



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT OF GEOSCIENCE
COURSE OUTLINE
SPRING 2017

1. **Course:** Geology 209, Introduction to Geology

Lecture Sections:

L01: MoWe, 12:00-14:45, ES 162

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Course will use Desire 2 Learn (D2L)

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2. **Prerequisites:** N/A

Antirequisite: Credit for both Geology 209 and 201 will not be allowed. See section 3.5.C in the Faculty of Science section of the online Calendar (www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/sc-3-5.html)

Note: Not open for credit to Honours, Majors or Minors in Geology, Geology (Petroleum Geology Concentration), Applied and Environmental Geology, Geophysics, Environmental Science (Geology Concentration) or Natural Sciences (Geoscience Concentration).

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:

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| Assignment 1 | 15% |
| Midterm Exam | 30% (June 5 th) |
| Final Exam | 40% (To be scheduled by the Registrar) |
| Other (TopHat, class assignments, etc.) | 15% (Details to be discussed in class) |

| Letter Grade | Percent |
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| A+ | 94-100 |
| A | 88-94 |
| A- | 83-88 |
| B+ | 78-83 |
| B | 73-78 |
| B- | 69-73 |
| C+ | 65-69 |
| C | 61-65 |
| C- | 56-61 |
| D+ | 53-56 |
| D | 50-53 |
| F | 0-50 |

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: Text (recommended):**

Title: Essentials of Geology, 4th or 5th Edition

Authors: Stephen Marshak

Publisher: W.W. Norton & Company

Year: 2013 or 2016

ISBN: 978-0-393-26339-8

Available at the University of Calgary Bookstore. Look for used copies also.

6. **Examination Policy:** No electronic or written aids (eg. cell phones, tablets, computers, PDAs, notes, textbooks) will be allowed during writing of any exams. Non-programmable calculators will be permitted to answer quantitative questions on exams, if applicable, and permission to do this will be clearly indicated on the examination paper. 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 in Assignments 1 and 2 will be a factor in the evaluation of those assignments.

8. 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) **Student Accommodations:** Students needing an Accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should contact Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities available at http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/procedure-for-accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities_0.pdf. Students needing an Accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfil requirements for a graduate degree, based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the Associate Head of Geoscience, Dr. E.S. Krebs by email krebs@ucalgary.ca or phone 403-220-5850.
- (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
SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 403 220-3913 Email: science1@su.ucalgary.ca, science2@su.ucalgary.ca 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.

Department Approval: ORIGINAL SIGNED

Date: April 27, 2017

Tentative Outline

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| 1 | Course logistics, Science, geologic time, |
| 2 | The Earth in Context |
| 3 | Plate tectonic, Gems and Minerals |
| 4 | Magma and Igneous Rocks, Volcanoes, Hazards |
| 5 | Sediment and Sedimentary Rocks |
| 6 | Metamorphism and Metamorphic Rocks |
| 7 | Crustal Deformation and Mountain Building |
| 8 | Earthquakes and Tsunamis |
| 9 | History of life on Earth, Fossil, Evolution, and Geologic Time |
| 10 | Energy and Mineral Resources |
| 11 | Hydrology |
| 12 | Deserts, Glaciers and Ice Ages |