GEOLOGY 307: OCEANOGRAPHY
Course Syllabus

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Registration
If you have recently registered for this class, or would like to be registered for this class, and have questions or are in need of assistance, please e-mail Distance Education at disted@uoregon.edu.

After you have registered and the term has begun, go to Blackboard to access course information: http://blackboard.uoregon.edu

Introduction
• This course provides an introduction to the physical, chemical and biological processes in the world's oceans, with an emphasis on the history and geology of ocean basins as well as the human impact and exploitation of the resources.

• There are no prerequisites. This offering has been designed for non-science students desiring a one course overview of the ocean sciences.

• There is no comprehensive final exam for this course.

• Access to e-mail is mandatory to correspond with the instructor.

• You are encouraged to communicate with the instructor by email if you have questions or problems with the material or the examinations.

• There are three exams and a final project.

Textbook

Course Structure
1. Intro, History of Oceanography, Origin of Ocean Basins and Sediments (Ch 1-4)
2. Ocean Chemistry, Water and Atmospheric Movement, and Coastal Processes (Ch 5-8 and 11)
3. Marine Biology of the Oceans and Man (Ch 9-10, 12, 14 and 15)
Exams
There are three separate exams, each covering roughly one-third of the text material. The second and third exams are not comprehensive, so each exam is a stand-alone test over the assigned portions of the textbook. Exams are electronic, and will be taken on computer. Exams must be completed in a 2-hour period.

Exams will be taken at a designated proctoring locations and are administered by the Social Science Instructional Laboratory (SSIL). See their website for instructions and to schedule exams, available at: http://distanceeducation.uoregon.edu

Exam Deadline
Each exam must be completed by a certain date. Remote students should take transit time into account and schedule their tests in advance to try to allow their exams to arrive for grading on or before the deadline date. Similarly for the class project, these must be in the instructor's hands when he grades your final exam.

You can find the current term exam schedule and deadlines on the Blackboard course website.

If you have any questions about exam scheduling or proctoring you can contact the Social Science Instructional Laboratory (SSIL) at: http://distanceeducation.uoregon.edu.

Outside Assignment for the Course
• Student will assemble a scrapbook for the course duration. This will consist of articles copied or clipped from printed news media: news magazines, newspapers, Internet, etc. The material for the scrapbook can be any news story that relates to the course topic. There should be a total of at least 10-20 articles. Please refer to the Study Guide for this course for more specific information regarding this project.

• The student will submit the scrapbook along with a 1-2 page written summary of the news stories (i.e., what was the major news that made the media). This project is due by the last day of the term/classes.

• The purpose of the exercise is to illustrate to the student the frequency and range of news on the oceans that we receive daily. Toward the end of the course, students should begin to develop their own perspective on the news stories as most or all of the subjects will have been covered in the course.
Students can mail the assignment to:
Distance Education Program
Attn: William Orr
1277 University of Oregon
Eugene, OR 97403-1277

Or drop off the assignment in-person at one of these locations:
1. Distance Education Office, Suite 110, Baker Downtown Center, 975 High Street, Eugene, OR. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
2. At their final exam in Portland or Beaverton

**Grades**

**Course Grades:**
The University of Oregon no longer mails individual grade reports. Instead, grades will be available on Duck Web approximately one week after the end of the term. Once grades become available, students needing transcripts with current term grades may place an order with the Registrar in advance for mailing. Please refer to the "Grades and Transcripts” section in Duck Web for more information.

**Exam Grades**
Grades for each exam will be given through the e-mail broadcasts. The instructor will use the last 4 digits of the students' ID# to maintain confidentiality. Exams are not returned. Comments are sent via US Postal Service.
Breakdown of Final Grade:
25%—1st exam
25%—2nd exam
25%—3rd Exam
25%—Outside Assignment (scrapbook and written summary)

**Study Guides**
There is an available Geology Short Course that has been prepared by Dr. Greg Miles. It provides general background information about the geologic sciences. Students who have not previously taken geology courses, or students who would like a review of general materials, would benefit from this summary. More information and study guide material can be found on the Blackboard course site.

**Disability Services**
If you have a documented disability and anticipate needing accommodations in this course, please contact a counselor in Disability Services. They are located in the Office of Academic Advising and Student Services, at 164 Oregon Hall, Eugene, Oregon. Phone (541) 346-1155. Fax (541) 346-1083. E-mail disabsrv@uoregon.edu