

GLY 210L-203 EARTH MATERIALS LAB SPRING 2010—SYLLABUS & SCHEDULE

Lab Manual: Earth Materials Lab, Bonnett and Sanderson

Instructors

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Office Hours:

T: 2:00pm-4:00pm

W: 9:00-11:00am

W: 4:00pm-5:00pm,

Other times: by chance or appointment

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Course Description

1 credit hour, Co-requisite course: GLY 110 or 200. An introduction to laboratory and materials as applied to the identification, classification, recovery and uses of earth resources.

Course Objectives:

By the end of the semester, each student should be able to:

1. Read and correctly interpret topographic maps, properly locating important features, use coordinate systems and map scales, determine slopes and construct cross-sectional profiles.
2. Identify many important minerals in hand specimen, particularly the common rock forming minerals.
3. Identify and properly classify key rocks based on an examination of hand specimens.
4. Identify some key fossils and determine their importance in understanding the geologic history of an area.

Grading

Quizzes: 75% (Maps, Minerals, Rocks = 20% each, Fossils=15%)

Continuous assessment (weekly lab exercises): 25%

Final letter grades will be assigned as follows based on final average: A (90-100), B (80-89), C (70-79), D (60-69), F (<60). These grade boundaries may be adjusted downward depending on the grade distribution in the class. Any adjustments will have the effect of helping and not hurting students' grades.

A grade of zero will be assigned for a missed quiz unless you have a University sanctioned excuse. The continuous assessment part of your grade will be based on attendance and quality and completeness of your weekly lab assignments.

Lab Attendance/ Participation/ Continuous assessment

Weekly exercises will not be graded for credit. However, each week students are expected to be present and to complete the assigned work. For weekly exercises a grade of 100% will normally be awarded to students in attendance that apply their time toward the goals of the exercise and complete the assigned work. Students attending class for any given week but not meeting the above expectations will be assigned grades of 75% or 50% for that week, as deemed appropriate by the instructor. Students not in attendance (see policy below) will receive a zero for that week. On occasion the instructor may collect weekly exercises in order to verify that work is being completed and to offer helpful input.

Excused absences are those defined on pages 124-126 of the 2009/2010 Marshall undergraduate catalog. Arriving late or cutting portions of the lab will adversely affect performance and therefore your grade for lab.

Academic Integrity: Academic dishonesty as defined on pages 102/106 of the 2009/2010 Marshall undergraduate catalog will not be tolerated. Violations of the honor code may result in the assignment of an “F grade” for the class, and further disciplinary action as defined in the catalog.

Students with special needs:

Students with a particular learning disability should contact the instructor as soon as possible and the Disabled Student Services Office (113 Prichard Hall) or the H.E.L.P. office (Myers Hall), both on campus. Every effort will be made by this instructor to accommodate their needs.

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SPRING 2010--SCHEDULE**

Week / Day / Date	Topic	Activity
1 -- W Jan 13	Intro / Maps	Exercise
2-- W Jan 20	Maps	Exercise
3 -- W Jan 27	Maps	Exercise
4 -- W Feb 3	Maps	Quiz
5 -- W Feb 10	Minerals	Exercise
6 -- W Feb 17	Minerals	Exercise
7 -- W Feb 24	Minerals	Exercise
8 -- W Mar 3	Minerals	Quiz
9 -- W Mar 10	Rocks	Exercise
10-- W Mar 17	Rocks	Exercise
W Mar 24	Spring break	No class
11 -- W Mar 31	Rocks	Exercise
12 -- W Apr 7	Assessment Day	No class
13 -- W Apr 14	Rocks	Quiz
14 -- W Apr 21	Fossils	Exercise
15 – W Apr 28	Dead Week	No class
Final Exams Week F May 7, 12:45pm	Fossils	Quiz