**GLY 200 PHYSICAL GEOLOGY F-16**

**Class Time/Location:** MWF:9-9:50, S276

**Text**: Physical Geology 14th or 15th ed., by Plummer, Carlson, and Hammersley

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**Course Description**: Physical Geology, 3 credit hours,

3 lectures totaling 150 minutes/week

An elementary but comprehensive physical geology course that deals with the earth’s

origin, composition, tectonics and processes. Intended primarily for, but not limited

to, the science major.

Co-requisite\*: GLY 210L Earth Materials Lab (\*depending on major)

# Course Objectives/Methods of Assessment

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| **Course Objective** | **Student Activity** | **Assessment Tool** |
| Develop a basic understanding of how the earth works | Reading, homework, lectures,  class discussion; hands-on lab experience (optional) | Exams, Class Participation, Homework |
| Become familiar with the various types of internal and external geologic processes as  well as the earth materials that they create and modify through time; | Reading, homework, lectures,  class discussion | Exams,  Class Participation, Homework |
| Develop an awareness of the impact of man's activities on certain geologic processes and the importance of understanding these interactions to our own wellbeing; this should enable students to make better informed decisions regarding a number of scientific, technological, societal, and individual issues; | Lectures,  class discussion,  field trips | Exams,  Class Participation, Homework |
| Acquire an appreciation for the dual role of geologists in our society; this involves the maintenance of the resource base on which society depends, and the monitoring and limitation of the impact of resource extraction and consumption on the environment. | Class interaction, readings,  field trips | Class Participation, Exams,  Homework |
| Acquire an understanding of the interconnectedness of all sciences. | Class interaction, readings,  field trips | Class Participation, Exams,  Homework |

# Grading

The final average will be calculated as follows:

Hour exams 1,2,3,4 = 20 % each (lowest one dropped)

Final Exam = 25 %

Attend/participation = 15 %

Final letter grades will be assigned on the basis of your final average as follows:

A (90-100), B (80-89), C (70-79), D (60-69), F (<60)

An entrance assessment exam will be given on the first day of class to each student; extra credit points (their score/10) will be added to first exam. An exit assessment exam will be given immediately following the final exam; points will be added or subtracted from final exam based on performance (exit exam score-entrance exam score/4).

Only a University Excused Absence will be considered a legitimate reason for missing class. Since the lowest exam is dropped, there will be no makeup exams for any reason. Any form of academic dishonesty that occurs will result in dismissal from the course or an automatic final grade of “F” . In both cases, a letter outlining the offense will be forwarded to the academic dean for consideration of further action. For further information, see <http://www.marshall.edu/catalog/files/UG_15-16_final_published.pdf>.

# Attendance/Class Participation

A daily record of attendance will be kept either 1) by taking roll during each class, or 2) through a sign-in sheet. Students are responsible for signing their own name. Signing another students name will be viewed as academic dishonesty. If a student comes in late, it is their responsibility to notify the instructor at the end of class. You will be asked to be prepared to discuss several questions for each lecture. These assignments help students keep pace with readings and better understand material discussed in lecture.

The attendance/participation average will be determined as follows:

1. 50% will be based on attendance; excused absences will be allowed for serious illness, death in the immediate family, military or legal obligations, or university activities that excused by the academic deans. Lateness, or cutting class or portions of class will reduce the attendance/ participation grade. If you have a valid reason for missing class, please be sure the instructor is informed. Attendance grade will reflect number of cuts; no cuts=100%.
2. 50% will be based on your participation in class discussions, and possible quizzes and homework assignments. You can maximize this portion of your grade by keeping up with assigned readings and review questions, and actively and constructively contributing to class activities. Cell phones should be turned off during class to avoid participation penalty. Unexcused absences will also diminish your participation grade.

**Course Outline**

Week Topic Reading Assignment

1 Introduction to Geology, Concepts C. 1

2 Atoms, Elements, & Minerals C. 2

3 Origin Igneous Rocks, Intrusive Activity C. 3

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5 Volcanism & Extrusive Igneous Rocks C. 4

6 Sediments & Sedimentary Rocks C. 6

7 Metamorphism & Metamorphic Rocks C. 7

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9 Weathering & Soils C. 5

10 Mass Wasting C. 9

11 Groundwater C. 11

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12 Geologic Structures C. 15

13 Earthquakes C. 16

14 Global Tectonics C. 19

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15 Glaciers & Glaciation C. 12

\_\_\_\_\_\_FINAL EXAM\* (comprehensive), Friday Dec 16, 8:00 AM\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\* The final exam will be based 50 % on last block of material and 50 % comprehensive (i.e. on main ideas from earlier blocks).

**Websites of interest:** [www.usgs.gov](http://www.usgs.gov) (U.S. Geological Survey);[www.agi.org](http://www.agi.org). (American Geological Institute); [www.geosociety.org](http://www.geosociety.org) (Geol. Society of Am.) : MU Geology Dept: http://www.marshall.edu/geology/.

**University Policies**

By enrolling in this course, you agree to the following University Policies:

Academic Dishonesty/ Excused Absence Policy for Undergraduates/ Computing Services Acceptable Use/ Inclement Weather/ Dead Week/ Students with Disabilities/ Academic Forgiveness/ Academic Probation and Suspension/ Academic Rights and Responsibilities of Students/ Affirmative Action/ Sexual Harassment

Please read the full text of each policy by going to [www.marshall.edu/academic-affairs](http://www.marshall.edu/academic-affairs)/policies/.