

Syllabus

for course at first level

Marine Geophysical Mapping Methods
Maringeofysiska karteringsmetoder

**7.5 Higher Education
Credits**
7.5 ECTS credits

Course code:	GG4207
Valid from:	Autumn 2018
Date of approval:	2017-01-16
Department	Department of Geological Sciences
Main field:	Earth Sciences
Specialisation:	G1F - First cycle, has less than 60 credits in first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

Decision

This syllabus was approved by the Faculty of Science at Stockholm University 2017-01-16

Prerequisites and special admittance requirements

Admission to the course requires completion of 45 credits in Geology or Earth science, including Geology and geophysics 15 credits, Mathematical methods in earth science 7.5 credits and Statistical methods in earth science 7.5 credits or Tellus I - Geology 15 credits, Tellus II - Geology 12.5 credits, Tellus III - Geology 2.5 credits and 15 credits in mathematics and statistics are included or equivalent.

Course structure

Examination code	Name	Higher Education Credits
HELA	Marine geophysical mapping methods	7.5

Course content

The course covers:

- marine geophysical seabed mapping with specific focus on the uppermost unconsolidated sediments and bottom topography
- the use of acoustic marine geophysical mapping equipment, including single- and multibeam echo sounders and side-scan sonar
- theory of marine geophysical mapping methods based on the echo sounding principle
- positioning methods at sea and marine geodetic reference systems
- a field component including marine geophysical mapping and geological sampling followed by data processing and practical exercises in geological interpretation

Learning outcomes

After completing the course, the student is expected to be able to:

- theoretically describe how marine geophysical mapping methods based on the echo sounding principle works
- carry out marine geophysical measurements, with the type of instruments introduced in the course, based on the echo sounding principle
- carry out geological interpretation of marine geophysical data acquired in the course
- conduct marine geological sampling of bottom sediments
- describe marine sediment cores and use the information for geological interpretation of marine geophysical

mapping data acquired in the course

Education

The course consists of lectures, exercises and field work.

Participation in exercises and field work and in any associated integrated instruction is compulsory. In the event of special circumstances, the examiner may, after consultation with the teacher concerned, grant a student exemption from the obligation to participate in certain compulsory instruction. The teaching language is English.

Forms of examination

a. Knowledge assessment and examination are in the form of written examinations.

b. Grades will be set according to a seven-point scale related to the learning objectives of the course:

A = Excellent

B = Very good

C = Good

D = Satisfactory

E = Adequate

Fx = Fail, some additional work required

F = Fail, much additional work required

c. The grading criteria will be distributed at the beginning of the course.

d. In order to pass the course, students must receive the minimum passing grade E on all course units and participate in all mandatory instruction.

e. Students who receive a failing grade on a regular examination are allowed to retake the examination as long as the course is still provided. The number of examination opportunities is not limited. Other mandatory course elements are equated with examinations. A student who has received a passing grade on an examination may not retake the examination to attain a higher grade. A student who has failed the same examination twice is entitled to have another examiner appointed, unless there are special reasons to the contrary. Such requests should be made to the department board.

g. There is no facility to improve the grade Fx to a pass grade in this course.

Interim

Students may request that the examination be conducted in accordance with this course plan even after it has ceased to be valid. However, this may not take place more than three times over a two-year period after course instruction has ended. Requests must be made to the department board. The provision also applies in the case of revisions to the course plan.

Limitations

The course may not be included in a degree in combination with the courses Marine geoscientific research methods 7.5 credits (GG4001/GG4021), Marine geological and geophysical mapping methods 7.5 credits (GG4121, GG5101), or equivalent.

Misc

The course is part of the Bachelor's Programme in Geology, Geochemistry and Geophysics and the Bachelor Programme in Earth Science, but can also be read as a separate course.

The course may include field trips that can entail costs for the student.

Required reading

The course literature is decided by the department board and published on the Department of Geological Sciences website at least two months before the start of the course.