



## Discipline Information

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The following dates are in (dd/mm/yyyy) format.

Code: GSA5796 - 5 Type: POS  
Name: Geotectonic Evolution of the South American Continent  
Concentration area: Geotectônica (44141)

Approval dates:

CCP: 20/07/2012 CPG: 20/08/2012 CoPGr:

Activation date: 20/08/2012 Inactivation date:

Workload:

Total: 90 h Theory: 3 h Practice: 3 h Study: 3 h

Credits: 6 Duration: 10 weeks

Professors: 21212 - Umberto Giuseppe Cordani - 20/08/2012 until today

Objectives:

The course aims to furnish fundamental notions on the geological structure and the geotectonic evolution of South America, through the study of its main tectonic units.

Rationale:

To provide pertinent and up-to-date informations to the graduate students interested on the regional tectonic evolution, at the largest scale, of the tectonic units inserted on the South-american continent.

Content:

1) Past and present Earth's tectonic regimes; 2) Present geodynamic pattern of South America; 3) Meso-Cenozoic times: Andean orogenic cycle and tectonic reactivation of the South American Platform; 4) Paleozoic: Andean orogêneses and the great synclises of the South American Platform; 5) Neoproterozoic: Brasiliano-Pan African orogenic cycle; 6) Tectonic evolution of the São Francisco Craton; 7) Tectonic evolution of the Amazonian Craton; 8) Archean tectonics in South America; 9) South America within the Pangea, Gondwana and Rodinia supercontinents; 10) The South American continental crust in geologic time.

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World)

Type of Assessment:

1), Seminar on a specific theme related to the discipline, and 2), Regular attendance and interaction during the

lectures.

Note:

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