

Physical Geology

Earth Sciences 101

Section: E100

Term: 2004 Spring

Instructor: G. Williams-Jones

Discussion Topics: General

Geology is the science that studies Earth - how it was formed, how it evolved, how it works, and how we can help to preserve it. EASC 101 is an introductory course to the Earth Sciences that has been designed both as a foundation course for Earth Science majors and as a terminal course for those in other disciplines. Lectures investigate geologic theory, while laboratory classes focus on "hands on" exercises emphasizing rock and mineral identification, Earth structure and processes. Attendance at a one-day field trip late in the semester is required to obtain credit for the course.

PLEASE NOTE: Students with credit for Geog 112 cannot take this course for further credit.

Course Topics

1. Understanding Earth as a System

Minerals: Crystal structure, common rock-forming minerals

Igneous rocks: Magmas and volcanism

Sedimentary rocks: Weathering and erosion, sedimentary environments

Metamorphic rocks: Metamorphic environments

2. Surface Processes

Mass Wasting

Rivers, Oceans, Glaciers, Winds and Deserts

3. Structure of the Earth

Geologic Time and Rock Deformation

Earthquakes and plate tectonics

4. Earth Resources

Groundwater, energy and minerals

Course Organization

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1 two-hour lecture and 1 three-hour laboratory per week.

There will be a compulsory one-day field trip along the Howe Sound-Whistler corridor on a Saturday in mid-March (exact date to be announced in first week of classes).

Grading: (a) Written lab assignments 20%

(b) Lab Quizzes 10%

(c) Mineral and Rock Test 10%

(d) Field trip 5%

(e) Mid-term theory examination 20%

(f) Final Exam 35%

Required Texts: Course Text:

Tarbuck, E.J. & Lutgens, F.K. , 2002. Earth: An Introduction to Physical Geology 7th Edition, Prentice-Hall, New Jersey.

Laboratory Manual:

The EASC 101 laboratory manual is required for the course and can be picked u

Recommended Texts:

Materials/Supplies:

Prerequisite/Corequisite:

Notes: Inquiries:

Further information about this course can be obtained from the instructor, Glyn Williams-Jones, in P9306 (Phone 291-3306 or e-mail glynwj@sfu.ca) or from the Earth Sciences General Office, P 9304 (Phone 291-5387).

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