

GEOG 211
(formerly Geography 201)
H(3-3) Area III

The Physical Environment

Timetable: See current Infonet information at:
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Official Course Description:

Introduction to the physical elements of the environment such as weather, climate, hydrology, landforms, soils, vegetation and the processes producing variations of these elements on the surface of the earth. The social implications of environmental change, disasters, and hazards are emphasized.

Prerequisite:

Geography 205 or admission to the Major or Minor in Geography, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Urban Studies or Latin American Studies or the Minor in Transportation Studies.

Supplementary Fees: (*field trips etc*). N/A.

Grading (Weighting of Assignments and Exams):

Four midterm tests: 10% each 40%

Lab exams and assignments: 40%

Registrar scheduled Final Exam: 20%

Grading System:

93-100	A+	74-76	B	60-63	C-
86-92	A	70-73	B-	55-59	D+
81-85	A-	67-69	C+	50-54	D
77-80	B+	66-68	C	<50	F

COURSE SCHEDULES

Test Schedule:

Monday, January 30:	Midterm Test 1	10%
Friday, February 17:	Midterm Test 2	10%
Wednesday, March 15:	Midterm Test 3	10%
Monday, April 3:	Midterm Test 4	10%
Registrar Scheduled Final		20%

Lab Tests & Assignments:

Week of February 27:	Lab Exam 1 (covering Labs 0-4)	20%
Week of March 27:	Lab Exam 2 (covering Labs 5-8)	15%
Week of April 3:	Biogeography Assignment	
April 13:	Biogeography Assignment Due	5%

Lab Topics and Schedule:

Week of January 16:	Lab 0 (Introduction)
Week of January 23:	Lab 1 (Climate/Weather)
Week of January 30:	Lab 2 (Climate/Weather)
Week of February 6:	Lab 3 (Hydrology)
Week of February 13:	Lab 4 (Soils)
Week of February 20:	Reading week (no lab)
Week of March 6:	Lab 5 (Geomorphology)
Week of March 13:	Lab 6 (Geomorphology)
Week of March 20:	Lab 7 (Geomorphology)
Week of April 3:	Lab 8 (Biogeography)

Lecture Themes:

Part I:	Introduction to Physical Geography
Part II:	Climate and Hydrology
Part III:	Earth Materials and Composition

Part IV: Landform Processes and Morphology

Part V: Biogeography

For additional detailed course information posted by the Instructor see Blackboard at:
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- Assignments will be handed back only in class or by the Professor at pre-arranged time(s).
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