

Geology 102L Hybrid - Geology of Planet Earth Lab

Syllabus – Fall 2012

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Course Information

Location: EH 2028

Class Day/Time: Tuesday, 5:00 – 7:45pm; Class No. 15952

Required Lab Manual: *Laboratory Manual for Introductory Geology*, 2th edition, by Allan Ludman and Stephen Marshak

Last day to drop class through SOLAR: September 14. Last day to drop with hardcopy form and permission of instructor and department chair: September 21, 4 pm. NO DROPS ARE PERMITTED AFTER THIS DATE.

Course Objective

This course compliments the Geology 101 lecture course; you should be able to apply the concepts learned in the lecture class to the lab exercises. Topics covered within this lab will include: the geologic timescale, rock and mineral identification, plate tectonics, topographic maps, natural resources, and natural hazards.

Course Requirements

This is a hybrid lab class; this means that some labs, as well as supplemental information for the class will be online (Moodle). You must have access to a computer and the internet, and you must check Moodle and your email regularly for updates and communications regarding this class. **Attendance is mandatory for the in class labs; you will not be able to make up a lab, no exceptions.**

Grading

Your grade in this class will be based off of the quality of your completed lab assignments (65%), quizzes (17.5%), final exam (17.5%), attendance, and participation. See grading scale below.

Labs (25 points each - total of 275 points): You are responsible for reading through each lab prior to class. There will be one or two labs per class (see lab schedule below). If two lab activities are assigned on one day, they will be graded as one. In-class labs will be due at the end of each class. If you miss labs you are likely to fail this course. All labs will be completed in groups of 4 to 6 students. One lab will be turned in for each group. If you disagree with any answer(s) the group wishes to submit, you may include your own answer(s) on the lab and will be graded on it separately from your group. A few of the labs are on Moodle; these labs will be due by 11:55pm the day they are scheduled. You may work with your lab partners on Moodle labs; however, each person must submit their own lab on Moodle. Moodle labs will be available beginning no later than 3 days before the class it is due. **There are no make-ups for missed labs** (in class or on Moodle). However, your lowest lab will be dropped.

Quizzes (25 points each - total of 75 points): All quizzes will be on Moodle, they will be available the morning they are scheduled (see Lab Schedule below), and will close at 11:55pm the following day. The quizzes will be cumulative (as indicated on the lab schedule below) and will consist of 10 to 20 questions. You will be allotted 30-45 minutes for each quiz, and you will have 2 attempts. These are open book/note quizzes. **There are no make-ups on quizzes.**

Final Exam (75 points): The final will be a cumulative test on topics covered in this lab and will be on the last day of class.

Grading Scale

A (>92%)	B+ (88-89.9%)	C+ (78-79.9%)	D+ (68-69.9%)	F (<59%)
A- (90-91.9%)	B (82-87.9%)	C (72-77.9%)	D (62-67.9%)	
	B- (80-81.9%)	C- (70-71.9%)	D- (60-61.9%)	

Incompletes "I" will not be given in this class.

Lab Schedule

Date	Lab #	Topic	
Aug 28		Syllabus Review and Class Intro	
Sept 4		NO CLASS – LABOR DAY HOLIDAY WEEK	
Sept 11	1	Lab 1 - Observing & Measuring Earth Materials & Processes	In class
Sept 18	2	Lab 2 – Plate Tectonics and the Origin of Magma	In class
Sept 25	3	Lab 3 - Mineral Properties, Uses, and ID	In class
Oct 2	4 & 6	Lab 4 - Rock-Forming Processes & the Rock Cycle Lab 6 - Sedimentary Rocks, Processes, & Environments (Rock ID) Quiz 1 - Labs 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6 (on Moodle, Due Sept 27)	In class
Oct 9	5 & 7	Lab 5 - Igneous Rocks & Volcanic Hazards (Rock ID) Lab 7 - Metamorphic Rocks, Processes and Resources (Rock ID)	In class
Oct 16	8	Lab 8 - Dating of Rocks, Fossils, & Geologic Events	In class
Oct 23	9&10	Lab 9 - Topographic Maps, Aerial Photographs, & Satellite Images Lab 10 – Geologic Structures, Maps & Block Diagrams	In class
Oct 30	11 & 12	Lab 11 - Stream Processes Lab 12 - Groundwater Quiz 2 - Labs 5, 7, 8, 9, 11 (on Moodle, Due Oct 25)	Moodle

Nov 6	14 & 15	Lab 14 – Dryland Landforms – Death Valley Lab Lab 15 – Coastal Processes, Landforms, Hazards, & Risks Quiz 3 - Labs 9, 10, 14, & 15 (on Moodle, Due Nov 15)	Moodle
Nov 13		NO CLASS – VETERANS HOLIDAY WEEK	
Nov 20	15	NO CLASS – THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY WEEK	
Nov 27	16	Lab 16 – Earthquakes/seismology Review for Final Exam	In class
Dec 4		FINAL EXAM – Lab final is the week prior to University finals	In class

Additional Course Information

Academic Dishonesty: Cheating will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, plagiarism, and altering your answers after I have graded your work (Please refer to Appendix E of the University Catalog). **If I find any evidence of academic dishonesty, it will result in a failing grade for the class and notification to the Dean of Students, which may result in disciplinary action.**

Attendance and Participation: It is essential that you attend all labs and that you arrive on time. **Lab and quiz make-ups are not allowed.** At the end of the semester, if you fall between grades, I will take your attendance and participation into account.

Class Conduct: The use of cell phones and other electronic devices (iPods, MP3 players, etc...) are not permitted in class. Please do not bring food into the class, you may bring drinks into class, but please be careful. Be respectful of your classmates; refrain from talking while I am addressing the class. If you are disruptive during class, I will ask you to leave, at which point you will turn in what you have completed of your lab whether you are finished or not. This lab will be graded as is and docked a full grade.

Note: This syllabus is subject to change