

GEOL - 1133 Introduction to Geology, 3.00 Credits

Level: Lower

Applied Learning-Intl/Dom Trvl, Liberal Arts and Science

The course is an introduction to the science of geology. In particular, the main types of rocks are analyzed with an emphasis on genetic processes and in relationship to plate tectonics theory.

This basic knowledge will provide a background to understand and study the main geological risks, such as volcanoes, earthquakes, floods and landslides. Specific examples from the Apennines mountain chain and Campanian plain will be examined to contextualize these topics in the Italian environment. In addition, a significant aim of this course is for students to gain a conscious relationship with the environment. The Campania region is an ideal place for experiential learning via site visits, with the opportunity for students to witness a wide range of geological features. The evaluation for the course will include midterm and final written exams, a presentation and graphical exercises.

GEOL - 1233 Volcanology, 3.00 Credits

Level: Lower

Applied Learning-Intl/Dom Trvl, Liberal Arts and Science

The course is an introduction to the main elements of geological sciences including stratigraphy laws, the main types of rocks, and an understanding of faults and folds. These elements will be used to understand Plate Tectonics theory. Using this theory, different kinds of volcanoes will be analyzed, examining different magmatic compositions, igneous and pyroclastic rocks and their geodynamic environments. The role of geologic and geomorphologic processes will be analyzed in reference to volcanic risk. This course will also study landslides in volcanic soils (the case of Sarno mounts) and groundwater flow in volcanic aquifers and exploitation of thermal waters (the case of Ischia).