

GEOTECTONICS

Course Name	Course ID	Prerequisite
GEOTECTONICS	ESR 412	ESR 301

Course Description

Theory of continental drift, sea floor spreading paleomagnetism, plate tectonic theory. Orogenic and related processes. Regional depressions.

Course Objectives

- 1. The properties, models of internal structures and composition of the planet Earth.
- 2. The Earth outer skin, the lithosphere and its familiar surface expression (continents and oceans).
- 3. Discussing observations, hypotheses and models concerning the workings of the crust.
- 4. Revolution of Earth sciences using developments of technology.

General References for the Course: (Books/Journals...etc.)

Students in this course can read from:

- 1. Earth, by Press, F., and Siever, R., 1974. Freeman, San Francisco.
- Plate Tectonics بنائية الألواح Hosain/Marzoki (Arabic translation after D.C. Heather) مركز (1989م
 النشر العلمي جامعة الملك عبد العزيز 1989م
- 3. Tectonics, by Moores, E.M., and Twiss, R.J., 1995. W.H. Freeman and Co., New York.
- 4. The Earth الأرض Hammoda / Bahlool & Salim (Arabic translation after Tarbuck & Lutgens) 1989 طرابلس 1989
- 5. *The Earth: An Introduction to Physical Geology*, by Tarbuck, E.J. & Lutgens, F.K., 1984. Colombus OH: Merrill Pub.

6. *The New View of the Earth; Moving Continents and Moving Oceans*, by Uyeda, S., 1978. San Francisco CA: W.H Freeman and Co.

List of URLs for this Course

- http://www.utpb.edu/ceed/GeologicalResources/Cool_Links/Links/plate_tectonics.htm
- http://www.gpc.edu/~pgore/Earth&Space/platetectonics.html

Course Outcome

The student is expected to study the basic concepts of continental drifting and plate tectonic

theories. He also suppose to known the following:

- 1. Student can be able to know the properties, models of internal structures of earth.
- 2. Student can know the continents and oceans.
- 3. Student can discuss hypotheses and models concerning crust.
- 4. Student can manipulate the revolution of earth sciences using development of technology.