

Course evaluation 2016: GEOM04 Summary based on ten students

1. How did you perceive the course in general (from 1-5, where 1 is poor and 5 is excellent)?

(1) (2) (3) 10% (4) 30% (5) 60%

2. How did you perceive the level of the course (from 1-5, where 1 is too simple and 5 is too difficult)?

(1) (2) (3) 50% (4) 50% (5)

3. How easy was it to keep your level of interest up during the course (from 1-5, where 1 is difficult and 5 is easy)?

(1) (2) 10% (3) 20% (4) 30% (5) 40%

4. Did you miss something on the course? If so, what?

Comments:

- Very few students specified anything they seem to have missed. A few comments follow below.
- More micropaleontology (and its applications), conodonts and acritarchs.
- Maybe add some exercise on conodonts.
- Due to my lack of background it was a little difficult to catch up with all names. Perhaps include a quick review on fossils and the fossil record.

5. How could we improve the course?

Comments:

- Too intensive last week (i.e., place presentations of individual project the week before).
- Presentations of individual project before Gotland.
- Work load is biased towards the end of the course.
- Subdivide the course into two parts (individual project versus lectures)
- Could be very useful to see the bottom sides of the boxes through a glass window (taphonomy exercise).
- Review of fossils, the fossil record and what took place during different periods (one student).
- Assign relevant course literature chapters (instead of entire book).
- Ensure guest lectures are of high quality.

6. Potential views on the lectures?

Comments:

- In some lectures with 3 or 6 slides on one page, resolution was not enough to see all details.
- Easy to understand☺
- Good lectures!
- Much better when slides are printed out to annotate.

7. Potential views on the excercises/labs?

Comments:

- Data analysis lab(guest lectures) seemed dull and not very useful.
- Taphonomy lab was amazing!
- A chance to handle a wider range of fossils could be nice.
- I liked them.
- Good, more!
- Trilobite exercise = good, but perhaps we should have reviewed the parts in class + had a lecture about it.

8. Potential views on the excursions?

Comments:

- Excellent! Good! Noted by many.
- Gotland was amazing - do not change a thing! Golden spike – awesome. Denmark museum – very interesting for a half day trip.
- Gotland was extremely nice. Fågelsång perfect way to end course. Denmark unique and interesting!

9. Other issues?

- NA

Thanks for participating in this course evaluation! Mats Eriksson & Johan Lindgren (course leaders)