GEOLOGY 103 -- PHYSICAL GEOLOGY ONLINE

COURSE OUTLINE AND SYLLABUS

Autumn Term, 2013

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NOTE: Due to recent policy changes at Doane, you MUST submit ALL coursework in online courses via your Doane email account or through Blackboard. Since much of the communication in this class will take place via email, please make sure that your Doane account is activated and functioning before beginning this class.

MEETING TIME: ONLINE CLASS; no regular class meetings.

INITIAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013 from 6:00 to about 9:00 PM. If students and/or the class as a whole desire, we can schedule more “formal” class meetings either on assigned weeknights or Saturday mornings. The Autumn term runs from Aug. 19-Oct. 19, 2013.

“OFFICE”: Of course, I don’t have an assigned office space, but if you need to see me in person, I am normally at Doane-Lincoln on scheduled class evenings (usually Tuesday) by about 4:30 PM in either Room 305 or 303, and I normally have lab or am working on Saturday mornings from 8:30 AM to about noon, again usually in Room 305 or 303. Feel free to stop by and visit me at either of these times, otherwise, specific appointments can be scheduled.

TEXTS:


Additional text (provided): Conservation & Survey Division, UNL-IANR. 1998. The Groundwater Atlas of Nebraska (Resource Atlas #4a). 36 p. (This is referred to as GWAN in your reading assignments; it's provided with your lab map packet which you will pick up at the first class meeting.)

COST to you! You will be given instructions on accessing it on Blackboard at the initial class meeting.

WEBSITES: In addition to the resources listed above, the internet is a nearly endless source of geological information about almost any subject. Simply go to your favorite search engine and type in "geology" or whatever topic you're interested in and you'll come up with dozens of sites to explore. Your assignments will include links to a lot of great websites, but here are some of my favorite general geology sites to get you started:

- Earth Science on the Web: [www.geology.com](http://www.geology.com)
- About Geology: [http://geology.about.com](http://geology.about.com)

CLASS SCHEDULE

As already specified, this is an online class and as such there is no “schedule” per se w/ lectures, class meetings, in-class tests, etc. However, I plan to provide you with assignments on pertinent topics that you can complete on a more-or-less weekly basis throughout the term. An approximate schedule follows—it is provided more as a guide so you can keep up with your text reading and online work than anything else. You can vary your schedule at your own discretion, but just remember that all “weekly” Assignments 1-10 and the short essay exam are due on the specified dates if you wish to have me give you feedback; your remaining work (lab exams, multiple choice exam) is due by the end of the term (i.e. Saturday of Week 9).

REMEMBER: There are FOUR (4) required activities for this class:

1. The ten (10) weekly assignments;
2. The short essay exam;
3. The multiple choice exam; and
4. The four (4) lab exams.

I will provide all assignments and instructions via email within one day of the organizational meeting. The assignments, instructions, and PDFs of the ancillary texts will also be posted on Doane’s Blackboard site; instructions for accessing this material will be provided at the organizational meeting.

You may also do extra credit work as outlined in the course description, which will be provided to you at the organizational meeting. ALL COURSEWORK (the 4 required activities and any extra credit work) is due by the end of the term. IF YOU DO NOT TURN IN ALL REQUIRED WORK BY THE END OF THE TERM, YOU WILL ONLY RECEIVE THE POINTS EARNED ON THOSE ASSIGNMENTS TURNED IN.

SCHEDULE (suggested; you can complete your assignments at your own pace)

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Elements & Minerals

Assignments

Assignment 3
Finish Lab #1—Minerals

Lab Exam 1—Minerals

Week 3 (Sept. 7)

Rocks

Assignment 4
Begin Lab #2—Rocks

Week 4 (Sept. 14)

Plate Tectonics

Assignment 5
Finish Lab #2—Rocks

Lab Exam 2—Rocks

(Note: Lab Exam 2 covers all three rock types, so you should coordinate this lab with your studies in Weeks 3-4.)

ASSIGNMENTS 1-5 DUE FOR COMMENT!

Week 5 (Sept. 21)

Mass Wasting

Water

Assignment 6
Assignment 7

Week 6 (Sept. 28)

Glaciers

Assignment 8
Lab #3—Topographic Maps

Lab Exam 3—Topographic Maps

Week 7 (Oct. 5)

Wind

Assignment 9
Nebraska Geology/Ground Water

Assignment 10
Lab #4—Geologic Maps

Lab Exam 4—Geologic Maps

ASSIGNMENTS 6-10 DUE FOR COMMENT!

SHORT ESSAY EXAM DUE FOR COMMENT!

Week 8-9 (Oct. 12-19)

Revise assignments
Complete lab assignments/exams (if not already done)
Complete multiple choice exam
Course evaluation

LAB EXAMS, MULTIPLE Choice EXAM, AND ALL REMAINING WORK DUE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 19!!!!

*REMEMBER* that you need to turn in all 4 required activities (the 10 weekly assignments, the short essay exam, multiple choice exam, AND the 4 lab exams)!!!