Module code	SG-2304			
Module Title	Igneous and Metamorphic Rocks			
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-2202 Petrography of Igneous and Metamorphic Rocks			

## **Aims**

This module is designed to give the students a description and a comprehensive understanding of the formation and the fundamental petrogenetic processes of igneous and metamorphic rocks on Earth, as well as the most important geochemical signatures of the various rock-types. It aims also to provide the systematic classification of igneous and metamorphic rocks, as well as to show their main industrial and environmental applications.

## **Learning Outcomes**

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

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Lower order :	30%	- discriminate igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks
		- describe and recognise common lithotypes and to recall their names
		- understand the interior of Earth
		- know the economic importance of various rock-types
Middle order :	50%	- classify and identify rock-types and to investigate microtextural features
		- develop skills in macroscopic and microscopic identification of lithologies
		- interpret macroscopic andmicroscopic textures and structures
Higher order:	20%	- justify the genesis of rocks based on mineralogical and textural criteria
		- appraise quality of rocks for industrial and environmental applications
		- work both independently and in groups following protocols

## **Module Contents**

- Origin of elements and minerals in the Universe and Earth; origin of meteorites
- Rock classification and rock types
- Production and properties of magma
- Acidic Intermediate Mafic Ultramafic rocks
- Types of metamorphism, metamorphic agents, metamorphic zones and metamorphic facies
- Study of low, medium and high grade metamorphic rocks and migmatites

Assessment	Formative	Practical tests, assignments and feedback
	assessment	
	Summative	Examination: 50%
	assessment	Coursework: 50%
		- 1mid-term test (20%)
		- 1 practical examination (30%)