

## Geology of Building Stones (C003995)

Due to Covid 19, the education and assessment methods may vary from the information displayed in the schedules and course details. Any changes will be communicated on Ufora.

**Course size** *(nominal values; actual values may depend on programme)*

**Credits 6.0**

**Study time 176 h**

**Contact hrs**

**52.0h**

### Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2021-2022

A (semester 1)	English	Gent	fieldwork	15.0h
			practicum	15.0h
			online lecture	0.0h
			lecture	22.5h

### Lecturers in academic year 2021-2022

Cnudde, Veerle

WE13

lecturer-in-charge

### Offered in the following programmes in 2021-2022

	crdts	offering
<a href="#">Master of Science in Teaching in Science and Technology(main subject Geology)</a>	6	A
<a href="#">International Master of Science in Sustainable and Innovative Natural Resource Management</a>	6	A
<a href="#">Master of Science in Geology</a>	6	A
<a href="#">Master of Science in Geology</a>	6	A
<a href="#">Exchange programme in Geology (master's level)</a>	6	A

### Teaching languages

English

### Keywords

natural stone, macro- and microscopical characteristics, technical characteristics, techniques, weathering

### Position of the course

This course covers the use, technical properties, geological background and the weathering of natural stones in general. The main local and imported building stones in Belgium are treated in specific detail.

### Contents

The main building stones in Belgium: geology, macroscopic and microscopic properties, petrophysical properties, weathering, historic use, etc.  
Tests for characterization and durability and international standardisation.  
Weathering and conservation of natural stone: weathering processes, techniques for conservation and restoration.  
Case-studies on application and damage.

### Initial competences

basic knowledge of optical mineralogy and petrography

### Final competences

- 1 Recognizing the main used building stones in Belgium based on macroscopic and microscopic properties.
- 2 Knowledge of natural stone in historic buildings: geology, macroscopic and microscopic properties, technical properties, weathering and potential replacement stones.
- 3 Knowledge of tests for characterization and durability and international standards.
- 4 Developing a research plan for the identification of natural building stones, the characterization of their properties and damage assessment.
- 5 Report scientific results and evaluate them in an uncertain context.

**Conditions for credit contract**

Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment

**Conditions for exam contract**

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract

**Teaching methods**

Practicum, Online lecture, Lecture, Fieldwork

**Extra information on the teaching methods**

Practicals: Petrography of natural stones used in Belgium (hand specimens and microscopy); petrophysical testing.

Microteaching: presentation of building stones or case studies.

**Learning materials and price**

Syllabus (mainly based on standard works, a.o. see references)

Estimated cost excursions: 14 euro (when using bus)

**References**

Publications BBRI

Natuursteen in Vlaanderen, versteend verleden. Duser, M., Dreesen, R., De Naeyer, A., 2009.

Wolters Kluwer, Mechelen. ISBN:9783642451553 978-3-642-45155-3

Gent...Steengoed!, Cnudde et al., 2009. Academia press, 416 p.

Stone in Architecture: Properties, Durability. Siegesmund, S., Snethlage, R., 2014. Springer, 550 pp. ISBN: 9789046523674

**Course content-related study coaching**

Interactive support by Ufora (e-mail); personal contact after appointment.

**Assessment moments**

end-of-term and continuous assessment

**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the first examination period**

Skills test, Written examination with open questions

**Examination methods in case of periodic assessment during the second examination period**

Skills test, Written examination with open questions

**Examination methods in case of permanent assessment**

Skills test, Participation, Job performance assessment

**Possibilities of retake in case of permanent assessment**

not applicable

**Extra information on the examination methods**

Periodic evaluation: written exam + practical exam petrography.

Participation to the practical exercises is obligatory. The student is evaluated weekly during the practical exercises as well as on the content and quality of any assignment.

**Calculation of the examination mark**

- Written exam 60% of the final mark
- Practical exam + assignment(s) 40% of the final mark

Not attending the practical courses, without a justified reason can lead to a failure