Study Plan

School: Institute for Advanced Studies and Research
Degree: Doctorate
Course: Earth and Space Sciences (cód. 243)

Specialization Physics of the Atmosphere and Climate

1st Year - 1st Semester
Specialization Physics of the Atmosphere and Climate

Component code	Name	Scientific Area Field	ECTS	Duration	Hours
FIS9015D	Observation Techniques, acquisitionanddata Processing	*** TRANS-LATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço/Geologia ***	4	Semester	104
FIS9016D	Seminars on Earth an Space Sciences	*** TRANS-LATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço/Geologia ***	4	Semester	104

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FIS9017D	Remote Sensingand Atmospheric Aerosols and Clouds Modelling	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço ***	4	Semester	104
FIS9018D	Atmospheric Modelling	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço ***	4	Semester	104
FIS9019D	Obsertational Tecchniques, Instrumentation Modelling of Atmopheric Trace Gases	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço ***	4	Semester	104
FIS9020D	Modelling of the Planetary Atmosphere Dynamics	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço ***	4	Semester	104
FIS9021D	Climateand Climate Change	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço ***	4	Semester	104
FIS9022D	Paleoclimate	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço ***	4	Semester	104
FIS9023D	Complexflow Structures of Earth Fluids	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço ***	4	Semester	104
FIS9024D	Atmospheric Electricity	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço ***	4	Semester	104
FIS9025D	Resources, Energy and Environment	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço ***	4	Semester	104
FIS9026D	Techniques of Imageand Digital Data Processing in Earth and Planetary Sciences	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço/Física ***	4	Semester	104
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4th Year - 13rd Quarter
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Specialization Geophysics

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FIS9027D	Earthquake Source	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço ***	4	Semester	104
FIS9028D	Strong Motion Modelling	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço ***	4	Semester	104
FIS9029D	Crustal Deformation Modelling	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço ***	4	Semester	104
FIS9026D	Techniques of Imageand Digital Data Processing in Earth and Planetary Sciences	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço/Física ***	4	Semester	104
FIS9031D	Rhelogie of the Earth	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço ***	4	Semester	104
FIS9032D	Phenomena of Energy Transfer in the Earth	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço ***	4	Semester	104
FIS9033D	Geomagnestism	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço ***	4	Semester	104
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GEO9034D	orogenic processes	Geology	4	Semester	104
GEO9035D	transpressive schemes; kinematics to dynamics	Geology	4	Semester	104
GEO9036D	Isotopes Unconventional	Geology	4	Semester	104
GEO9037D	Micro-analytical techniques in Earth Sciences	Geology	4	Semester	104
FIS9029D	Crustal Deformation Modelling	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço ***	4	Semester	104
FIS9039D	Seismotectonics	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço ***	4	Semester	104
FIS9031D	Rhelogie of the Earth	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço ***	4	Semester	104
GEO9040D	Geochronology in orogenic processes	Geology	4	Semester	104
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Specialization Astronomy and Astrophysics

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FIS9016D	Seminars on Earth an Space Sciences	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço/Geologia ***	4	Semester	104

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FIS9041D	Observacional Astrophysics	Physics	4	Semester	104
FIS9042D	Planetary Atmospheres	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço ***	4	Semester	104
FIS9043D	Observational Techniques and Instrumentation in Astropysics	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço ***	4	Semester	104
FIS9044D	Helioseismology	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço ***	4	Semester	104
FIS9045D	Astroparticles	Physics	4	Semester	104
FIS9046D	Dynamic Computational Astropysics	Physics	4	Semester	104
FIS9047D	Space Weather	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço ***	4	Semester	104
FIS9026D	Techniques of Imageand Digital Data Processing in Earth and Planetary Sciences	*** TRANSLATE ME: Física da Terra e do Espaço/Física ***	4	Semester	104
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Área de Especialização em Processos Geológicos:{\}newline

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Observation Techniques, acquisitionanddata Processing (FIS9015D)

Study of different remote sensing ground based instruments and their physical priciples (RADAR,LIDAR, Spectroscopy, Photometry, Interphotometry). Satellite remote sensing sensors. Physical principles of remote sensing. Passive and active systems. In situ monitoring systems. Meteorological instruments and radiosounding systems. GPS (GDSN) differential. Seismometers, geophones georesistivimeters, gravitymeters, magnetometers. Local, regional and Global observation network.
Acquisition, recording data processing an interpretation in order to setup interpretative models for different geophysical phenomena

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Seminars on Earth an Space Sciences (FIS9016D)

General
Research in communication sciences: interdisciplinary and research paradigms.
- Research and source criticism: literature research, indexing and referencing norms.
- Development of scientific reading skills: reading sheets, summaries, keywords.
- The production of the manuscript: academic writing and the importance of source identification.

Specific
Due to the specific objectives of this course content will vary from year to year. However, the program will provide advanced knowledge in the areas of Earth and Space, in particular in the following areas: Observation systems, detection and monitoring techniques of the earth and space; Solar and Planetary Physics; Seismology and seismic risk; Geophysical Prospecting.

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Remote Sensingand Atmospheric Aerosols and Clouds Modelling (FIS9017D)

Instrumentation used in remote sensing. Satellite systems. General Physical Principles of Remote Sensing in active and passive systems. Radiative transfer in the atmosphere applied to remote sensing. Study of various instruments and observation techniques for aerosols and clouds in the atmosphere. Notions of modeling of key atmospheric constituents.
Inversion problem in remote sensing. Inversion techniques. Applications to aerosols and clouds. Problems associated with validation.

Back

Atmospheric Modelling (FIS9018D)

Scales of motions and types of atmospheric models: LES, mesoscale, weather forecast and general circulation models.
The governing equations. Coordinate systems and projections.
Numerical methods and computational concepts. Discretization of the dynamic equations and parameterization of subgrid-scale physical processes.
Atmosphere-surface interactions and Boundary Layer representations. turbulence
Radiative transfer schemes. Clouds and precipitation. Shallow and deep convection. Atmospheric chemistry and aerosols parameterizations.
Data assimilation and model initialization.
Performing numerical simulations with atmospheric models: case studies

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Obsertational Tecchniques, Instrumentation Modelling of Atmopheric Trace Gases (FIS9019D)

Fundamental of stratospheric and tropospheric trace gases and atmospheric chemistry. Fundamental of geometrical optics. Spectrometers. DOAS method. Radiative transfer modeling. Inversion techniques for trace gas vertical profiling. Numerical and atmospheric chemistry modeling.

Back

Modelling of the Planetary Atmosphere Dynamics (FIS9020D)

(1) The Solar System, the planets and their atmospheres. (2) Origin and evolution of planetary atmospheres. (3) Observations of planetary atmospheres. (4) Energy balance and entropy. (5) Atmospheric temperature structure. (6) Atmospheric composition and chemistry. (7) Clouds, aerosols and dust. (8) Dynamics of planetary atmospheres. (9) Climactic change.

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Climateand Climate Change (FIS9021D)

The climate system. Feedback processes.
History and evolution of Earth's Climate. Dating methods.
Atmospheric and oceanic data analyses. Observations, archives, time series analysis and eigen techniques.
Atmospheric and Oceanic general circulations.
Exchange processes between the Earth's surface and the atmosphere.
Global Cycles of energy, angular momentum, water and carbon.
Numeric models of the Earth System: State of art, Predictability, accuracy and results.
Climate variability and global warming. Detection and attribution of climate change.

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Paleoclimate (FIS9022D)

I. Thermal state of the Earth: heat transfer and heat generation in the Earth; heat flux in the Earth. The heat conduction equation.
II. Thermal properties of the earth materials: thermal conductivity and thermal diffusivity. Earth's radioactivity.
III. Thermal regime of the upper crust. Interaction of the atmosphere with the ground: air-ground coupling. Geothermal climate change observatory.
IV. Ground surface temperature reconstructions and interpretation. The concept and use of the reduced temperature. Advantages and limitations of the geothermal method for past climate reconstructions.

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Complexflow Structures of Earth Fluids (FIS9023D)

- Flows between volume (surface) to point and point to volume (surface). Competing regimes. Fluid trees.
- Constructal theory. Flow optimization under local constraints. Structure of fluid trees
- Scaling laws. Hierarchy of scales Fractal description. Fractals and dynamics.

Application: River basins; flow through porous media (sub-soil); convective boundary layer; convection at planetary scale.

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Atmospheric Electricity (FIS9024D)

- Solar and cosmic radiation, natural and artificial radioactivity and inductive ionization.Free charge generation in the Atmosphere. Charges, electric fields and currents in the low and upper Atmosphere.
- Planetary electric circuit. The ionosphere. The local atmospheric electric field (AEF) at ground level. Planetary influences upon the AEF.
- Fair weather electric current, and precipitation, convection, discharge and Maxwell electric current components.
- Interaction of the AEF with the local meteorological conditions. The influences of vapour content, nebulosity and cloud type, and wind field, on the atmospheric electric field. Interaction with aerosols.
- Electric phenomena in the troposphere: generation and growth of storm clouds, corona discharges and lightning strikes.
- Planetary electric phenomena: The Ionosphere, Schumann resonances and propagation of radio-electric and microwaves.

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Resources, Energy and Environment (FIS9025D)

- The climate system and environmental fluxes. Solar energy and planetary mechanical energy (wind, wave and hydropower energies). Photosynthesis and biomass. Potentialities and limitations for renewable energy and matter flows use.
- Mineral resources in the crust and the ocean. Amounts and types of mineral sources. Prospecting and discovery; quantification and time evolution of resources availability. Mineral extraction and processing; environmental impacts. Nature as source and sink of all fluxes; fluxes of energy and matter in the geosphere. Life-cycle analysis of economic activities.

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Techniques of Imageand Digital Data Processing in Earth and Planetary Sciences (FIS9026D)

1. Digital image fundamentals; image representation and enhancement
2. Image restoration, compression and segmentation
3. Object recognition
4. Analysis of discrete and continues time series;
5. Applications of multivariate analysis to geophysics;
6. Principles and techniques of signal treatment geophysics;
7. Fast Fourier Transforms (FFT), Z transforms Laplace transforms;
8. Deconvolution
9. Filter design and transfer function;
10. Spectral analysis.

11 Applications.

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Earthquake Source (FIS9027D)

Representation theorem. Far-field and near-field displacement. Focal parameters of earthquakes.. The source mechanisms. The seismic tensor moment. Scaling laws for earthquakes. Spectral and temporal radiation pattern. Seismic source dimension and stress drop. Fracture models. Seismic waves modeling. Finite and extended source models. Source time function and slip distribution. Dynamic Rupture models.

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Strong Motion Modelling (FIS9028D)

- Complements of Seismic Wave Propagation in Elastic Media
- Modelling of seismic responses of layered media.
- Modelling of seismic responses of 2D and 3D media.
- Large scale seismic waveform modelling.
- Strong ground motion modelling.
- Sources rupture process interpretation using seismic waveform data.
- Multi-scale seismic imaging of Earth interior.

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Crustal Deformation Modelling (FIS9029D)

Analysis of the main models that explain the crustal deformation;
Seismic cycle and their stages of deformation (pre seismic, co-seismic, post-sísmic and intersísmica);
Modelling co-seismic deformation by application of numerical and analytical techniques: Okada formula and theorem of representation arising;
Evaluate rupture models, by comparison of the inelastic synthetic displacement, with corresponding registered by geodetic techniques (GPS and DInSAR).
Application of crustal deformation models for the study of the dynamics of active regions.

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Rhelogie of the Earth (FIS9031D)

I. Introduction to the concepts of rheology. Rheology of continua: elasticity, stress, deformationand strain. Strength, fracture and plasticity.
II. Rheology of the lithosphere: fundamental equations; time effects and non-linearity; brittleness and plasticity; temperature in the lithosphere; rheological profiles (strength envelopes).
III. Rheology of the mantle: Physical parameters and composition of the mantle; rheology of the mantle from geophysical observables; thermal convection in the mantle; mantle rheology from microphysics.

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Phenomena of Energy Transfer in the Earth (FIS9032D)

I. Thermal state of the Earth: heat transfer and heat generation in the Earth; heat flux in the Earth.
II. Thermal properties of the earth materials. Earth's radioactivity.
III. Thermal regime of the lithosphere.
IV. Thermal regime of the mantle: thermodynamics of convection; thermal history and behaviour of the mantle; convective regime of the mantle.

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Geomagnestism (FIS9033D)

I. Earth's magnetic field: review of basic magnetism, magnetic materials, declination, inclination, intensity, isomagnetic charts.
II. Internal field, secular variation, reversals; External field, magnetosphere morphology. Spherical harmonics, International Geomagnetic Reference Field; Geocentric Axial Dipole, Non-dipole field. Selfreversal versus field reversal. Geomagnetic polarity timescale; reversal statistics; transitions.
III. Palaeomagnetism: Longevity of the geomagnetic field, Polarity reversals, Plate tectonics, Magnetoclimatology.
IV. Current problems: Polarity transitions, excursions, biomagnetism and micromagnetics.

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orogenic processes (GEO9034D)

Lectures (20h):
1 - Introduction / revisions:
a) Wilson cycle concept; Origin and general characteristics of intra-continental rifts and passive continental margins; Oceanic ridges and abyssal plains; Subduction zones, island arcs and active continental margins; Sedimentary basins in compressive regimes; Terranes.
2- General structure of orogenic belts.
3 - Young orogens
3.1 - Convergence Ocean-continent, the example of the Andes
3.2 - continental collision, the example of the Himalayas
3.3 - Arc-continent collision, the example Timor
4 - Precambrian tectonics
4.1 - Archean tectonics
4.2 - Proterozoic tectonics
5 - The Variscan Orogeny based on the Geology of the Iberian Peninsula: Structure and geodynamic evolution of the Iberian Massif.
Practical classes (10h):
Analysis and interpretation of geological maps of the Iberian Massif at various scales.
Field classes (30h):
Geological traverse between Portalegre and Pomarão.

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transpressive schemes; kinematics to dynamics (GEO9035D)

The inevitability of transpression / transtension.
1. Transpressive regimes; genesis, characteristics and variability
3. Numerical modelling; from the boundary conditions to the strain ellipsoids.
3. Folding mechanisms; from the classical models to the interaction of mechanisms.
4. Strain partitioning and decoupling;
4.1 the role of anisotropies
4.2 the diversity of solutions in strain partitioning
4.3 analogical modelling
5. Discussion of classical examples
5.1 Sumatra
5.2 New Zealand
5.3 San Andreas Fault
5.4. the Iberian variscides
6. Interpretation of new situations

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Isotopes Unconventional (GEO9036D)

1. Terrestrial cosmogenic nuclides: 3He, 10Be, 21Ne, 26Al, 36Cl, 53Mn;
1.1. Sources, production rates and scaling and correction factors;
1.2. Application on geological surface processes;
2. Isotopes of transition metals: the case of Fe, Cu, Zn;
2.1. Application on environment and archaeometry;
3. Sampling strategies;
4. Analytical methods of non-conventional isotopes: AMS and MC-ICP-MS;
5. Data interpretation and sources of error.

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Micro-analytical techniques in Earth Sciences (GEO9037D)

A. General: micro-analytical techniques in Earth Sciences and historical background.
B. Interaction between subatomic particles and matter; Earth Sciences applications:
1. Introduction and mechanisms of production and control of electrons and protons
2. Electron Microprobe.
3. Nuclear Microprobe
C. Interaction between electromagnetic radiation and the matter; Earth Sciences applications:
1. Introduction and mechanisms of production and control of x-rays
2. X-ray microprobe
3. Micro-diffraction
4. X-ray Micro-spectroscopies: XANES and EXAFS.
5. Molecular Micro-spectroscopy: Micro-FTIR e Micro-Raman
D. Micro analysis by ablation of micro-volumes; Earth Sciences applications:
1. Ion Microprobe: Principles and matter-ion interaction, instrumentation
2. Laser-Ablation inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry
E. Comparison of methods: Limits of detection, accuracy, spatial resolution and applications

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Seismotectonics (FIS9039D)

What is seismotectonics? Stages of seismotectonic studies; earthquakes and their parameters; Magnitude and seismic moment in earthquakes and their seismotectonic importance; Classification of earthquakes and earthquake sequences; Seismicity parameters and their seismotectonic meanings; Faults and general structure of continental fault zones; Fault activity and slip types; Earthquake focal mechanisms and applications; types of plate boundaries, hot spots, triple junctions, plate kinematics; earthquake hazard and risk, earthquake cycle and occurrence models; Seismotectonics of Portugal and surroundings; understanding of geological criteria used to identify recent tectonic activity; distinction between inactive tectonic structures and potentially active structures; risk analysis based on neotectonic data.

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Geochronology in orogenic processes (GEO9040D)

Zircon characterization and isotopic system U-Th-Pb.
Methodology of sample preparation for the extraction of zircon (sampling, grinding, magnetic separation by density and optical observation). Transmitted light microscopy studies and of cathodoluminescence for morphological characterization of zircon.
Using of SHRIMP (Sensitive High Resolution Ion Micro Probe) and of LA-ICP-MS zircon geochronology for zircon dating; Complementarity with other methods of geochronology of amphibole, garnet and mica.
Data processing and error calculations, Concord diagrams and Tera-Wasserburg.
Practical application examples to the natural interpretation of the temporal evolution of orogenic processes.

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Observacional Astrophysics (FIS9041D)

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