Basalt

Black in appearance. Mafic finegrained rock composed of mainly plagioclase and pyroxene. Volcanic/hypabyssal when found as intrusive dikes and sills.



A glassy igneous rock low in silica.

Black with a high resinous lustre.

Formed either as hypabyssal or

Tachylite

Dolerite A medium grained equivalent of basalt. Found as intrusive dikes. Black in appearance.





Peridotite

Coarse grained plutonic ultramafic rock with olivine phenocrysts that give it a green appearance. Augite produces black specks.



Obsidian Dark, hard glassy volcanic rock. Thin sections are clear but looks opaque. Intermediate and acidic rock. Cooled very quickly.



Andesite Fine grained intermediate rock. Found as hypabyssal intrusion. Contains phenocrysts of 75% calcium/ 25% sodium plagioclase. Lighter in colour



Trachyte Fine grained light white coloured hypabyssal or extrusive rock. Has an aphanitic and porphyritic texture. Phenocrysts of orthoclase. Grey with white crystals



Microdiorite Medium grained intrusive rock dominated by plagioclase. Dark grey/greenish colour.



Microsyenite Medium grained intrusive rock consisting of orthoclase and plagioclase minerals.



Gabbro

A mafic rock with dark grey appearance. Coarse crystals of calcium Plagioclase gives it a grey speckled appearance.



Diorite

Coarse grained intrusive rock dominated by plagioclase and biotite. White/grey with black mafic crvstals.



Syenite

Coarse grained plutonic rock composed mainly of feldspar and ferromagnesian crystals like hornblende. Low in quartz. Varies typically light colour with black crystals.



Dacite

A light coloured fine grained extrusive or hypabyssal rock. Dominated by phenocrysts or orthoclase and plagioclase.



Microgranodiorite Medium grained intermediate rock with increasing quartz. Formed of mainly plagioclase than orthoclase. Light appearance.



Granodiorite

Coarse grained intermediate rock with increasing quartz. Formed of mainly plagioclase than orthoclase. Light appearance with black specs of ferromagnesian (biotite).



Rhyolite

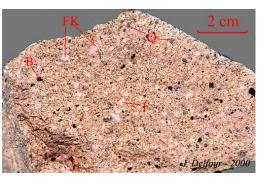
Fine grained texture (glassy to aphanitic to porphyritic) pink or white in colour. High amounts of orthoclase and plagioclase feldspar and 30% quartz.





Microgranite

Granite recognizable as crystalline under microscope. Medium grained. Orthoclase can give pink appearance. Mica specs of black. Contains granular quartz poorly developed.



Granite

Coarse grained crystalline acidic rock. Dominated by orthoclase and plagioclase with quartz crystals and specs of black mica. A plutonic rock.

