

Advanced Sedimentology (C003816)

Course size *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

Credits 6.0

Study time 180 h

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2025-2026

A (semester 1)

English

Gent

group work

seminar

lecture

Lecturers in academic year 2025-2026

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lecturer-in-charge

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WE13

co-lecturer

Offered in the following programmes in 2025-2026

[Master of Science in Marine and Lacustrine Science and Management](#)

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6

offering

A

Teaching languages

English

Keywords

Sediment sampling equipment, analytical techniques in sedimentology, sedimentological case-studies

Position of the course

This course is focused on the use of sediments for research purposes. It builds on the general principles of sediment production, transport, and deposition that were introduced at the Bachelor level.

Contents

Sediment sampling techniques, in-situ sediment monitoring instruments, coring equipment.

Analytical techniques in sedimentology.

Core logging instrumentation: Multi-sensor core loggers, XRF and CT core scanners.

Interpretation of multi-proxy sediment records, including age-depth modeling.

Recent advances in sedimentology.

Case-studies (seminars given by guest speakers).

Initial competences

The student knows the basic concepts of sedimentology and stratigraphy, such as sediment production, transport and deposition. He/she knows the main depositional environments.

Final competences

- 1 The student can design a research project based on sediments and sedimentary archives.
- 2 The student is able to select the most appropriate techniques to analyze sediments for specific purposes.
- 3 The student can combine and interpret data obtained using several independent techniques.

Conditions for credit contract

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

Conditions for exam contract

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

Teaching methods

Group work, Seminar, Lecture

Study material

Type: Slides

Name: Powerpoint slides of lectures

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Language : English

Available on Ufora : Yes

Online Available : No

Available in the Library : No

Available through Student Association : No

Type: Other

Name: Scientific articles

Indicative price: Free or paid by faculty

Optional: no

Available on Ufora : Yes

References

Specific scientific articles given during the course.

Course content-related study coaching

Discussion of problems and questions during and after the lectures and seminars. Continued support by teaching assistants during the practical exercises.

Assessment moments

end-of-term and continuous assessment

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period

Written assessment with open-ended questions

Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period

Written assessment with open-ended questions

Examination methods in case of permanent assessment

Presentation, Assignment

Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment

examination during the second examination period is not possible

Calculation of the examination mark

- Theoretical exam: 75%
- Group reports: 25%
 - Project proposal & presentation: 15%
 - Age depth modelling: 5%
 - Core logging: 5%