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Course Description
General Geology I is an introductory course in physical geology. Physical Geology investigates the composition and structure of the Earth as well as the dynamic internal and external processes that continuously change the Earth.

General Geology I (1403-IN) combines elements of a distance learning course and a traditional classroom course. The lecture part of the course is an internet course which means that you will be doing quite a bit of independent study. In order to be successful, in the lecture portion of the class students must do the assigned textbook readings and assignments. The lab part of the course is traditional in-class instruction. Lab is mandatory; you must attend on campus. You cannot complete the course without successfully completing the lab work.

Credit: 4 credit hours
Prerequisite: READ 0310

Objectives
- Provide students with a basic understanding of geology and its processes
- Develop an awareness of how geology affects not only individuals, but society in general
- Discuss the economic and environmental aspects of geology

Textbooks

WebCT
WebCT is an internet-based course management system. It will be used to list the coming week’s assignments. It also serves as a repository for practice tests, SIP, study guides, retrieving a test grade, et cetera.

Evaluation
Lecture Tests -There are 4 lecture tests. The lowest grade of the first three tests is automatically dropped, only the top two test scores will count. The final exam is mandatory for everyone. A missed lecture test results in a zero. There are no makeup lecture tests. Lecture tests are not comprehensive.

In general, each lecture test consists of three sections: scantron, short answer questions, and figures. The instructor will distribute a study guide several weeks before each lecture test.

Lecture tests may be taken in two ways. The first option entails taking the test on its scheduled date in class during the second half of the lab period. For the first three tests the second option is to take the test at the Learning Lab on campus. The student will have a week after the test’s scheduled date to take the test. Information concerning the Learning Lab’s hours of operation and testing policy is included with this handout. The final exam is taken on campus during the last scheduled Tuesday class meeting.
Lecture Quizzes - There will be 8 quizzes given on Tuesday nights during lab. Of these 8 quizzes only the highest 6 will count towards your grade; the lowest two quiz scores are automatically dropped. There are no makeups for quizzes. A missed quiz results in a zero. Quizzes will be taken during the class. The questions on the quiz (typically multiple choice) are taken directly from a “practice test” handout that the instructor distributes the week prior to the quiz.

Practical Exams - There are two lab practicals. They are open book. The lab manual and any lab handouts may and should be consulted during the practical. Lab practicals are not comprehensive although some material may be repetitive so it will appear on both practicals. A missed lab practical will result in a zero. Practical exams are taken in class.

Lab Work
Weekly labs are held to prepare the student for the lab practicals; no points are earned on your weekly lab work. Lab points are accrued only via the practical exams. If you should miss a lab exercise, that week’s lab material will be available in the classroom. But, it is incumbent upon the student to contact a fellow student and obtain the background information to complete the lab.

Lab Attendance
Mandatory. This part of the course is not home-based. You are expected to attend lab each Tuesday on campus. Lab runs from 6:00-9:00pm. The instructor is obligated by the college to take attendance. Taking a quiz and leaving class constitutes an absence.

Grading System
Grades for this course are earned on a fixed point system. There is no curve.

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Textbook Website
The publishers of your textbook have a website (www.mhhe.com/plummer11e) which you may want access to assist in subject matter comprehension.

Withdrawal from Class
The withdrawal deadline is April 10. The student is responsible for withdrawing from the class, although the instructor reserves the right to administratively withdraw a student if it is deemed necessary.

Extra Credit
A maximum of 20 extra credit points may be earned. The instructor will announce the nature of these assignments and their due dates in class.

(This college will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the policy of ACC to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals who are students with disabilities. It is the student's responsibility to contact the Counseling Center in a timely manner to arrange for appropriate accommodations.)