

Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur Department of Earth Sciences

ES0213A: Fundamentals of Earth Sciences

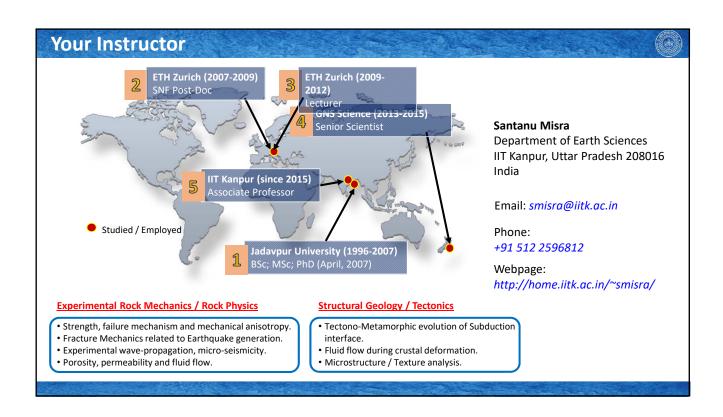
Lecture 01. Course Introduction

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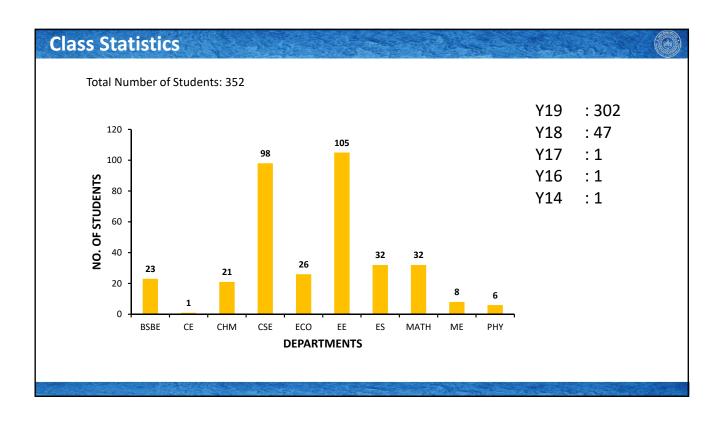
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About You



A teacher doesn't like a class without any student in the classroom. This is a changed time... anyway. Let's learn ONLINE!

- All of you must be exceptionally sharp!
- If you're worried about whether you can handle the class.... Relax!!
- Many of you are here to fulfill the "ESO" course requirement in your template, and therefore, not very serious about the learning. That's OK!
- There is no such thing as a "science student" vs. a "non-science student (engineering)"! You were BORN curious which is what science really is all about investigating the world.





Class Management



Please go through the following links for the general instructions:

IITK Senate Decisions:

https://www.iitk.ac.in/doaa/data/senate decisions implementation 2020 21 I.pdf

FAQ about the courses:

https://www.iitk.ac.in/doaa/data/senate decisions implementation 2020 21 I.pdf

Technical requirements:

https://www.iitk.ac.in/doaa/data/Technical Infrastructure Requirements.pdf

Class Management



- Online classes
- The primary teaching platform is: https://hello.iitk.ac.in. [any alteration of this platform will be communicated to you well in advance].
- Pre-recorded lectures of ~90-110 mins/week will be uploaded on Friday of the previous week. Individual lectures will be of short duration.
- The lecture presentations (.pdf) and other related study-materials will also be uploaded in the online platform.
- There will be one or more discussion (interaction) sessions/week as per the schedule in the time table. We shall use Zoom online platform for the discussion.
- All assignments/quizzes will be conducted online

Scheme of the Grades



Discussions

(your participations in the discussions, overall engagement including attendance) 10%

Assignments and Quizzes

(Best 70% of your assignments and 100% of the quizzes) 25%

Mid Semester Examination (Online)

(MCQ; Short conceptual Questions – Open Book)

End Sem Examination (Online)

(MCQ; Short conceptual Questions – Open Book)

40%

If you cannot follow the lectures because of sickness, poor internet connections or for any other reasons, please contact me ASAP.

Policies on Cheating and Ethics



Cheating in any form in NOT ALLOWED.

If a student cheats or uses unfair means in a course,

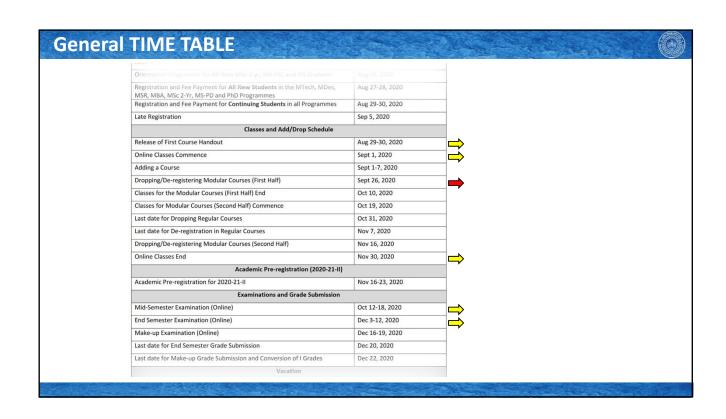
- The student will get an **F** grade in the course.
- The student cannot drop the course.
- DUGC of the concerned department will be informed
- A complaint will be sent to SSAC for action.

https://web.iitk.ac.in/july14dosa/data/SSAC-procedures-and-Guidelines.pdf

Content of this lecture-series



Solar System and Earth; The primitive Earth; Geological Time scale; Origin of life and major geological events; Numerical Dating. Rocks, minerals and soils; Plate Tectonics and Mountain building; Deformation and Geodynamics; Earthquakes, Volcanoes. Earth, Ocean, Land, Rivers, Atmosphere, Biosphere, Cryosphere and Climate; Energy budget; Carbon Cycle; Hydrological Cycle; Weathering and erosion. Coupled processes in Earth System; climate change, Geological resource (minerals, hydrocarbons and water); Sustainability and Anthropocene activities.



Class TIME TABLE Weeks Dates **GENERAL TOPICS** Week_01 Sept 01- Sept 04 **General Introductions** Week_02 Sept 07 - Sept 11 Earth as a System and Principles [QUIZ - I] Week_03 Sept 14 - Sept 18 **Plate Tectonics** Week_04 Sept 21 - Sept 25 Minerals and Rocks [QUIZ - II] Week_05 Oct 05 - Oct 09 **Deformation of Rocks** Week_06 Oct 12 - Oct 16 MID SEMESTER EXAMINATION Week_07 Oct 19 - Oct 23 History of the Earth and Time Scale Earth's interior [QUIZ - III] Week_08 Oct 26 - Oct 30 Natural Hazards (Earthquakes, Volcanisms) Week_09 Nov 02 - Nov 06 Climate and Atmosphere Nov 09 - Nov 13 Week_10 Week_11 Nov 16 - Nov 20 Landforms, Weathering and Erosion [QUIZ - IV] Week_11 Nov 26 - Nov 30 Earth's resources (water, minerals, hydrocarbons) and Human Impact

END SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Dec 3 - Dec 12

Week_12

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Week_01	Sept 01- Sept 04	General Introductions
Week_02	Sept 07 - Sept 11	Earth as a System and the Principles of Earth
Week_03	Sept 14 - Sept 18	Plate Tectonics
Week_04	Sept 21 - Sept 25	Minerals and Rocks
Week_05	Sept 28 - Oct 02	Deformation of Rocks (Strain & Stress)
Week_06	Oct 05 - Oct 09	Basic Structures of Rocks
Week_07	Oct 12 - Oct 18	MID SEMESTER EXAMINATION
Week_08	Oct 19 - Oct 23	History of the Earth and Time Scale
Week_09	Oct 26 - Oct 30	Earth's interior
Week_10	Nov 02 - Nov 06	Natural Hazards (Earthquakes, Volcanisms and others)
Week_11	Nov 09 - Nov 13	Climate and Atmosphere
Week_11	Nov 16 - Nov 20	Landforms, Weathering and Erosion
Week_12	Nov 23 - Nov 27	Earth's resources (water, minerals, hydrocarbons) and Human Impact
Week_13	Dec 3 - Dec 12	END SEMESTER EXAMINATION

Summary of this lecture



This is a large class with students from various disciplines.

Please respect the conduct of the course and your colleagues.

The course is being offered online, which is a new platform to all of us. Be patient, please, if there is any technical fault.

Participate in the course and respond timely.