

PHSC – PHYSICAL SCIENCES

PHSC 200

Physical Science Field Skills

3 Credits Total (18-80-0)

This course is an introduction to field work in the areas of physics, chemistry and Earth and planetary science, which together constitute the Physical Sciences. It involves classroom field preparation in Edmonton, work in the field on the Big Island in the Hawaiian Island chain, and sample analysis and working up the data back in Edmonton. The course concludes with the submission of a final written report. The skills that the participants acquire in this course include mapping of geological features, reproducible sampling procedures, field note taking, strike and dip measurements, the use of star charts and sextants to locate constellations and stars, measurements and observations with a telescope and the analysis of water and air samples.

Prerequisites: Consent of the Department.