

Environmental Geology Fall 2003

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Geol 100-001

TTH 8-9:15 AM

CH 110

Text (required): *Geology and the Environment* Pipkin and Trent, Third Edition

Course Objectives: The main objective of this course is to give students a broad understanding of the interactions between the planet and its human population. At the end of this course students should: understand plate tectonics and the internal structure of the earth; be able to name the major geologic hazards and explain ways to mitigate their effects; be able to relate natural resources to their geologic environment; and understand the sources of and the means to eliminate pollution.

This is designed for non-science majors and has no prerequisites.

Relationship of the Course to General Education Objectives: This course contributes to both content and skill objectives of the general education program. The most important contribution of the course is to increase awareness of a) the physical world and b) the interdependence between the physical world and humans. The course emphasizes certain contemporary issues (global warming, the energy crisis) with which every broadly educated person should be familiar. The course is also intended to develop critical thinking skills and information skills (the ability to find, examine, and use information).

Access: Any student with a documented disability who would like to request accommodation should contact the University Disability Services Office at 933-0816(V), 933-3334(TTY), Campus Center Room 311, as early in the semester as possible.

Grading: There will be 10 10-point exercises

Exams: 2 exam during class period, 1 final exam

Final grade: Total of Exercises and 3 tests (Total of 400 possible pts) divided by 400

Scale : A 100-90%

B 89-80%

C 79-70%

D 69-60%

F 59% and below

Please Note: I reserve the right to adjust grade boundaries downward I find it appropriate.

Exercises: These are due the next class period after they are handed out (unless it is specified otherwise). Exercises can be turned in for credit only UNTIL the START of the 2nd class period after it was handed out.

Black or traditional blue ink or pencil ONLY! (I will deduct points for other colors!)
Please be neat!

Exams:

1. You will be responsible for material covered in lecture that is NOT in the text.
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2. No hats will be worn during exams!
3. Failure to follow instructions on the exam will result in a loss of points.
4. Make-up exams will be **at the discretion of the instructor** for very limited types of excuses, such as hospitalization, and will require documentation! You have one week after the exam is missed (or you return to class) to schedule a makeup IF you are entitled to one.
5. *Final exam cannot be rescheduled!*

Class Policies

Consistent class attendance is expected. If you are absent from class, you are responsible for obtaining notes and information from other students.

Please do ask the instructor **questions** during class! However, personal conversations are not appropriate for the classroom. I expect students to exhibit appropriate behavior at all times.

All cell phones and beepers must be turned off during class!

No dogs or bicycles in the classroom