Module code	SG-1303			
Module Title	Environmental Geology			
Degree/Diploma	Bachelor of Science (Geology)			
Type of Module	Major Option			
Modular Credits	4	Total student Workload	10	hours/week
		Contact hours	6	hours/week
Prerequisite	None			
Anti-requisite	SG-2306 Environmental Geology			

Aims

The module highlights the dependence of humans and all organisms from the Earth resources. Students will be able to assess the potential hazard from exploitation of industrial minerals and ores, to propose methods for environmental protection and restoration, to assess the risk of toxic mineral and chemical elements on human health, to identify the meaning of and to describe both renewable and non-renewable resources, to evaluate the economic value or Earth resources and to propose methods for the elimination of environmental impacts from human activities.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this module, a student will be expected to be able to:

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Lower order :	30%	- understand the past and present global hazards
		- understand the multidisciplinary nature of environmental studies
Middle order :	50%	- evaluate the hazard from exploitation of industrial minerals and ores
		- propose methods for environmental protection and restoration
		- identify and to describe both renewable and non-renewable resources
		- establish links between causes and feedbacks in environmental systems
Higher order:	20%	- to appraise the risk of toxic mineral and chemical elements on human health
		- work both independently and in groups following protocols
		- increase their awareness for Environmental issues

Module Contents

- Industrial minerals and rocks and impacts from their exploitation (e.g. acid mine drainage)
- Building and ornamental stones in monuments and contemporary constructions
- Dangerous minerals and toxic elements and impacts on the environment and human health
- Renewable and non-renewable energy resources
- The hydrologic, oxygen, carbon and sulphur cycles
- Acidification of oceans

Assessment	Formative	Practical tests, assignments and feedback
	assessment	
	Summative	Examination: 50%
	assessment	Coursework: 50%
		- 3 class tests (30%)
		- 1 assignment with presentation (20%)