

COURSE OUTLINE

(1) General

School:	Social Sciences		
Academic Unit:	Geography		
Level of studies	Undergraduate		
Course Code:	GEO 483	Semester:	H
Course Title:	Aegean Geography: Environment and Threats		
Independent Teaching Activities	Weekly Teaching Hours	Credits	
Lecture		3	
		Course total	5
Course Type:	Optional		
Prerequisite Courses:	None		
Language of Instruction and Examinations	English		
Is the course offered to Erasmus students:			
Course Website (Url):	https://geography.aegean.gr/pps/index_en.php?content=0&lesson=483		

(2) Learning Outcomes

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Effects of global environmental change and impacts on nature and humans.

Mechanisms and processes that trigger the global environmental crisis.

Concepts of climate change and its impacts on the natural environment.

Causes of a natural disaster and assessing its intensity, distribution and consequences.

Use of new technologies and methods in geo-informatics for managing natural hazards, and assessing and restoring the consequences they cause.

General Competences

1. Search for, analysis and synthesis of data and information, with the use of the necessary technology
2. Adapting to new situations
3. Working in an interdisciplinary environment
4. Respect for the natural environment
5. Criticism and self-criticism
6. Production of free, creative and inductive thinking

(3) Syllabus

The course explores the influence of the natural environmental processes that can pose risks and cause disasters in nature and in human society. Geological processes (e.g. earthquakes, volcanic eruptions,

landslides, tidal waves), atmospheric processes (e.g. tropical cyclones, tornadoes, extreme rainfall, floods, droughts), changes in global biodiversity (local and global extinctions, biological invasions, redistribution of organisms and communities), in relation to climate change and related impacts (e.g. epidemic diseases, wildfires). It is envisaged that global climate change will lead to a changing geography of natural hazards and vulnerable populations. The course will also address problems and actions for reducing the vulnerability of systems through geographic risk assessment and management methods (e.g. crisis and risk management, disaster management information systems, new technologies). Finally, operational emergency response is discussed (e.g. prevention planning, operational organization, impact management, response and disaster recovery, socio-economic systems, civil protection).

(4) Teaching and Learning Methods - Evaluation

Delivery:	Face to face.	
Use of Information and Communication Technology:	Technologies and methods of geo-informatics for management, assessment and rehabilitation of environmental risks.	
Teaching Methods:	Activity	Semester workload
Lecture		36
Fieldwork		8
Project		16
Non-supervised study		87
Performance evaluation/Exams		3
	Course total<	150

Student Performance Evaluation

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