



---

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

---

## Igneous petrology 261 (GLY 261)

<b>Qualification</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	<a href="#">Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences</a>
<b>Module credits</b>	12.00
<b>Programmes</b>	<a href="#">BSc Chemistry</a> <a href="#">BSc Environmental and Engineering Geology</a> <a href="#">BSc Environmental Sciences</a> <a href="#">BSc Geography</a> <a href="#">BSc Geoinformatics</a> <a href="#">BSc Geology</a> <a href="#">BSc Meteorology</a> <a href="#">BSc Physics</a>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	GLY 255
<b>Contact time</b>	2 practicals per week, 4 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	English
<b>Academic organisation</b>	Geology
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Quarter 3

### Module content

Classification and nomenclature of igneous rocks. The nature of silicate melts; physical and chemical factors influencing crystallisation and textures of igneous rocks. Phase diagrams, fractional crystallisation and partial melting. Trace elements and isotopes, and their use in petrogenetic studies. Global distribution of magmatism and its origin. Mid-oceanic ridges, active continental margins, intraplate magmatism.

---

The information published here is subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information. The [General Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) apply to all faculties of the University of Pretoria. It is expected of students to familiarise themselves well with these regulations as well as with the information contained in the [General Rules](#) section. Ignorance concerning these regulations and rules will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression.