

**MSc in Applied Geosciences**  
**DRAFT General Teaching Timetable 2025-26**

**Read the Notes very carefully**

**Semester I**

| Monday                                                                               | Tuesday                                                                                        | Wednesday                                                                   | Thursday                                                           | Friday                                                                      |
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|                                                                                      |                                                                                                | Welcome party & Induction session<br>5:30-7:30pm<br>27 August 2025<br>JL104 | GEOS7020 <sup>Note 7</sup><br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>Week 1<br>JL104    | GEOS7024<br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>Week 1-6<br>JL314A                            |
| GEOS7010+<br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>Week 2-13<br>JL104                                    | GEOS7016<br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>Week 1-5, 7<br>JL104                                             |                                                                             | GEOS7021*+<br>7:00 – 9:00pm,<br>Week 4, 7<br>JL105                 | GEOS7021*+<br>7:00 – 9:00pm,<br>Week 9<br>JL104                             |
|                                                                                      | Introduction to Local Practice in Geotechnical Profession<br>6:00 – 6:45pm,<br>Week 8<br>JL105 | GEOS8002<br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>Week 1-4, 6<br>JL104                          | GEOS8002<br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>Week 5<br>JL104                      | GEOS7011*Δ<br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>Week 1-12<br>JL105                          |
| GEOS8104Δ<br>7:00-9:45pm,<br>Week 8-13<br>JL105                                      | GEOS7015<br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>Week 8-13<br>JL104                                               | GEOS8001*<br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>Week 8-13<br>JL104                           | GEOS8101 <sup>Note 7</sup><br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>Week 8-13<br>JL104 | GEOS7020 (FT) <sup>Note 7</sup><br>9:00am – 6:00pm,<br>28 Nov 2025<br>JL105 |
| Other classes in GEOS7021*+ will be timetabled separately (1 Sep 2025 – 16 Jan 2026) |                                                                                                |                                                                             |                                                                    |                                                                             |

**Semester II**

| Monday                                             | Tuesday                                                                   | Wednesday                                              | Thursday                                                                                            | Friday                                             |
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|                                                    | GEOS7020 (PT) <sup>Note 7</sup><br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>13 Jan 2026<br>JL104 |                                                        | GEOS8209<br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>Week 1-14<br>JL314A                                                   | GEOS8020<br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>16 Jan 2026<br>JL104 |
| GEOS8102<br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>Week 1-14<br>JL104   | GEOS8101 <sup>Note 7</sup><br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>Week 1-6<br>JL104         | GEOS7012<br>3:00 – 5:45pm (Group 1)<br>Week 5<br>JL105 | GEOS7012*<br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>Week 1-14<br>JL104<br><br>7:00 – 9:45pm (Group 2)<br>Week 5<br>JL105 | GEOS8021*Δ<br>7:00 – 9:45pm<br>Week 1, 6<br>JL105  |
|                                                    | GEOS8003<br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>Week 7-10, 12-13<br>JL104                   | GEOS8204Δ<br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>Week 1-6<br>JL314A      |                                                                                                     |                                                    |
| GEOS7035*+<br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>Week 1-14<br>JL105 |                                                                           | GEOS7036<br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>Week 7-12<br>JL314A      |                                                                                                     | GEOS7033*+<br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>Week 1-13<br>JL104 |
| (1 Jan 2026 – 31 May 2026)                         |                                                                           |                                                        |                                                                                                     |                                                    |

**Summer Semester (1 June 2026 – 31 Aug 2026)**

| Monday | Tuesday                                                         | Wednesday                                                       | Thursday | Friday |
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|        | GEOS8020 (Group 1 PT)<br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>2 June 2026<br>JL104 | GEOS8020 (Group 2 PT)<br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>3 June 2026<br>JL104 |          |        |
|        | GEOS8020 (Group 3 FT)<br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>7 July 2026<br>JL104 | GEOS8020 (Group 4 FT)<br>7:00 – 9:45pm,<br>8 July 2026<br>JL104 |          |        |

**GEOS8002, GEOS8003, GEOS8020, GEOS8101, GEOS8102 are second-year courses for part-time students.**

\* Occasional meetings scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays for field trips & site visits

(FT) For full-time students (PT) For part-time students Δ For Geologists on EG theme + For non-Geologists on EG/GAG theme

Notes:

1. This is a general timetable. Students should make their own timetables using this general timetable.
2. Students are responsible for ensuring they complete all the core courses to fulfil the requirement of graduation.
3. Programme credit requirement: MSc EG and GAG theme 66 credits.
4. Students are expected to attend all classes. **Reading Weeks are teaching weeks in the timetable.** The period of studies of a full-time student starts on the first day of teaching of the academic year and ends on 31 August of the following year. Full-time students are **required to obtain permission for any leave of absence** from Hong Kong outside university holidays and are **strictly forbidden from taking up employment** of any kind or internship or attachment of any kind during the period of studies, unless approved by the programme director.
5. Part-time students are expected to take courses worth at least 15 credits per semester.
6. **Engineering Geology theme (EG theme):**  
Core courses for students with a first degree in Geology, Earth Sciences or Earth System Science ('Geologists'):  
GEOS7011, 7012, 7015, 7016, 7020, 8001, 8002, 8003, 8020, 8021, 8101, 8102, 8104, 8204 – 66 credits. Course GEOS7022 may be substituted for course GEOS8204 as directed by the programme director.  
  
Core courses for students whose first degree is not in Geology, Earth Sciences or Earth System Science ('non-Geologists'):  
GEOS7010, 7012, 7015, 7016, 7020, 7021, 7033, 8001, 8002, 8003, 8020, 8101, 8102 – 66 credits.  
  
**General Applied Geosciences theme (GAG theme):**  
Core courses for all students: GEOS7010, 7015, 7016, 7020, 7021, 7024, 7033, 7035, 7036, 8001, 8002, 8003, 8020, 8209 – 66 credits.
7. GEOS7020 course enrollment:  
Part-time students: enroll in full-year (**classes start in semester I**, project plan presentation in semester II)  
Full-time students: enroll in semester I (first semester course, project plan presentation in semester I)  
  
GEOS8101 course enrollment and examination:  
Enroll in semester II (**classes start in semester I**, examination in semester II)
8. This timetable may be superseded by timetables issued for individual courses.
9. All references to weeks refer to teaching weeks - see Calendar for the Academic Year 2025-2026.
10. Semester I:           First day of teaching       :   1 September 2025  
                              Last day of teaching         :   29 November 2025  
  
Semester II:           First day of teaching       :   19 January 2026  
                              Last day of teaching         :   2 May 2026  
                              Lunar New Year Break       :   17 – 23 February 2026
11. List of courses shown:  
GEOS7010   Geology principles and practice (6 credits)  
GEOS7011   Advanced geology of Hong Kong (6 credits)  
GEOS7012   Site investigation and engineering geological techniques (6 credits)  
GEOS7015   Rock mechanics (3 credits)  
GEOS7016   Soil mechanics (3 credits)  
GEOS7020   Project part I (6 credits)  
GEOS7021   Geological fieldwork I (3 credits)  
GEOS7022   Course of directed studies (3 credits)  
GEOS7024   Management (3 credits)  
GEOS7033   Geology of Hong Kong (6 credits)  
GEOS7035   Intermediate geology (6 credits)  
GEOS7036   Innovative technology and environmental sustainability (3 credits)  
GEOS8001   Hydrogeology (3 credits)  
GEOS8002   Professional practice in applied geosciences (3 credits)  
GEOS8003   Seminars on unforeseen ground conditions, geotechnical and environmental failures (3 credits)  
GEOS8020   Project part II (12 credits)  
GEOS8021   Geological fieldwork II (3 credits)  
GEOS8101   Engineering geology and geotechnical design (6 credits)  
GEOS8102   Rock engineering and applications (6 credits)  
GEOS8104   Natural hillside landslide and hazard studies (3 credits)  
GEOS8204   Basic structural mechanics and behaviour (3 credits)  
GEOS8209   Climate change and society (6 credits)
12. In the event of adverse weather, please refer to [http://www.exam.hku.hk/A\\_4.htm](http://www.exam.hku.hk/A_4.htm) for cancellation of class arrangements.