COMMUNICATION
We will use the email in the university directory (likely your ‘utep’ email address) for communication. Make sure you are checking it!

COURSE GOALS & OBJECTIVES
The main goals of this graduate seminar are to 1) expose students to the wide breadth of research in the geosciences through presentations from a variety of experts, 2) practice professional conduct.

COURSE OBLIGATIONS
- Show up on time – this means, arrive at a time such that you are seated and ready for seminar to begin at 3:30 pm. Seminar usually begins with general announcements and news. You are expected to be there for everything.
- Cell phones – turn them off and put them away. If I see you using your cell phone during seminar this will affect your grade.
- Participate – every seminar will end with a question and answer session – Ask a question.
- Stay – do not leave until the end of the question and answer session
- Attend every seminar – there is no allowance for absence. If you have a conflict, this must be communicated in advance to both Dr. Goodell and Dr. Arnold and will be judged on a case-by-case basis.

ASSIGNMENTS – options; 2 summaries & 1 question OR 1 summary and 2 questions
WRITTEN SEMINAR SUMMARY – due by Thursday, 5 pm to Dr. Arnold’s email (glarnold@utep.edu). No more than one page, Times New Roman font, 12pt.
FILENAME = LASTNAME_INITIAL_Summary_Speakerlastname
Summarize the talk
- State the topic – include title, speaker, speaker affiliation
- Describe the talk – is the speaker presenting research that tests a certain hypothesis? Is the talk a data report? A field guide/trip report? Tell me what you think.
- Assess the presentation – good and bad, at least 2 points from each. Was the talk presented in a logical order? Too short or too long? Did you understand the story/results?

AND

STAND & ASK A QUESTION
- Stand up and ask a (thoughtful) question.
- Stand, state your name and advisor and ask a question – it’s that easy.

AND

INTERACT WITH THE SPEAKERS – 2 meetings
Meet with the speaker in groups of 3 to 5 and discuss your research, the speakers research, the state of research in geological sciences, etc. Your TA will set the schedules in advance of the speaker’s arrival.
GRADUATE SEMINAR
GEOL 5101 – GEOL 6115
Monday 3:30 – 5:20 pm, Rm 123

GRADING
MEETING COURSE OBLIGATIONS = 60%
SUMMARY / STAND AND ASK = 20%
INTERACT WITH SPEAKERS = 20%

PLAGIARISM/ACADEMIC DISHONESTY STATEMENT
Cheating/Plagiarism: Cheating is unethical and not acceptable. Plagiarism is using information or original wording in a paper without giving credit to the source of that information or wording: it is also not acceptable. Do not submit work under your name that you did not do yourself. You may not submit work for this class that you did for another class. If you are found to be cheating or plagiarizing, you will be subject to disciplinary action, per UTEP catalog policy. Refer to http://www.utep.edu/dos/acadintg.htm for further information.

DISABILITIES STATEMENT
We will make any reasonable accommodations for students with limitations due to disabilities, including learning disabilities. Please see me personally before or after class in the first two weeks or make an appointment, to discuss any special needs you might have. If you have a documented disability and require specific accommodations, you will need to contact the Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) in the East Union Bldg., Room 106 within the first two weeks of classes. CASS can also be reached in the following ways: Web: sa.utep.edu/cass; Phone: (915) 747-5148 voice or TTY; Fax: (915) 747-8712; email: cass@utep.edu

DROP DEADLINE
The Department of Geological Sciences and the College of Science aligns with UTEP with respect to the October 28th drop deadline. No drops will be approved after that date unless the student withdraws completely from UTEP.