Faculty of Engineering

School of Minerals and Energy Resources Engineering

Postgraduate Course Outline

PTRL6021

Reservoir Characterisation

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1. INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURSE

Course Code:	PTRL6021	Term:	T2, 2020	Level:	PG	Units/Credits	6 UOC
Course Name:	**Reservoir Characterisation**						

Course Convenor:	***Prof Christoph Arns***		
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Contact times	**This course will be delivered online in T2.** **Please see moodle for presentation times and requirements.**		

1.1. Course Description

This course will introduce the student to the background knowledge in reservoir characterisation and modelling and guide the student in integrating extra-ordinarily sparse data spatially, across properties, and scales by application of geostatistical techniques.

1.2. Course Completion

Course completion requires submission of all assessment items. Failure to submit all assessment items can result in the award of an Unsatisfactory Failure (UF) grade for the Course unless special consideration has been submitted and approved. Please note, a competency hurdle of 50% is applied to the final assessment.

1.3. Assumed Knowledge

Prerequisite: NA

1.4. Attendance

To pass this course it is expected that you will attend at least 80% of tutorials and lectures. *If your attendance is below 80% you will not be admitted to the final exam.* Attendance will be recorded when applicable. Normally, there is no make-up work for poor attendance. If you have misadventure or ill-health, please contact your course coordinator soon as possible. The attendance requirement is not meant to be punitive. It is included because participation is an important part of achieving the course outcomes.

2. AIMS, LEARNING OUTCOMES AND GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

2.1. Course Aims

This part of the course aims to (1) introduce the student to the background knowledge in reservoir characterisation and modelling and (2) guide the student in integrating extra-ordinarily sparse data spatially, across properties, and scales by application of geostatistical techniques.

2.2. Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and skills needed to cross-correlate petrophysical properties.
2. Design and populate continuum 3D grids for the purpose of reservoir simulation using geostatistical interpolation techniques (Kriging) and stochastic simulation.
3. Upscale simulation grids for real and categorical variables.

3. REFERENCE RESOURCES

3.1. Reference Materials

Support material for this course including, whenever available, copies of lecture notes, recommended readings, etc. can be found on Moodle.

The lecture note may be viewed and downloaded from the UNSW-Moodle http://moodle.telt.unsw.edu.au/.

3.2. Recommended Materials

Followings are the recommended books for this course.

- J.L. Jensen, L.W. Lake, P.W.M. Corbett, D.J. Goggin, *Statistics for Petroleum Engineers and Geoscientists*, 2nd ed., Elsevier 2007.
- Lake, L. W. and Carroll, H. B. *Reservoir Characterization*: Academic Press 1986.
- Jef Caers, *Petroleum Geostatistics*, SPE.
- E.H. Isaaks and R.M. Srivastava, *Applied Geostatistics:* Oxford University Press 1989.

3.3. Other Resources

Links to websites etc.

The University and the Faculty provide a wide range of support services for students, including:

- UNSW Learning Centre (http://www.lc.unsw.edu.au)
- Counselling support - http://www.counselling.unsw.edu.au
- Library training and support services - http://www.library.unsw.edu.au/
- OnePetro – (http://www.onepetro.org)

3.4. Online Resources

There are numerous articles / information sources on reservoir engineering on the web. Many of them are sound, but many are either very lightweight or contain errors. Be very careful in your choice of web sources. Remember, UNSW librarians are usually happy to help you locate articles or make suggestions regarding possible material to help you in your academic work. You can also access basic online help at http://www.library.unsw.edu.au/

3.5. Report Writing Guide

The School has a Report Writing Guide (RWG). A copy of this is available on the course Moodle site.

4. COURSE CONTENT AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES

4.1. Course content

1. Introduction to Reservoir Characterisation
2. Grids and property modelling
3. Basic statistics and data quality control
4. Petrophysical cross-correlations
5. Mapping & contouring / spatial interpolation
6. Geostatistical estimation (Kriging)
7. Stochastic simulation
8. Upscaling

4.2. Learning Activities Summary

UNSW Wk	Activity	Content	Presenter
1	Lecture + In class activity	Input data/grids/properties	Christoph Arns
2	Lecture + In class activity	Data quality control	Christoph Arns
3	Lecture + In class activity	Petrophysical cross-correlations	Christoph Arns
4	Lecture + In class activity	Spatial modelling I	Christoph Arns
5	Lecture + In class activity	Spatial modelling II	Christoph Arns
6	Flexibility week		N/A
7	Lecture + In class activity	Stochastic simulation I	Christoph Arns
8	Lecture + In class activity	Stochastic simulation II	Christoph Arns
9	Lecture + In class activity	Upscaling	Christoph Arns
10	In class activity	Group presentations	Christoph Arns

Study Period 11 – 13 August 2020
Exam Period 14 – 27 August 2020

Other UNSW Key dates: https://student.unsw.edu.au/new-calendar-dates

5. COURSE ASSESSMENT

5.1. Assessment Summary

Assessment task	Due date / week	Weight	Assessment	Learning outcomes assessed
1	05 June 12 June 19 June 26 June 03 July 10 July 17 July	10%	**Quiz 1 – 7** Individual online quizzes to reflect on lecture material - infinite repetition allowed minimum pass mark 75	1, 2, 3
2	03 July	10%	**Individual assignment** Application of basic techniques	1, 2, 3
3	04 August 9:00 am	25%	**Major Group Assignment:** **Final Report** (max 6000 words)	1, 2, 3
	06 August	15%	**Major Group Assignment:** **Technical presentations** Group presentations of selected major assignment topic (about 30min/group)	1, 2, 3
4	Exam period	40%	**Final Exam**	1, 2, 3

Assignments related details/submission-box will be available online through Moodle. Access to the Moodle site is via the Moodle icon on the MyUNSW homepage.

6. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The assessment criteria provides a framework for you to assess your own work before formally submitting major assignments to your course convenor. Your course convenor will be using this framework to assess your work and as a way to assess whether you have met the listed learning outcomes and the graduate attributes for your program. We ask that you don't use the assessment criteria guidelines as a checklist, but as a tool to assess the quality of your work. Your course convenor will also be looking at the quality, creativity and the presentation of your written assignment as they review the framework. Rubrics, wherever applicable, will be provided at the time of the assignment release.

7. STUDYING A PG COURSE IN UNSW MINERALS AND ENERGY RESOURCES ENGINEERING

7.1. How We Contact You

At times, the School or your course convenors may need to contact you about your course or your enrolment. Your course convenors will use the email function within Moodle or we will contact you on your @student.unsw.edu.au email address.

We understand that you may have an existing email account and would prefer for your UNSW emails to be redirected to your preferred account. Please see these instructions on how to redirect your UNSW emails: https://www.it.unsw.edu.au/students/email/index.html

7.2. How You Can Contact Us

We are always ready to assist you with your inquiries. To ensure your question is directed to the correct person, please use the email address below for:

Enrolment or other admin questions regarding your program: https://unswinsight.microsoftcrmportals.com/web-forms/

Course inquiries should be directed to the Course Convenor.

7.3. Computing Resources and Internet Access Requirements

UNSW Minerals and Energy Resources Engineering provides blended learning using the on-line Moodle LMS (Learning Management System).

It is essential that you have access to a PC or notebook computer. Mobile devices such as smart phones and tablets may compliment learning, but access to a PC or notebook computer is also required. Note that some specialist engineering software is not available for Mac computers.

Mining Engineering Students: OMB G48
Petroleum Engineering Students: TETB LG34 & LG 35

It is recommended that you have regular internet access to participate in forum discussion and group work. To run Moodle most effectively, you should have:

- broadband connection (256 kbit/sec or faster)
- ability to view streaming video (high or low definition UNSW TV options)

More information about system requirements is available at www.student.unsw.edu.au/moodle-system-requirements

7.4. Accessing Course Materials Through Moodle

Course outlines, support materials are uploaded to Moodle, the university standard Learning Management System (**LMS**). In addition, on-line assignment submissions are made using the assignment dropbox facility provided in Moodle. All enrolled students are automatically included in Moodle for each course. To access these documents and other course resources, please visit: www.moodle.telt.unsw.edu.au

7.5. Assignment Submissions

The School has developed a guideline to help you when submitting a course assignment.

We encourage you to retain a copy of every assignment submitted for assessment for your own record either in hardcopy or electronic form.

All assessments must have an assessment cover sheet attached.

7.6. Late Submission of an Assignment

Full marks for an assignment are only possible when an assignment is received by the due date.

We understand that at times you may not be able to submit an assignment on time, and the School will accommodate any fair and reasonable extension. We would recommend you review the UNSW Special Consideration guidelines – see following section.

Late submission will not be accepted and will be considered as no submission.

7.7. Special Consideration

You can apply for special consideration through The Nucleus Student Hub when illness or other circumstances interfere with your assessment performance. Sickness, misadventure or other circumstances beyond your control may:

- Prevent you from completing a course requirement,
- Keep you from attending an assessable activity,
- Stop you submitting assessable work for a course,
- Significantly affect your performance in assessable work, be it a formal end-of-semester examination, a class test, a laboratory test, a seminar presentation or any other form of assessment.

We ask that you please contact the Course Convenor immediately once you have completed the special consideration application, no later than one week from submission.

More details on special consideration can be found at:
www.student.unsw.edu.au/special-consideration

7.8. Course Results

For details on UNSW assessment policy, please visit: www.student.unsw.edu.au/assessment

In some instances your final course result may be withheld and not released on the UNSW planned date. This is indicated by a course grade result of either:

- WD – which usually indicates you have not completed one or more items of assessment or there is an issue with one or more assignment; or
- WC – which indicates you have applied for Special Consideration due to illness or misadventure and the course results have not been finalised.

In either event it would be your responsibility to contact the Course Convener as soon as practicable but no later than five (5) days after release of the course result. If you don't contact the convener on time, you may be required to re-submit an assignment or re-sit the final exam and may result in you failing the course. You would also have a NC (course not completed) mark on your transcript and would need to re-enroll in the course.

7.9. Students Needing Additional Support

Equitable Learning Services aims to provide all students with a free and confidential service that provides practical support to ensure that your health condition doesn't adversely affect your studies. https://student.unsw.edu.au/els

7.10. Academic Honesty and Plagiarism

Your lecturer and the University will expect your submitted assignments are truly your own work. UNSW has very clear guidelines on what plagiarism is and how to avoid it. Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of others and presenting them as your own. Plagiarism is a type of intellectual theft. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement. The University has adopted an educative approach to plagiarism and has developed a range of resources to support students. All the details on plagiarism, including some useful resources, can be found at www.student.unsw.edu.au/plagiarism.

All Mining Engineering students are required to complete a student declaration for academic integrity which is outlined in the assignment cover sheets. By signing this declaration, you agree that your work is your own original work.

If you need some additional support with your writing skills, please contact the Learning Centre or view some of the resources on their website: www.lc.unsw.edu.au/. The Learning Centre is designed to help you improve your academic writing and communication skills. Some students use the Centre services because they are finding their assignments a challenge, others because they want to improve an already successful academic performance.

7.11. Continual Course Improvement

At the end of each course, all students will have the opportunity to complete a course evaluation form. These anonymous surveys help us understand your views of the course, your lecturers and the course materials. We are continuously improving our courses based on student feedback, and your perspective is valuable.

Feedback is given via https://student.unsw.edu.au/myexperience and you will be notified when this is

available for you to complete.

We also encourage all students to share any feedback they have any time during the course – if you have a concern, please contact us immediately.

8. SCHOOL ASSESSMENT COVER SHEET

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Assessment Cover Sheet

Course Convenor: _____

Course Code: _____ Course Title: _____

Assignment: _____

Due Date: _____

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Before submitting this assignment, the student is advised to review:

- the assessment requirements contained in the briefing document for the assignment;
- the various matters related to assessment in the relevant Course Outline; and
- the *Plagiarism and Academic Integrity* website at < http:/www.lc.unsw.edu.au/plagiarism/pintro.html > to ensure they are familiar with the requirements to provide appropriate acknowledgement of source materials.

If after reviewing this material there is any doubt about assessment requirements, then in the first instance the student should consult with the Course Convenor and then if necessary with the Director – Undergraduate Studies.

While students are generally encouraged to work with other students to enhance learning, all assignments submitted for assessment must be their entire own work and duly acknowledge the use of other person's work or material. The student may be required to explain any or all parts of the assignment to the Course Convenor or other authorised persons. *Plagiarism* is using the work of others in whole or part without appropriate acknowledgement within the assignment in the required form. *Collusion* is where another person(s) assists in the preparation of a student's assignment without the consent or knowledge of the Course Convenor.

Plagiarism and *Collusion* are considered as Academic Misconduct and will be dealt with according to University Policy.

STUDENT DECLARATION OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

I declare that:

- This assessment item is entirely my own original work, except where I have acknowledged use of source material [such as books, journal articles, other published material, the Internet, and the work of other student/s or any other person/s].
- This assessment item has not been submitted for assessment for academic credit in this, or any other course, at UNSW or elsewhere.

I understand that:

- The assessor of this assessment item may, for the purpose of assessing this item, reproduce this assessment item and provide a copy to another member of the University.
- The assessor may communicate a copy of this assessment item to a plagiarism checking service (which may then retain a copy of the assessment item on its database for the purpose of future plagiarism checking).

Student Signature: Date:

Students are advised to retain a copy of this assessment for their records and submission should be made in accordance to the assessment details available on the course Moodle site.