

Curriculum Overview:

Earth Systems 3209 is an academic provincial science course that aims to develop scientific literacy. Scientific literacy is an evolving combination of the science related attitudes, skills, and knowledge students need to develop inquiry, problem-solving, and decision-making abilities; to become lifelong learners; and to maintain a sense of wonder about the world around them.

NOTE: If you have completed this course successfully and have achieved a grade between 80-100% on the public exam, then you are eligible to 'Challenge for Credit' for Earth Sciences 1000

(http://www.mun.ca/earthsciences/Future_Students/Earth_System.php). For further information about this, please contact the Manager of Academic Programs at MUN or speak with your Earth Systems 3209 teacher.

Authorized Learning Resource:

Department of Education Curriculum Guide for Earth Systems 3209

<http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/k12/curriculum/guides/science/index.html>

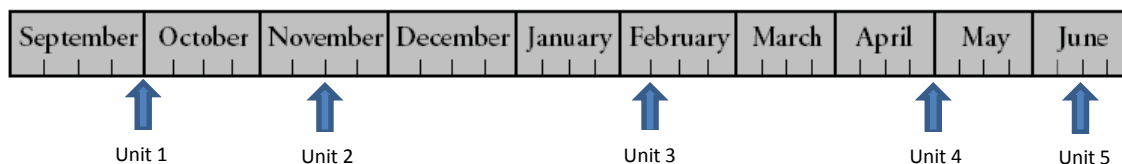
Science Resources and Support Documents - Senior High

<http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/k12/curriculum/documents/science/highschool.html>

Earth: An Introduction to Physical Geology (Pearson Prentice Hall)

http://www.pearsoned.ca/highered/divisions/virtual_tours/tarbucket/

Estimated Completion



Course Sequence:

Unit 1: Introduction to Earth Science (11h-10%)

Core STSE 1

Unit 2: Historical Geology (14h-13%)

Core Lab 1: *Interpreting Historical Geologic Events*

Core Lab 2: *Estimating Dinosaur Size and Speed from Trackways*

Core STSE 2

Unit 3: Earth Materials (35h-32%)

Core Lab 3: *Mineral Identification and Specific Gravity*

Core Lab 4: *Igneous, Sedimentary and Metamorphic Rocks*

Core STSE 3

Unit 4: The Forces within Earth (30h-27%)

Core Lab 5: *Locating an Earthquake Epicentre*

Core STSE 4

Unit 5: Earth Resources: Real-Life Applications (20h-18%)

Core Lab 6: *Geologic Mapping and Cross-Sections*

Core Lab 7: *Seismic Reflection Imaging*

Core STSE 5

Assessment and Evaluation: (Eastern Region)

In the Eastern Region Assessment in this course is governed by the *Assessment and Evaluation Policy* of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District - Eastern Region. This policy and associated regulations are located under "I: Instruction" at <https://www.nlesd.ca/about/easternpolicies.jsp>. This section may change as the new NLESD Assessment and Evaluation policy is updated.

Evaluation is the process of analysing, reflecting upon, and summarizing assessment information, and making judgments or decisions based upon the information gathered.

<i>Tests/Quizzes</i>	20%
<i>Performance Assessment</i>	15%
<i>Midyear Examination</i>	15%
<i>Public Examination</i>	50%

The evaluation of the course shall reflect the percent unit allocations.

Note: All evidence of learning shall be considered when determining a student's final grade. Averaging shall not be used as a sole indicator of a student's level of attainment of the course outcomes.

Assessment:

Assessment is intended to inform instruction, provide feedback to students, and meet the needs of diverse learners. It is used for the purposes of grading, certifying, and promoting students. All assessments should be outcome-based and designed to test students' basic knowledge of content, their understanding and ability to apply content, and ability to synthesize and problem solve. Assessments should provide equal opportunity for all students according to their abilities, needs, and interests. As a result, teachers make adaptations to accommodate the diverse range of learners in their classes.

Midyear Examination:

The mid-year examination tests all course outcomes to that point. It will include selected response (multiple-choice) and constructed response items. The examination is designed to be completed in a 2-hour time period.

Final Examination:

The final provincial (public) examination in Earth Systems 3209 is composed of two parts and is designed to be completed in a 3 hour time period. Part 1 contains 60 selected response questions (multiple choice) that measure students' achievement at all levels of cognitive learning. Part 2 contains constructed response questions that measure students' achievement only at the higher levels of cognitive learning.

Performance Assessment:

Performance assessments should emphasize project-based learning and require students to show what they can do by using a wide variety of activities that permit students to have their learning styles addressed. Performance assessment should also include student self- assessments and rubrics.

