

26434 - Clay Geology

Información del Plan Docente

Academic Year	2018/19
Subject	26434 - Clay Geology
Faculty / School	100 - Facultad de Ciencias
Degree	296 - Degree in Geology
ECTS	5.0
Year	4
Semester	First semester
Subject Type	Optional
Module	---

1.General information

1.1.Aims of the course

1.2.Context and importance of this course in the degree

1.3.Recommendations to take this course

2.Learning goals

2.1.Competences

2.2.Learning goals

2.3.Importance of learning goals

3.Assessment (1st and 2nd call)

3.1.Assessment tasks (description of tasks, marking system and assessment criteria)

4.Methodology, learning tasks, syllabus and resources

4.1.Methodological overview

The process of learning will be based on the development of the following methodologies:

- Activity 1. Learning of concepts related to the properties, structure, composition and formation of clays (2.8 ECTS).
Methodology: Theory class (28 h.)

- Activity 2. Laboratory class (1 ECTS, 10h). Use of X-ray diffraction and scanning electron microscopy to characterize clays. The students should write a report that will contain a summary in English (0.2 ECTS)

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- Activity 3. Field trip: 1-day field trip to study a deposit rich in industrial clays (0.4 ECTS).

- Activity 4. Seminars related to applications of clays (0.8 ECTS). The students will have to do a searching and summary of information and give an oral.

4.2.Learning tasks

Activity 1. Learning of concepts related to the properties, structure, composition and formation of clays. Methodology: Participatory theory class (28 h.)

Activity 2. Practical classes. Use of X-ray diffraction and scanning electron microscopy to characterize clays. Methodology: Laboratory classes (1ECTS).

Activity 3. Identify and describe clay mineral associations in their geological context.

Methodology: 1-day field trip to study a deposit rich in industrial clays (0.4 ECTS)

Activity 4. Searching and summary of information related to clays. Methodology: Seminars (0.8 ECTS)

4.3.Syllabus

Activity 1. Learning of concepts related to the properties, structure, composition and formation of clays. Methodology: Participatory theory class (28 h.)

Program:

T1. Introduction. Definition of clay. Importance of the clay minerals.

T2. Mineralogy, composition and properties of the clay minerals.

T3. Appropriate methods to study clays.

T4. Origin of clays by rock Weathering and soil formation

T5. Erosion, Sedimentation and Sedimentary Origin of Clays

T6. Genesis of clays during diagenesis, very-low grade metamorphism and hydrothermal alteration.

T7. Industrial Clays. Applications of clay minerals.

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4.4. Course planning and calendar

This course is a first semester course. Classes will start the first academic week.

Students can refer to the Faculty of Sciences and Earth Sciences Department websites (<https://ciencias.unizar.es>; <https://cienciatierra.unizar.es/>) for timetable, classroom or assessment dates.

Further information regarding this course (examination, individual or group assignments...), will be provided on the first day of class.

Dates for each field trip will be published at the Earth Sciences Department website.

Tutorials: Office hours will be also provided the first day of class.

Practical sessions will be place in the Crystallography and Mineralogy labs (Earth Sciences Department) and in the Electron Microscopy Service (Campus Rio Ebro, University of Zaragoza).

Days for the field trip and the Electron Microscopy activity will be scheduled by the Commission of the Degree in Geology.

Oral presentations will be during the moths of April and May and days will be agreed with the students.

4.5. Bibliography and recommended resources