



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Geo-hydrological Risk

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#### Aims

Understanding hydrogeological risks through a general presentation, case study analysis, and physical-mathematical modeling

#### Contents

##### Detailed program

##### 1) INTRODUCTION

Types of hydrogeological risks; landslides, debris flows, floods; geological materials from which hydrogeological instabilities develop

##### 2) DEBRIS FLOWS

Brief introduction to fluid dynamics and rheology; Newtonian and non-Newtonian fluids;

Debris flows: examples and case studies in moraines, volcanic, alluvial materials; GLOF

Relationship with hydrogeology, rainfall, and climate

Dynamics of debris flows

Risk mitigation from debris flows

Superficial instability

### 3) ROCK AVALANCHES

Introduction to the physics of friction

Rock avalanches: examples and case studies

Dynamics of rock avalanches

Rockfalls

### 4) OTHER TYPES OF HYDROGEOLOGICAL RISK

Snow avalanches

Brief introduction to geomorphology and river hydraulics

Floods

Breaking of large dams

Catastrophic emptying of glacial lakes and extraterrestrial analogues

Submarine landslides and tsunamis

The hydrogeological risk in the history of mankind

Epilogue

## **Prerequisites**

## **Teaching form**

Frontal or remote lessons

## **Textbook and teaching resource**

Provided by the teacher; in part, use of books and articles

## **Semester**

Second

**Assessment method**

Written or remote oral exam

**Office hours**

To be defined

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