

Earth's interior - variation of physical parameters and seismic wave velocity inside the earth, major sub divisions and discontinuities. Depth-wise mineralogical variation in the Earth. Concepts of Isostasy; Airy and Pratt Model. Core and Mantle: Seismological and other geophysical constraints. The geodynamo - Convection in the mantle. Plate Tectonics. Types of plate margins and their Dynamics.

UNIT – III (2 Weeks)

Detailed contents

Elements of Earth's magnetism: Secular variation and westward drift. Solar activity and magnetic disturbance. Paleomagnetism

UNIT – IV (3 Weeks)

Detailed contents

Elements: Origin of elements/nucleosynthesis. Abundance of the elements in the solar system/planet Earth. Geochemical classification of elements. Earth accretion and early differentiation. Isotopes and their applications in understanding Earth processes.

UNIT – V (2 Weeks)

Detailed contents

Isotopes: Radiogenic and Stable. Radiogenic isotopes and their applications
Stable isotope fractionation. Oxygen isotopes. Sublithospheric Mantle (Mineralogy/phase transitions) Concept of mantle heterogeneity

UNIT – VI (2 Weeks)

Detailed contents

Low-temperature geochemistry; surface and near-surface processes

Essential/recommended readings

- Holmes, A. (1992). Principles of Physical Geology, 1992, Chapman and Hall.
- Anderson, G. M. (1996). Thermodynamics of natural systems. John Wiley & Sons Inc.
- Condie, K.C. (2016) Earth as an evolving planetary system (3rd Edn.) Elsevier

Suggestive readings

- Holmes, A., Principles of Physical Geology, 1992, Chapman and Hall
- Condie, K.C. Plate Tectonics and Crustal Evolution, Pargamon Press, 1989.
- Krauskopf, K. B., & Dennis, K. Bird, 1995, Introduction to Geochemistry. McGraw-Hill
- Faure, G. Principles and Applications of Geochemistry, 2/e (1998), Prentice Hall, 600 pp.
- Anderson, G. M. (1996). Thermodynamics of natural systems. John Wiley & Sons Inc.
- Steiner, E. (2008). The chemistry maths book. Oxford University Press.
- Yates, P. (2007) Chemical calculations. 2nd Ed. CRC Press.
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