

Earth Science (ESC 1000)
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Grading Scheme: A=90-100 B=80-89 C=70-79 D=60-69 F=below 59

Grades of NP will not be given. An 'I' will only be given if you have taken three exams, you are passing and you have a documented medical reason (i.e. a doctor's note). Cheating will result in immediate dismissal from the course. If you stop coming without withdrawing, you will receive an 'F'. If you fail this class twice, you will have to pay out of state tuition the third time and you cannot repeat the course if you make a 'C' or higher. Grades cannot be provided via email or phone calls.

Attendance: You will be allowed four "free" missed classes and two excused absences. For every class missed afterward, you will lose two points of your final grades. If you know that you will be missing a class, you may attend another section. However, because of Monday holidays, the MWF class will be out of sync with the TR classes. Four tardies is considered an absence. If you show up half-way through the class, or leave half-way through class, a ½ absence will be given and can be combined with two tardies to equal a full absence..

Exams: There will be three exams throughout the semester. The final exam will include material covered since the third exam. It will not be comprehensive, but you must attend your required time during completion days. If you miss the final, you fail the course. There will be no make-up for the final exam. **There is a very good chance that we will be done prior to completion days, and won't need them. If that is the case, we can take the exam during the last week. I will give plenty of notice if that is the case.** You cannot leave during an exam. Make certain you use the restroom before entering the classroom. If a student is late for the exam, it is at the instructor's discretion whether that student will be allowed to take the exam at that time. Exams will be multiple choice and quizzes may occur periodically for extra credit. THERE IS NO OTHER EXTRA CREDIT.

Text: The recommended text for this class is Foundations of Earth Science by Tarbuck and Lutgens. All exam material will derive from lecture notes, but the lectures will follow the text. Most students would benefit from purchasing the text.

Make-up Policy: There will be a single make-up exam for EVERYONE who has missed one of the previous three exams. This exam will be comprehensive and will cover material from the three exams. Therefore, I highly urge you to avoid missing any exams. This exam will occur after the third exam. **THIS IS YOUR ONLY CHANCE TO MAKE-UP ANY MISSED EXAM!**

Reviews: There will be no formal reviews, but I would encourage informal reviews. I will provide a study guide prior to each exam. It is not intended to be a copy of the lecture notes, but rather a guide to what we have covered since the last exam.

Food, Drink, Cell Phone, Laptop and iPod Policies: No food or drink will be allowed in the classroom. If you leave any sort of mess behind, you will lose five points. Each time your cell phone rings in class, vibrates loudly, you are texting or speaking on your phone, you will lose five points. Laptops and iPods (headphones of any type) are not allowed in class; keep them off of your desk and off at all times.

Sequence: Exam 1—Origin of Universe and Earth, Landforms, Plate Tectonics and Earthquakes.
Exam 2—Volcanoes, Rocks and Minerals, Erosion and Groundwater.
Exam 3—Oceanography and Climatology. Exam 4—Meteorology and Astronomy.

Course Description: In this class, and its lab, we will cover three main units:

Geology: We will investigate the origin, evolution and processes of the Earth.

Astronomy: We will see how different and similar the other planets are to the Earth and how they, the rest of the solar system and the universe originated.

Meteorology: We will come to understand what causes weather and how to identify a variety of conditions. The structures and characteristics of the oceans, and how they influence climate will also be investigated.

Learning Center: Each campus has a learning center for students to find tutors and additional class support. Below is the link to find your learning center's location and operating hours. However, be warned that there are no tutors there for this course. <http://www.fscj.edu/mydegree/fscj-librarylearning-commons/fscj-librarylearning-commons-locations-hours-and-contact-information.html>

Repeating the Course: You have three chances to complete a course, including withdrawals. Afterward, you must submit an appeal to take the course again, and you will be charged out-of-state tuition. If you are trying to improve a grade, you must have originally received a D, F or FN.

Student Resources: The Student Assistance Program (SAP) is available 24-hours for students needing problem resolution for conflicts, stress, substance abuse, depression and any other personal or school related concern that is affecting their progress in college. Student assistance at a glance includes the following.

- 24-hour helpline
- Confidential crisis consultation and assessment
- Counseling with a licensed provider
- Individualized educational materials and resources
- Legal/financial consultation
- Risk assessment for substance abuse or behavioral problems
- Information on health and wellness, child care and other concerns

For more information on this program, please phone 904.384.1800 or toll free 855.384.1800.

Disabled Students: If you are physically challenged, or suffer from learning disabilities, you can ask for assistance from Disabled Student Services, 646-2191. If you need to take exams in the testing center, you must contact DSS first and make an appointment each time you wish to take an exam there. Contact Disabled Student Services at 646-2191 to acquire accommodations.

Course Curriculum and Academic Dishonesty links: <http://www1.fccj.edu/curriculum/credit/outlines/ESC1000.doc>; http://www.fccj.edu/resources/catalogs/2005_2006/rights/expectations.htm