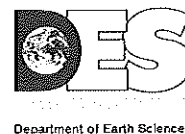




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Dear Students,

WARNING: the geological content of the Majors in Earth Sciences is too low to meet important professional requirements

I would like to draw your attention to the course selections for the coming semester. If you are considering a career as a geologist you are strongly advised to take the courses of the Accredited Pathway, details of which are shown on the attached schedules. We make this recommendation for the following reasons.

With an Accredited Degree, you will fulfill the educational requirement for post-graduate training in the Hong Kong government: the Geotechnical Engineering Office of the Hong Kong government will not recruit graduates without an Accredited Degree onto its Engineering Geology Graduate Training Scheme.

An Accredited Degree entitles you to an accelerated route to the professional qualification Chartered Geologist, which is recognised for the employment of geologists in the Hong Kong civil service and by a number of other employers.

Some firms prefer to recruit graduate geologists who are eligible for Hong Kong government registration. Government registration as a Logging Geologist by the Development Bureau and Competent Person (Logging) by the Buildings Department (eligibility after 3 years' relevant post graduation experience) is only open to those whose first degree has more than 90 credits in 'geological based subjects', including applied courses.

Some of our graduates aspire to join the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers. Graduates in earth sciences or geology can apply for Corporate Membership of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers in the Geotechnical Discipline if: a) they pass top-up educational courses, and b) their first degree has more than 90 credits in 'geology and related subjects' excluding applied subjects.

You must consider seriously to meet the above requirements as an undergraduate, because you will not be allowed to make up any shortfall in the geological content of your first degree after graduation.

For more information about the Accredited Pathway contact Professor Malone at awmalone@hku.hk

Yours sincerely

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