

Independent Courses, Department of Earth Sciences, Campus Gotland – Executive Summary

The independent courses offered by the Department of Earth Sciences, Campus Gotland, are offered and usually studied separately. One of the greatest challenges is the issue of how to develop the competence of the highly dedicated teaching staff to improve the conditions for the teachers, and consequently their performance. Routines for quality development could include retreats for staff and course development, as well as pedagogical training for its teaching staff on-site.

The assessment panel specifically wants to stress the following recommendations:

- Consider reintroducing courses in Swedish to boost the number of students and perhaps to improve throughput.
- Market the courses more intently towards female students.
- Strengthen cross-cultural communication skills among teachers and students.
- Improved routines for quality development could include retreats for staff and course development.
- Pedagogical training for the teaching staff on-site, and consider non-standard measures and tailor-made solutions.
- Make certain that the teaching staff have the resources and support needed for them to maintain and develop what is already outstanding work.
- Maintain the commitment to the subject, in light of the need for renewable power production, by supporting the staff who teach these courses.