Student Information Plan

General Geology II – 1404 - IN
(Historical Geology)

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Course Description: This course presents a survey of the geologic history of the Earth with a focus on the development of North America. (3 lecture hours via internet and 3 laboratory hours on campus per week)

Credit: 4 semester hours
Prerequisite: Gen. Geol. 1403

Student Objectives:

1. become familiar with concepts of time: chronology as well as relative and radiometric dating
2. learn and apply the fundamental principles of geology such as uniformitarianism, superposition, cross-cutting relations, and faunal succession
3. identify fossils, minerals, and rocks and use them to interpret past events
4. learn how to make and interpret geologic maps and cross sections to convey geologic changes in North America.

Textbook: None (internet sites will be used)


Evaluation: Four lecture tests will be given. Of tests 1, 2 and 3 only the top two test scores will count. A missed test results in a zero for that test. Lecture Test 4 (the final exam) is mandatory and will be comprehensive. There will be 8 quizzes given. Of the 8 quizzes only the top five scores will count. No make ups are given for these quizzes. These quizzes will be announced in class and administered in lab. Two lab practicals are scheduled for lab. A missed lab practical results in a zero for that practical.

Please note: no make-ups will be given unless an extraordinary emergency arises in which case the Instructor must be notified.

Rescheduling can be done if necessary, but only if your Instructor is given ample notice to try to accommodate the scheduling change.

Extra Credit: A maximum of twenty points of extra credit may be earned. A combination of activities will be announced in class. All extra credit reports and exercises must be submitted by the last scheduled class day – exam week is too late.

Withdrawal from this class is the student’s responsibility. Last day to withdraw is Tuesday, April 10 – 7:00pm.

Grades for this course are earned on a point system:

Lecture – Two tests (100 pts. each) 200 pts.
Final Exam 200 pts.
Five quizzes (20 pts. each) 100 pts.
Lab Two lab practicals (100 pts. each) 200 pts.
Total 700 pts.

Points earned and corresponding letter grade:
700 – 630 = A; 629 – 560 = B; 559 – 490 = C; 489 – 420 = D; 419 – 0 = F