A. GENERAL RULES

Departmental rules should be read in conjunction with the University General Rules (G-rules), Faculty of Science and Agriculture Rules (FSA-Rules) and School of Physical and Mineral Sciences Rules (SPMS-Rules) and, except where otherwise stipulated by the department, should hold good for the individual programmes.

B. RULES FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

ADMISSION

DPG1

SPMS4 applies.

REGISTRATION

DPG2

SPMS5 applies.

2.1 It is the responsibility of any student to familiarize him/herself with all the applicable rules before enrolment into any of the programmes on offer by the Department.

2.2 Every student shall follow a curriculum, approved by the Head of the Department for at least the minimum period prescribed for the degree as specified under rule G10.

DURATION OF CURRICULA AND COMPOSITION

DPG3

3.1 The curriculum shall extend over a minimum of three years.

3.2 The curriculum shall be composed of a combination of modules that include at least two majors selected as follows:

3.2.1 Any one of the following courses may be taken as a co-major with Physics: Applied Mathematics, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geology, Mathematics and Statistics

3.2.2 A student registered for Geology as a major shall obtain all credits for degree purposes from the following courses: Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics.

3.3 SMAT011/012 are compulsory ancillary modules that must be taken before or simultaneously with SPHS011/012.

3.4 The following module pairs cannot both be recognized towards the fulfilment of the requirements for a degree:

3.4.1 SPHS011 and SPHY011.

3.4.2 SPHS012 and SPHY012.

3.5 The following are service modules and will not give entry to the second level of Physics:

3.5.1 SPHS012 and SPHS012 are service modules for Health and Life Sciences students,

3.5.2 SSPH012 for Nursing students.

3.5.3 SWPH011 for Water and Sanitation students.

3.6 Module titles, credit values, content, prerequisites/co-requisites/entry requirements are described under Departmental Detailed Description of Modules.

3.7 In all instances Rule FSA2 will strictly apply.
ASSESSMENT AND RELATED ASPECTS

DPG4

4.1 These rules should be read in conjunction with Rules G12 to G23, Rule FSA4 and Rule SPMS10.
4.2 All students in the department are subjected to continuous assessment, with the final mark calculated as follows: average of all formative assessments (60%) and summative theory assessment (40%).
4.3 Assessment criteria of each module are described under the Departmental Detailed Description of Modules.
4.4 All practicals are compulsory and a minimum of 75% attendance is required.

C. RULES FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDY

DPG5

5.1 The Rules contained under Sections A, C, D, E and F of the G-Rules of the University, Sections A, C, D and E of the FSA-Rules and SPMS21 – 23 apply.
5.2 Enrolment and renewal of registration for all postgraduate studies is subject to approval by the Head of the Department and/or supervisor(s). In all cases Rules G10, G31.1, G44 and G54 shall apply.

HONOURS DEGREE: BSc (HONS) [PHYSICS/GEOLOGY]

DPG6

6.1 The course extends over a minimum period of one year.
6.2 The minimum requirement for admission into the programme is:
   6.2.1 A B.Sc degree in Physics/Geology (final average mark for the 3rd level modules of at least 60%) as a major subject. A candidate who does not meet this requirement may be admitted on special recommendation, after consultation with and approval by the Head of Department. In such cases, a mid year progress report will determine continuation in the programme.
   6.2.2 On special recommendation, including application of the RPL policy and strategy of the University of Limpopo and after consultation with and approval by the Head of Department.
6.3 Programme structure: The programme consists of four (4) theory modules and a supervised research project that culminates in a research report. All theory modules are assessed by an external assessor. The research project is continuous throughout the academic year.
6.4 Module titles, credit values, content, prerequisites/entry requirements are described under Departmental Detailed Description of Modules.

MASTER OF SCIENCE: MSc: SPHA090; SGLA090

DPG7

7.1 The minimum requirement for admission into the programme is:
   7.1.1 A BSc (Hons) degree in Physics/Geology or equivalent.
   7.1.2 On special recommendation, including application of the RPL policy and strategy of the University of Limpopo and after consultation with and approval by the Head of Department.
7.2 In addition to those requirements above, the skills profile of potential students will be assessed and they may be required to qualify themselves with additional competencies as deemed to be essential by the department.
7.3 Programme structure: The MSc in Physics or Geology comprises a dissertation (Rule G45.1) based on the results of an approved supervised research project presented in a form suitable for publication.

7.4 Depending on the field of research, an external supervisor(s) may be required to supply effective supervision of the project.

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY: PhD: SPHA100; SGLA100

DPG8

8.1 The minimum requirement for admission into the programme is:
   8.1.1 An MSc degree in Physics/Geology or equivalent.
   8.1.2 On special recommendation, including application of the RPL policy and strategy of the University of Limpopo and after consultation with and approval by the Head of Department.