

Course Summary for NGEA07 HT 2019

Course coordinator: Jonathan Seaquist

Teachers in the course: Marko Scholze, Thomas Holst, Harry Lankreijer, Emma Li Johansson, Erica Jaakkola, Virginia Garcia, Hans Chen

Number of students: 16 registered students, 7 completed the course requirements

Grade distribution: 4 G, 3 VG.

Evaluation

I. Summary of the course evaluation

Number of survey responses: 7, of which is 44 % of the students

In general, the students were very satisfied with the course, and with its structure. The system modelling exercise, introduction to R (statistics) and atmospheric physics were challenging, but teachers were nice and helpful. In other aspects, instructions could be somewhat clearer (Excel, system modelling).

II. Comments from the teaching team

Teachers' opinion was the students were real gems – they were a very good group. Specific deadlines for some of the smaller assignments (statistics, atmospheric physics) should be established to keep students on track. Timing of the excel exercise should be rethought as it extends from just before, to just after the Christmas holidays. Given the fact that the NGEA20 course (hydrology) is now compulsory, the hydrology material in the course could be retooled. There were some minor teething problems with new instructors coming into the course. This can easily be solved by clearer directives from the course coordinator.

III. Evaluation of changes implemented since the last time the course was given

Since last time the course was given, Canvas was introduced as a platform in the course. Several new instructors (VG, MS, HC, EJ) replaced those that exited from the previous year.

IV. Suggestions for changes to implement before the course is given the next time

The course coordinator suggests eliminating R altogether as its added value is very limited. The timing of the system modelling exercise should be tweaked and instructions perhaps clarified, together with Excel instructions. AC will be dropped, and course will be fully implemented in Canvas

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