



Alternative assessments during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

In line with our current General Regulations, the University may offer you alternative assessments where necessary. This includes holding online timed assessments in place of written examinations, which are usually held at examination centres. Please note that this statement replaces any published information relating to assessments or written examinations in any of our materials including the website. Previously published materials relating to examinations should therefore be read in conjunction with this statement.

1 Structure of the programmes

Qualifications

1.1

The following named qualifications are awarded under the Petroleum Geoscience programme:

MSc Petroleum Geoscience

Postgraduate Diploma (PGDip) in Petroleum Geoscience

Qualification structure 62.62

1.2

The MSc Petroleum Geoscience consists of six mandatory modules each worth 20 credits and a 60 credit Independent research project report. The credits indicate the proportional weighting towards the MSc classification grade.

1.3

The PGDip Petroleum Geoscience consists of six mandatory modules, each worth 20 credits.

1.4

The Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert) in Petroleum Geoscience is an exit qualification that requires the passing of at least three mandatory modules to the value of 60 credits.

1.5

Fieldwork is part of the Petroleum systems [PGM651] module and involves 10–14 days of fieldwork incorporating group work and academic lectures.

1.6

You can apply to change modules at any time. However, if you have entered the examination we will not consider your application to change modules until the results for that session are published.

1.9

You may take up to three individual modules without being registered for the MSc degree or PGDip Petroleum Geoscience.

1.10

We may decide that you must pass one of Tectonics and lithosphere dynamics [PGM151], Geophysical analysis [PGM251], Structural analysis [PGM351] or Sedimentology and stratigraphy [PGM451] as an individual module before we will consider allowing you to register for the PGDip or MSc Petroleum Geoscience.

2 Programme withdrawal

2.1

It is no longer possible to register for the Petroleum Geoscience programme.

3 Registration

Effective date of registration

3.1

Your effective date of registration is 1 September in the academic year that you initially registered.

Period of registration

See the [Programme Specification](#) for the minimum and maximum periods of registration applicable to this programme.

4.2

Prior learning may only be considered and credit awarded towards the MSc or PGDip, and not the PGCert.

Credit transfer

4.3

If you are a student or graduate of the University of London we will consider an application to transfer credit to the Petroleum Geoscience programme on a discretionary basis.

5 Module selection

[Appendix A](#) provides details of the programme structures and module titles.

All students

5.1

In any one year you may attempt examinations in a maximum of four mandatory modules (80 credits), excluding resits. There is no requirement to enter an examination every year.

5.2 ~~Module~~ **Module** every year.

In these regulations attempted means you must have submitted coursework and sat an examination, and completed means you must have a mark of at least 40.00% (i.e. a condonable mark).

Reservoir geoscience [PGM551] and Petroleum systems [PGM651]

5.3

Before you can register for Reservoir geoscience [PGM551] you must have attempted Geophysical analysis [PGM251].

5.4

Before you can register for Petroleum systems [PGM651] you must have attempted Tectonics and lithosphere dynamics [PGM151], Geophysical analysis [PGM251], Structural analysis [PGM351] *and*

6 Assessment for the programme

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Assessment methods

6.1

Each 20 credit module of the Petroleum Geoscience programme will be assessed by one two-hour unseen written examination and one or more pieces of coursework. The weighting ratio between the unseen written examination and the coursework for each module is 80:20.

6.2

You must submit the coursework for each module before you sit the examination for the module and in the same academic year. If you do not submit the coursework for a module, or if we receive it after the due date, you may still attempt the written examination for the module. However, the coursework will not receive a mark and you will therefore lose 20.00% of the total mark available for that module.

6.3

To contact the Student Assessment Office please use the [Student Portal](#).

If you submit the coursework and then cannot sit the examination you must notify the Student Assessment Office as soon as possible. You will be expected to attempt the examination at the next available opportunity. The mark for the coursework will carry over.

6.4

We will not allow you to make a second attempt at the coursework before you have sat the the coursework, but pass the overall assessment for the module, you cannot resubmit coursework for the module.

See the website for the [list of examination centres](#).

Independent research project report [PGM051] MSc degree only

The word count and other rules, requirements and guidelines for completing the Independent

The written examination and the coursework

7.3

You will pass a mandatory module if the combined weighted mark for the coursework and the written examination is 50.00% or above.

7.4

A student who is awarded marks for the coursework and written examination that together result in a mark of:

50.00% or above (Pass) may make no further attempt at the assessments for the module, even if one of the elements is given the mark of fail;

40.00 49.99% (Condonable Fail) may choose to progress with the existing condonable mark or to make a second attempt at the element(s) of the assessment that was failed. Only elements of the assessment that were failed may be re-attempted. A maximum of 40 credits can be condoned in this way.

0 39.99% (Fail) must make a second attempt at the assessment for the module. Only elements of the assessment that were failed may be re-attempted.

Independent research project [PGM051] (MSc degree only)

7.5

If you receive .00 49.99%, we will normally allow you to resubmit the project report with minor adjustments by the date specified in our response. The resubmitted project report will still count as the first attempt in this case.

7.6

.00%, we will permit you to resubmit a new project report by the date specified in our response. The resubmitted project report will count as the second attempt in this case.

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8.3

If you are registered for the PGDip and have passed all the modules prescribed to the value of 120 credits (subject to the rules of condonement in Section 6.5),

9.4

To be awarded the MSc Petroleum Geoscience, you must achieve an overall weighted average of at least 50.00%. Marks between 40.00 49.99% can be condoned in taught courses constituting up to a maximum of 40 credits provided that the overall weighted average is at least 50.00%.

9.5

A mark below 50.00% in the research project cannot be condoned.

9.6

We may award you the MSc degree with Merit if you achieve an overall weighted average of 60.00% or above.

9.7

We may award you the MSc degree with Distinction if you achieve an overall weighted average of 70.00% or above.

9.8

A candidate for the award of the MSc who satisfies both the following criteria will automatically be raised into the next class of award:

- (a) the overall weighted average must fall within 2% of one of the classification boundaries in regulations 8.4, 8.6 or 8.7, and
- (b) the mark for the research project is above the classification boundary.

9.9

The Board of Examiners will decide if a student registered for the MSc Petroleum Geoscience who has satisfied the examiners in the six mandatory modules but who does not pass the Independent research project report [PGM051] may be awarded the PGDip Petroleum Geoscience.

Postgraduate Diploma in Petroleum Geoscience

9.10

The PGDip Petroleum Geoscience consists of six mandatory modules:

Tectonics and lithosphere dynamics [PGM151]

Geophysical analysis [PGM251]

Structural analysis [PGM351]

Sedimentology and stratigraphy [PGM451]

Reservoir geoscience [PGM551]

Petroleum systems [PGM651]*.

*Petroleum systems [PGM651] includes 10 14 days of fieldwork incorporating group work and academic lectures.

9.11

Each module is worth 20 credits and weighted equally for the overall assessment of the award.

9.12

To be awarded the PGDip Petroleum Geoscience you must achieve an overall weighted average of at least 50.00%.

We do not usually condone marks in the region 40.00–49.99% for the award of a PGDip, but if we do, condoned fails would be in modules which do not constitute more than 40 credits of the final assessment.

9.13

We may award you the PGDip with Merit if you achieve an overall weighted average of 60.00% or above.

9.14

We may award you the PGDip with Distinction if you achieve an overall weighted average of 70.00% or above.

9.15

A candidate for the award of the PGDip who satisfies both the following criteria will automatically be raised into the next class of award:

- (a) the overall weighted average must fall within 2% of one of the classification boundaries in regulations 8.12, 8.13 or 8.14, and
- (b) the marks for at least 60 credits counting towards the award must be above the relevant classification boundary. These 60 credits can come from any modules, including the

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Appendix C Assessment criteria

Assessment criteria for coursework, written examinations and projects.

Coursework Assessment Criteria

Outstanding

(80 100)

	structure and style; poor standard of presentation with significant errors of spelling, punctuation or grammar.
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Written Examination Assessment Criteria

Outstanding (80 100) DBT100)	Deep understanding; near-comprehensive knowledge; high levels of ability in analysis; coherent structure and direct focus on question; answer complete for the time available; intensive critical, independent reading beyond reading lists; extensive referencing; fluent style; no or very minor errors of spelling; punctuation or grammar.
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	Project Aims	Understanding of background and context	Data handling and generation	Interpretation of results	Discussion and conclusions	Presentation
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Fail
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