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FACULTY OF SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT OF GEOSCIENCE
COURSE OUTLINE
FALL 2016

1. Course: GLGY 535, Early Earth Evolution

Lecture Sections:

L01: TuTh, 14:00-15:15, ST 139

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For a listing of all lab sections corresponding with this course, please see the following link:

http://geoscience.ucalgary.ca/geoscience_info/courses/f16

Course website or Desire 2 Learn (D2L) GLGY 535 Early Earth Evolution

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2. Prerequisites: Geology 443. See also Geology [Course Descriptions](#) of the University Calendar.

Antirequisites: Credit for both Geology 535 and 599.18 will not be allowed.

3. Grading: The University policy on grading and related matters is described sections [F.1](#) and [F.2](#) of the online University Calendar. In determining the overall grade in the course the following weights will be used:

Assignments, Review summary (lab)	15%
Quizzes (lab)	15%
Seminar Participation (lab)	10%
Lecture Midterm test	15% (Oct 27)
Review Project (oral presentation)	10%
Review Project (Term Paper)	20%
Lecture Final Examination	15% (To be scheduled by the Registrar)

Need to obtain a minimum of 50% in the lecture tests (mid-term and lecture combined) and in the lab review summaries for a passing grade.

Each piece of work (assignment, laboratory report, midterm test or final examination) submitted by the student will be assigned a percentage score. The student's average percentage score for the various components listed above will be combined with the indicated weights to produce an overall percentage for the course, which will be used to determine the course letter grade, bearing in mind that an F grade will result if the student does not pass 50% the lecture exam component and the lab review summaries. The following grade conversion scheme will be used in determining the final letter grade for the course.

Grade	Percentage
A+	>90
A	85-89
A-	78-84
B+	72-77
B	68-71
B-	64-67
C+	60-63
C	57-59
C-	54-56
D+	51-53
D	49-50
F	<49

4. **Missed Components of Term Work:** The regulations of the Faculty of Science pertaining to this matter are found in the Faculty of Science area of the Calendar in [Section 3.6](#). It is the student's responsibility to familiarize himself/herself with these regulations. See also [Section E.6](#) of the University Calendar
5. **Course Materials:**
Recommended Textbook
Title: Early Earth Systems: A Geochemical Approach
Author: Rollinson, Hugh R.
Publisher: Wiley-Blackwell
Year: 2007
ISBN-13: 978-1405122559
- Material from outside this textbook will be regularly discussed during the course. Students are responsible for attending lectures and taking adequate notes. Instructor will not provide supplementary notes or any annotations made during the lectures.*
6. **Examination Policy:** Lecture examinations are closed book. Students should also read the Calendar, [Section G](#), on Examinations.
7. **Writing across the curriculum statement:** In this course, the quality of the student's writing particularly writing to a scientific audience in laboratory summaries and the final term paper will be a factor in the evaluation of those reports. See also [Section E.2](#) of the University Calendar.

11. OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS:

- (a) **Academic Misconduct:** (cheating, plagiarism, or any other form) is a very serious offence that will be dealt with rigorously in all cases. A single offence may lead to disciplinary probation or suspension or expulsion. The Faculty of Science follows a zero tolerance policy regarding dishonesty. Please read the sections of the University Calendar under [Section K](#). Student Misconduct to inform yourself of definitions, processes and penalties
- (b) **Assembly Points:** In case of emergency during class time, be sure to FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF with the information on [assembly points](#).
- (c) **Academic Accommodation Policy:** Students with documentable disabilities are referred to the following links: Students with Disabilities: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/b-1.html> and Student Accessibility Services: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/>
- (d) **Safewalk:** Campus Security will escort individuals day or night (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk/>). Call 220-5333 for assistance. Use any campus phone, emergency phone or the yellow phones located at most parking lot pay booths.
- (e) **Freedom of Information and Privacy:** This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP). As one consequence, students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page. For more information see also <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>.
- (f) **Student Union Information:** VP Academic Phone: 403 220-3911 Email: suvpaca@ucalgary.ca
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and science3@su.ucalgary.ca;
Student Ombuds Office: 403-220-6420 Email: ombuds@ucalgary.ca; <http://ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>
- (g) **Internet and Electronic Device Information:** You can assume that in all classes that you attend, your cell phone should be turned off unless instructed otherwise. Also, communication with other individuals, via laptop computers, Blackberries or other devices connectable to the Internet is not allowed in class time unless specifically permitted by the instructor. If you violate this policy you may be asked to leave the classroom. Repeated abuse may result in a charge of misconduct.
- (h) **U.S.R.I.:** At the University of Calgary, feedback provided by students through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses (www.ucalgary.ca/usri). Your responses make a difference – please participate in USRI Surveys.