212229 |
| Course type | | full attendance |
| Course level | | 1stcycle (bachelor’s degree) |
| Year of study, semester | | 2nd year of study, 2nd semester |
| Number of ECTS credits | | 4 |
| Number of hours per week | | 4 (2 lecture hours + 2 seminar hours) |
| Name of lecture holder | | Assistant Professor Paul Țibuleac |
| Name of seminar holder | | Assistant Professor Paul Țibuleac, Lecturer Bogdan Răţoi |
| Prerequisites | |  |
| A | **General and course-specific competences** | |
|  | **General competences**:   * Effectively using additional sources and assisted learning resources in order to devise a research paper on a topic pertaining to the academic discipline * Improving teamwork abilities within a research team   **Course-specific competences**:   * The analysis and solving of issues related to the field of Geological Engineering based on knowledge of the fossil assemblages in rocks and their biostratigraphic significance (relative dating) * The analysis and solving of issues related to the geological environment based on the paleontological, paleogeographic and paleoclimatic significances of fossil assemblages * The analysis and solving of issues related to the evaluation and extraction of geological resources through relative dating and biostratigraphic correlation methods | |
| B | **Learning outcomes** | |
|  | Upon completing the discipline, students become capable of:   * explaining the relative dating of rocks and the delineation of the main eras in the geological history of the Earth * describing the main morphological characteristics of a fossil specimen belonging to major taxa * using the biostratigraphic significance of fossil assemblages in the correlation of layers in outcrops and wells and the evaluation and study of mineral resources * analyzing the significance of fossil assemblages in paleoenvironmental reconstructions * estimating the influence of various paleoenvironmental factors (bathymetry, salinity, temperature, currents etc.) which have instilled specific characteristics into sedimentary rock layers * processing paleontological samples in the laboratory | |
| C | **Lecture content** | |
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| D | **Recommended reading for lectures** | |
|  | Hanganu Elisabeta, Şuraru N., Griogorescu D. (1986) - Paleontologie, *Editura Didactică şi Pedagogică* Bucureşti, 456 p.  Kardong, K. V., 1998. Vertebrates, comparative anatomy, function, evolution.*WCB MeGraw-Hill,* 747 p.  Leakey R. (1995) – Originea omului*. Ed. Humanitas,* 285 p. | |
| E | **Seminar content** | |
|  | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Week | Title of seminar | Teaching methods | Duration | | 1 | Phylum Mollusca. Classes Rostroconchia, Scaphopoda and Bivalvia | Demonstration. Application. | 3 hours | | 2 | Phylum ***Arthropoda***: Subphylum *Trilobitomorpha -* Class*Trilobita* | Demonstration. Application. | 2 hours | | 3 | Phylum ***Brachiopoda*** | Demonstration. Application. | 2 hours | | 4 | Phylum ***Bryozoa*** | Demonstration. Case study. | 1 hour | | 5 | Phylum***Echinodermata***: Subphylum *Asterozoa*. Subphylum *Blastozoa.* Subphylum *Crinozoa* | Demonstration. Application. | 2 hours | | 6 | Phyum***Echinodermata*** Subphylum *Echinozoa* Phylum ***Hemichordata*** | Demonstration. Application. | 2 hours | | 7 | Phylum ***Chordata***.  *Subfilum Vertebrata. Elements of the skeleton* | Demonstration. Application. Problematization. | 2 hours | | 8 | Field application | Demonstration. | 2 hours | | 9 | Infraphylum Gnathostomata Superclass Pisces Superclass *Tetrapoda*: Class *Amphibia* | Demonstration. Application. | 2 hours | | 10 | Superclass *Tetrapoda*: Classes *Reptilia* and *Aves* | Demonstration. Application. | 2 hours | | 11 | Superclass *Tetrapoda*: Class Mammalia: dentition | Demonstration. Application. | 2 hours | | 12 | Superclass *Tetrapoda*: Class Mammalia: axial skeleton | Demonstration. Application. | 2 hours | | 13 | Superclass *Tetrapoda*: Class Mammalia: appendicular skeleton | Demonstration. Application. | 2 hours | | 14 | Order Primates | Problematization | 2 hours | | |
| F | **Recommended reading for seminars** | |
|  | Nistor-Hanganu Elisabeta, Manoliu Eugenia, Grigorescu D., Bragomir B., 1982 – Paleontologie. Lucrări  practice. *Editura Universităţii Bucureşti,* 289 p.  Turculeţ I., (1996) – Dicţionar de paleontologie. *Editura „Universităţii Al. I. Cuza”* Iaşi, 262 p., 26 pl., addenda. | |
| G | **Education style** | |
| learning and teaching methods | | Lecture-debate, demonstration, application, problematization, case study |
| assessment methods | | Ora assessment and research paper (lecture) – 70%, practical assessment and portfolio (seminar) – 30% |
| Language of instruction | | English |