

## Vesalius College

### Course description

**Course title:** Physical Geography

**Course code:** ENV101

**Teacher responsible:** Marc Van Molle

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The course offers an introduction to physical geography by dealing with study of the different spheres of the Earth: the atmosphere, the hydrosphere, the biosphere, the lithosphere. The concept of the course is the systems approach.

**Course objectives:**

The student should:

- learn about the functioning of the environmental systems of the Earth.
- learn about the close interactions between the different environmental systems of the Earth
- understand the importance of environmental changes in space and time.

**Grade weighting scheme:**

Final grades are determined, using the following weights:

- Class interaction and class participation: 10 %
- Writing assignment: 20 %
- Mid-term exam: 35 %
- Final exam: 35 %

Exams: Essay questions on selected topics.

Class interaction: based on presence in class and on field trip (reporting)

**Used course material (handbooks, readers, readings, newspapers, magazines) and references:**

Robert W. CHRISTOPHERSON:

GEOSYSTEMS: An introduction to Physical Geography  
(6<sup>th</sup> Edition)