Geology 110 – Section # 18060/18061
Earth and Life Through Time
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Textbook:  Geol 110: Earth and Life Through Time, Course Packet to Accompany Lecture Course by Professor Richard Squires

Office Hours:  Tuesday 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm, Wednesday 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, & by appointment (email me!) in Live Oak 1214

Meeting time:  Tuesday/Thursday 9:30 am – 10:45 am in Live Oak 1205 (Section 18060)
   Tuesday/Thursday 11 am – 12:15 pm in Live Oak 1205 (Section 18061)

Course Description:
This course is the study of Earth’s 4.6-billion-year history, which includes the evolution and timing of physical and biological changes. The objective is to study the history of the earth and its inhabitants throughout time based on scientific observations and theories. This class fulfills 3 units of lower division General Education, Natural Sciences. The level of difficulty of the material presented is appropriate for a college freshman who is not a science major, thus anyone in the course should be able to earn a C or better if willing to put in the necessary study time. Most students find that they earn better grades when they participate in study groups and complete extra credit activities if available.

Grading & Class Procedures:
You are required to read the assigned course sections before the lecture on these sections! To insure you do this I will give quizzes once a week. All exams are required to pass the class and will not be rescheduled without a documentable emergency of the most severe nature. The exams cover material from the lectures and the textbook. You are responsible for material from both sources so do your reading!

Recommended Skills for the class includes:
Basic computer skills (use of word processor, email and file management)
Basic internet skills (use of browser, searches, uploading and downloading files)

Students with disabilities.  All students with disabilities requiring accommodations are responsible for making arrangements in a timely manner through the university’s center of disabilities:  https://www.csun.edu/dres.

Canvas – you will automatically have access to this when you register for the course. You will see our class website available to you after login. There will be assignments given through Canvas, also our class PowerPoints will be posted in the files section of this website. I highly recommend each of you download the Canvas app on your phone or tablet and make sure the alerts for assignments and due dates are turned on.
Homework
Most sections have an associated assignment. Homework will be assigned on CANVAS and discussed in class. So, that means you will need a computer (smartphone, or tablet) and internet access to complete each task. The library has computer access. It is highly encouraged to work together in groups outside of class to complete the homework. No late homework will be accepted.

Class Participation/ Discussions
This portion of your grade will include discussions in Canvas and in class. Each class meeting there will be an attendance sheet passed around to be signed by each student individually, there will be points given for each class meeting you attend.

Quizzes
There will be a quiz every week, the exception being weeks when we have tests. The quizzes will always be given within the first 10 minutes of class, there are no make-up quizzes.

Exams
The four exams will cover only the sections that precede them in the schedule. The final is not cumulative. There are no make-up exams unless there is documentation of an emergency.

Exam schedule and breakdown of semester grade (subject to change):
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Dropping - Read the Schedule of Classes. If you decide that you don’t want to continue with this course, you must drop the class— you will not be automatically dropped if you simply stop doing the work.

Additional Information-
I adhere to CSUN’s policy on academic dishonesty. Cheating and plagiarism will result in the assignment of a zero for the exam and notification to the Office of Vice President of Student Affairs which may result in disciplinary action. Plagiarism is knowingly representing work done by others as one’s own.

Other Key Points–
• It is the responsibility of each student in this course to know and follow all written guidance given by the instructor in this class.
• Notes can be taken on laptops, but if I see that you are using them for anything else in the class that right will be taken away.
• Mobile phones are allowed for classroom activities such as CANVAS. Absolutely no texting, talking, Facebooking, Twittering, Instagramming, or Snapchatting.
• Turn on notifications on CANVAS.
• No makeups for examinations without prior notification and/or documented medical emergencies.
• Classroom activities and quizzes cannot be rescheduled.

**Grades are not negotiable.** Grades are earned by the student per the breakdown above and may be kept up with during the semester. I will be glad to meet with you if you have concerns about your grade during the semester, but by the last couple of weeks it is too late.

These policies and schedules are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances.

**Important Information**
In the event that there is some threat to the school during finals and we cannot take our exam during the scheduled time frame, our final will be cancelled and your final grade in the course will consist of everything, but the final exam. This means that 40% of the class grade will consist of only three tests.