

Course Summary for "Hydrology Introduction – NGEA20" vt 2020

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Teachers in the course: Martin Berggren, Thomas Holst, Harry Lankreijer, Dan Metcalf, Andreas Persson, David Tenenbaum.

Number of students: 18 registered students (15 were active during the course, 14 wrote the exam)

Grade distribution: 3 UK, 6 G, 5 VG.

Evaluation

Summary of the course evaluation

Number of survey responses: 5, of which is 28 % of the registered students
In general the students were satisfied with the course (score 4.0 on a scale 1-5). The students are generally happy with the lectures and labs which get high grades for all lecturers. However, the range of grades regarding the teachers' ability to motivate and inspire goes from 2-5, with a mean of 3.8. The students communicate a lack group assignments. They rate the feedback high which is a task we have been working with for this year. Regarding the work load the answers go from 3-5. From the comments it can be concluded that it is a bit too light.

Comments from the teaching team

Teachers' opinion is that the course went well and that the students that were present were very engaged. This year a higher number of students were attending only parts of lectures and parts of subjects.

In March 2020, three days before the exam the university closed and students were spread around the world. The exam was e-mailed to students and they wrote it from home, in quarantine, at parents places and in a range of time zones from eastern Canada to eastern Australia.

The low number of respondents in the evaluation may have been affected by this corona diaspora.

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

Due to the corona situation the field work was changed to not being compulsory. The second field work day was also changed to a new site covering more of aquifer and ground water work at one of the Geology department's sites. Field work was graded very high also this year (4.8 of 5)

Minor changes to lectures. The last lecture was given as an online lecture but still got a good 4.4 grade.

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

Communicate which feedback students can expect and when to expect it.

Develop the new excursion further.

Add more practical parts in the assignments if possible..

Arrange for more group assignments.

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