

# Geology 1212 - Principles of Earth Science (2 credits) – CRN 27322

Spring 2015

M 4:30-6:20 Geology 123

Laboratory - M 2:30-4:20 or 6:30–8:20

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M 11:00-11:50; 3:20-4:10  
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or, call or e-mail about the problem

## Text:

*Earth Science and the Environment*, Thompson and Turk, Third or Fourth Edition  
*Geology 1312 Laboratory Manual - Earth Science 2* (Posted on Internet)  
<http://www.geo.utep.edu/pub/avila/web/1312%20manuall.pdf>

## Course Synopsis:

Study of the earth as a planet. Includes an introduction to historical geology, astronomy, physiography, and oceanography.

## Laboratories:

You **MUST, MUST, MUST** be enrolled in a laboratory!  
Make sure it is a Geology 1112 laboratory!  
Labs begin this week, Room 216, this building.

## Grades:

Lecture examinations account for course grade. Typically 2/3 lecture, 1/3 textbook. Extra credit assignments will be added to the overall course average.  
Laboratory is a separate grade on your transcript.

## Other:

There will be several voluntary assignments for extra credit, such as a field trip to a location of interest or a library project. Each will be worth up to 2 1/2 points on your final course average.

## The fine print:

Please inform me as soon as possible about any classes which you anticipate you will be unable to attend.

If you have a disability and need classroom accommodations, please contact The Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148, or by email to [cass@utep.edu](mailto:cass@utep.edu), or visit their office located in UTEP Union East, Room 106. For additional information, please visit the CASS website at [www.sa.utep.edu/cass](http://www.sa.utep.edu/cass).

The use of any electronic or other recording device in class is not allowed without the written permission of the instructor. Student ethical and overall behavior during this course is expected to conform to current standards for students at UTEP, as outlined in the Undergraduate Catalog. Full details are found in the *Handbook of Operating Principles*, available in the Office of the Dean of Students and on the Dean's homepage.

All grades of Incomplete must be accompanied by an Incomplete Contract that has been signed by the instructor of record, student, departmental chair, and the dean. Although UTEP will allow a maximum of one year to complete this contract, the College of Science requests it be limited to one month based upon completion data. A grade of Incomplete is only used in extraordinary circumstances confined to a limited event such as a missed exam, project, or lab. If the student has missed a significant amount of work (e.g. multiple assignments or tasks), a grade of Incomplete is not appropriate or warranted.

**TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE**  
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<b>WEEK</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>TEXT CHAPTER</b>
<b><u>January</u></b>		
1 M 1-19	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday - No Class	
2 M 1-26	Course organization Review basic science & geology	Ch. 7 mostly skim figures; 7.6
<b><u>February</u></b>		
3 M 2-2	Elements, minerals, and rocks	Ch. 2 & 3; skip 3.3 for now
4 M 2-9	Weathering and erosion	Ch.10; Chap 11.2,3,4; 13.1,2;3; 14.4 11.5 (4th Ed. only)
5 M 2-16	Weathering and erosion (continued) Review session for exam	continue above
<b>6 M 2-23</b>	<b>EXAM # 1</b>	
<b><u>March</u></b>		
7 M 3-2	Sedimentary rocks	Ch. 3.3
8 M 3-9	<b>Spring Break – No Class</b>	
9 M 3-16	Surface water	Ch. 11; skip 11.6 &11.7 for now
10 M 3-23	Ground water	Ch. 11.6; 11.7; 12
11 M 3-30	Fossils Review session for exam	Ch. 4
<b><u>April</u></b>		
<b>12 M 4-6</b>	<b>EXAM # 2</b>	<b>Monday April 6: Drop Deadline!</b>
13 M 4-13	Oceanography, currents, and waves	Ch. 15, 16
14 M 4-20	Beaches and tides	Ch. 16
15 M 4-27	History of astronomy; solar system Review session for exam	Ch. 22
<b><u>May</u></b>		
<b>16 M 5-4</b>	<b>EXAM # 3</b> <b>Extra-credit assignments due</b>	

## **COURSE SUGGESTIONS**

Attend class!

Read your textbook. Read in small doses - don't plan one massive reading session the night before the exam.

At least look at the pictures and diagrams.

Review your notes weekly. That makes studying for the exams a lot easier.

Get to know your classmates. It is easy to meet people in during class break or in your lab. They can help if you must miss a class.

Form a study group if that helps you.

Ask me and the lab instructor questions. There is no such thing as a stupid question.

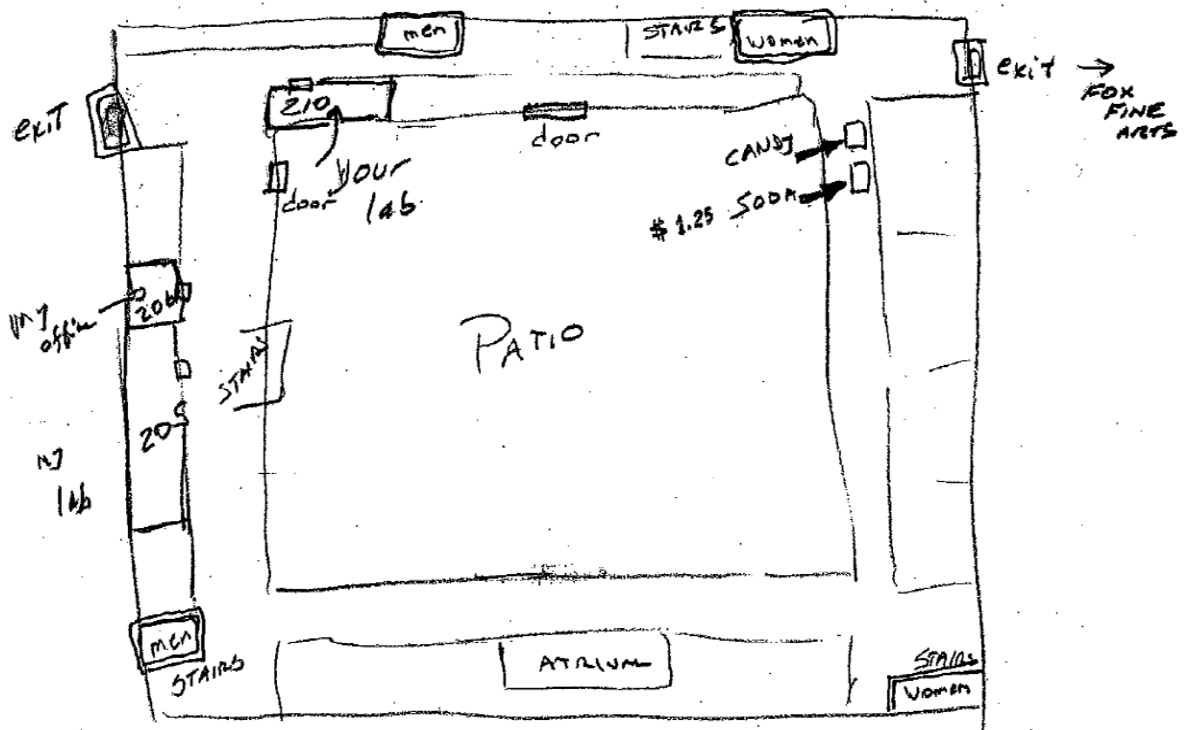
Never give up on the course. If you fall behind, there usually is a way to get back. See me.

Bring earth science into your day-to-day life. Be aware of geology in the news and in the world around you.

Enjoy the course.

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