Master of Science in Hydrogeology and Geothermics (from the academic year 2019)

General structure of the M Sc in Hydrogeology and Geothermics (120 ECTS)

Modules	ECTS	Status	Semester
Introductory courses	8	obligatory	A1
Processes in hydrogeology and geothermics	12	obligatory	A1
Water-earth systems	10	obligatory	A1
Site/resource characterisation	14	obligatory	S1
Modelling I	7	obligatory	S1
Engineering and resource exploitation	9	obligatory	S1
Modelling II	7	obligatory	A2
Resource management	14	obligatory	A2
Master thesis preparation and Master thesis research	39	obligatory	A2+S2
Total ECTS of Master	120		

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Modules and courses	Hours of	Semester	ECTS	Persons in charge	Evaluation mode		
	courses			3.			
Introductory courses			8 ECTS				
Introduction to hydrogeology and hydrology	30	A1	3	Prof. P. Brunner			
Introduction to geothermics	20	A1	2	Prof. S. Miller	Written exam, 3 hours		
Mathématiques et statistique	30	A1	3	Dr J. Straubhaar			
Processes in hydrogeology and geothermics			12 ECTS				
Hydrodynamique souterraine	40	A1	4	Prof. P. Perrochet	CA (graded)		
Processus de transport	20	A1	2	Prof. P. Perrochet	CA (graded)		
Hydrochemical and microbial processes	40	A1	4	Prof. D. Hunkeler and Dr S. Wirth	Written exam, 2 hours		
Rock and earthquake mechanics	20	A1	2	Prof. S. Miller	Written exam, 1 hour		
Water-earth systems			10 ECTS				
Alluvial aquifer systems: from quaternary geology to surface	10		Drs S. Wirth and G. Preisig, Profs	04 (***** 1			
water-groundwater interactions	40			AT	4	P. Brunner and D. Hunkeler	CA (graded)
Systèmes aquifères fissurés et karstiques	40	A1	4	Prof. B. Valley, Dr P-Y. Jeannin	CA (graded)		
Field camp I	4 days	A1	2	Drs S. Wirth and G. Preisig	CA (pass)		

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Site/resource characterisation			14 ECTS			
Forages, tests hydrauliques, traceurs naturels et artificiels	60	S1	6	Profs P. Renard, B. Valley	CA (graded)	
Geophysics	30	S1	3	Dr G. Mauri (Prof. S. Miller)	CA (graded)	
Remote sensing	20	S1	2	Prof. P. Brunner	CA (graded)	
Field camp II	6 days	S1	3	Profs D. Hunkeler, P. Brunner and Dr G. Preisig	CA (pass)	
Modelling I			7 ECTS			
Modélisation des réservoirs	20	S1	2	Prof. P. Renard	CA (graded)	
Modélisation des écoulements et des processus de transport	50	S1	5	Dr G. Preisig	CA (graded)	
Engineering and resource exploitation			9 ECTS			
Systèmes géothermiques peu profonds	20	S1	2	Dr V. Badoux	CA (graded)	
Advanced geothermics and earth energy resources	30	S1	3	Prof. B. Valley and Dr L. Gugliemetti (Prof. S. Miller)	CA (graded)	
Water supply and water treatment	20	S1	2	Prof. P. Brunner	CA (graded)	
Ingénierie géotechnique	20	S1	2	Dr G. Preisig	CA (graded)	
Modelling II			7 ECTS			
Numerical modelling of geomechanical processes	30	A2	3	Prof. S. Miller	CA (graded)	
Géostatistique et modélisation inverse	40	A2	4	Profs P. Renard and P. Brunner	CA (graded)	
Resource management			14 ECTS			
Water resource management in the European context	20	A2	2	Profs P. Brunner and D. Hunkeler		
Water resource management in semi-arid/arid regions and in humanitarian contexts	20	A2	2	Dr E. Milnes and Prof. P. Brunner	CA (graded)	
Groundwater pollution and remediation	40	A2	4	Prof. D. Hunkeler	CA (graded)	
Urban hydrogeology	20	A2	2	Prof. M. Schirmer		
Economical, political and societal aspects of geothermics	20	A2	2	Profs S. Miller and B. Valley	CA (pass)	
Geothermal field trip	4 days	A2	2	Prof. S. Miller	CA (pass)	

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Master thesis preparation and Master thesis research			39 ECTS		
Literature review, scientific writing and master project proposal	90	A2	9	Profs P. Brunner, D. Hunkeler, S. Miller, B. Valley, P. Renard	CA (pass)
Master thesis research		S2	30		CA ¹

Total of M Sc in Hydrogeology and Geothermics	120 ECTS
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Abbreviations

CA (graded) = marked assignment, following teacher's instructions

CA (pass) = unmarked assignment (accepted/rejected)

CA¹ = marked thesis report + 1-hour-oral exam

A1 = autumn semester 2018

S1 = spring semester 2019

A2 = autumn semester 2019

S2 = spring semester 2020

Transitional provisions

For courses with a content that has changed from earlier years, the students enrolled in earlier years must be examined on the earlier content. For all questions, please contact the person in charge of the Master.

Information

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Exams and regulation

Cadidates must be registred in IS-Academia for both courses and exams.

For regulation, please consult the homepage of the Faculty of Sciences, www.unine.ch/sciences ("règlement d'études et d'examens" and existing directives)

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