



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

DEPARTMENT OF GEOSCIENCE COURSE OUTLINE FALL 2015

1. **Course:** GOPH 453, Mining Geophysics

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Lecture section:

Lecture/Time/Day/Loc: L01/ MoWeFr/12:00-12:50/EDC 179

For a listing of all lab sections corresponding with this course, please see the following link:
http://geoscience.ucalgary.ca/geoscience_info/courses/f15

Course website or Desire 2 Learn (D2L) course name: GOPH453L01- (Fall 2015)-Mining Geophysics
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2. **Prerequisites:** Geology 201, Physics 223, Mathematics 253 or 267 or 277 or 283 or Applied Mathematics 219 and Mathematics 211.

3. **Grading:** The University policy on grading and related matters is described in 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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| Lab Assignments (8) | 20% |
| Midterm test | 20% (October 16, 2015) |
| Group project | 20% |
| Final Examination | 40% (To be scheduled by the Registrar) |

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 to produce an overall percentage for the course, which will be used to determine the course letter grade.

The Midterm and Final examinations will be short-answer or multiple-choice format. They are intended to test for comprehension of the material, not memorization of definitions and formulas. Questions will focus on explaining concepts and/or making simple calculations.

The group project provides an opportunity for students to develop presentation and teamwork skills - both of which are critical skills for the workplace. In addition, the group project will provide an opportunity to develop research skills and familiarity with geophysical literature, as well as to explore a topic in greater detail than is possible in the lectures.

Working in groups of 4, students will prepare a 15-minute Poster presentation in one of the following general thematic areas:

- A state-of-the-art geophysical technique
- A mineral exploration case history

Presentations will be marked by the instructor and your TA's using the rubric listed below.

Groups can be self-selected before Monday September 28. After that date, you will be assigned to a group if you are not already in one. During the term, there will be opportunities for groups to meet during the lecture times and consult with the instructor. Teams are required to record minutes of meetings, which will be submitted to the instructor for credit as part of the project report. The topic for each group must be submitted by email no later than Monday October 26.

Individual elements of the course (i.e. labs, assignments, exams) will be assigned a percentage score. Final percentage grades for the overall course will be calculated based on the grade weighting scheme indicated above, and will be converted to letter grades as follows:

| Letter Grade | Percent | Letter Grade | Percent |
|--------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| A+ | 95-100 | C+ | 65-69 |
| A | 90-94 | C | 60-64 |
| A- | 85-89 | C- | 56-59 |
| B+ | 80-84 | D+ | 53-55 |
| B | 75-79 | D | 50-52 |
| B- | 70-74 | F | 0-49 |

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:** N/A
6. **Examination Policy:** A non-programmable calculator is permitted for the midterm and final exams. Formula sheet is provided and also the same sheet will be posted on D2L prior to the exam day. Students should bring ID card to both midterm and final exams. 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 laboratory reports will be a factor in the evaluation of those reports. See also [Section E.2](#) of the University Calendar.
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: August 21, 2015

Tentative Schedule

| Week | Lecture and lab topic(s) |
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| 1-4 | Gravity and Magnetic methods |
| 5 | Gamma-ray spectrometry |
| | Midterm – October 16 |
| 6-8 | DC Resistivity and Induced Polarization |
| 9-11 | Frequency-domain and Time-domain EM methods |
| 12 | Magnetotelluric methods |
| 13 | Project Presentations |