

Semester	AUG 2022
Open to semester	1
Course code	EC1213
Course title	Evolution of Earth and Life
Credits	3 /
Course Coordinator & participating faculty (if any)	Devapriya Chattopadhyay
Nature of Course	Lectures and Tutorials
Pre-requisites	None
Objectives (goals, type of students for whom useful, outcome etc)	This course provides an integrated view of an evolving planet, the Earth through ages and its dynamic interaction with life.
Course contents (details of topics /sections with no. of lectures for each)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sources of information about the history of the Earth: Minerals, Rocks, Meteorites, Fossils. 2. Understanding the Earth processes: Plate tectonics, interaction between various spheres. 3. Concept of geologic time, Relative time, Absolute time, Geological time scale, 4. Early Earth processes: Development of moon, the ocean, the continents, and the atmosphere 5. Nature of paleontological data, Early life on Earth and its indirect evidences, direct evidence of early life, Great oxygenation and its relationship with life, evolution and radiation of metazoans, major evolutionary transitions, Mass extinctions, Anthropocene and its uniqueness, Sustenance of life and resources during Anthropocene.
Evaluation /assessment	<p>End-Sem Examination-40%</p> <p>Mid-Sem Examination-40%</p> <p>Others-Continuous evaluation: 20%%</p>
Suggested readings (with full list of authors, publisher, year, edn etc.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planet Earth: Cosmology, Geology, and the evolution of life and Environment (2007) by C. Emiliani, Cambridge University Press, 718 pp. 2. Early earth Systems (2007) by H Rollinson, Blackwell Publishing, 285 pp. 3. Understanding Earth (2010) by J. Grotzinger and T J

	<p>Jordan, W H Freeman and Co., 672 pp.</p> <p>4. Earth Science (2014) by E. Tarbuck, F. Lutgens, and D. Tasa, Prentice Hall, 792 pp.</p> <p>5. The Blue Planet (2011) by B J Skinner and B Murck, John Wiley and Sons, 656 pp.</p> <p>6. How to build a habitable planet (2012) by C. H. Langmuir and W. Broecker, Princeton University Press, 718 pp.</p> <p>7. History of life (2005) (4th ed.) by R. Cowen, Blackwell publishing, 324pp</p>
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