

Tentative Syllabus



CRC Geology 300, Physical Geology Lecture

Spring 2020, TTh 5:30pm - 6:50pm, section LEC 15565

SYLLABUS

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Instructor's Class Site: subduction.rocks
Canvas: (there is no Canvas site for this class at this time)

Office Hour: Tuesday & Thursday 7:00pm - 7:30pm in EGA 108 (or by request)
Required class materials (see pg 3): McGraw-Hill 'Connect'

Catalog Description:

Physical Geology introduces the composition and dynamics of Earth from the atomic scale of minerals to the global scale of plate tectonics. Major themes include the composition of minerals and rock, volcanism, Earth structures, earthquakes, erosion and surface processes, geologic time, geologic hazards, and plate tectonics. This course analyzes human interactions with geologic processes and the physical environment. Successful completion of physical geology prepares the student to recognize, understand, and appreciate the physical processes which continually change Earth over geologic time.

Units:

This course is worth three units of physical science lecture credit. If you need a physical science lab credit, you should consider signing up for Geology 301.

Expected Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- explain the origins and characteristics of igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rock types.
- compare divergent, convergent, and transform plate tectonic boundaries in terms of the geologic processes and landforms found at each.
- recognize the dynamic nature of geologic processes and their rates as they relate to Earth's great age.
- analyze problems affecting daily life such as earthquake risks, volcanic hazards, mass wasting problems, rising sea levels, global warming, and use/abuse of natural resources.

Class Time & Room:

Geol 300 Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30pm - 6:50pm in room Elk Grove Center EGA 110. The last day of regularly scheduled class is Tuesday May 12, 2020. See the CRC Final Exam Schedule for date and time of final exam.

Required Material (see pg 3 for more detail):

Geol 300 McGraw-Hill 'Connect', which is built on the text by Plummer, *Physical Geology* (16th Edition). Online text is available after purchasing this service. Text binder version is also available for a discounted price. Additional visual aids, links, and practice quizzes are available [from the publisher](#)

It is important that you read the assigned sections **before coming to class**, and **again** after class.

Teaching style:

Interactive lecture, that may include videos, overhead transparencies, slides, computer animations, and maps. Your questions are generally welcome throughout the lecture. I believe strongly that hard work is the single most important ingredient for doing well in college...it is one consideration for borderline grades!

Instructor's Course Website (for Geology 300 posting and resources as announced...not interactive):

Additional online material for this course, such as topics to be covered each lecture, lecture slides and other supplemental materials, will be available on the course website. You can view the site at: subduction.rocks.

Field Trip: There is no formal or required field trip planned for this course at this time.

Grades and Grading:

Grading will be based approximately on the following scheme:

Assignments	40%
Quizzes:	10%
Midterms and Final:	50%

Grades will be calculated on the following scale (minor adjustment may become necessary):
90-100% A, 80-89% B, 70-79% C, 60-69% D

Grades are a measure of your performance on assignments and tests in this class, and are not to be interpreted as any reflection of what I think of you as a person. I hope that this measure of performance shows how well you understand and master the class material. If you have comments or suggestions, please contact me.

Homework Assignments ([publisher-based online](#)):

Online homework is assigned for every chapter. For every chapter there will be an introductory homework due before class, and a more complete homework due after class (commonly one week). Also, there is a moon observation and a Google Earth assignment due the last day of class. You are expected to do all homework assignments even if you miss class. Late homework will be penalized 10% (of points possible) per day late.

Instructions for accessing the publisher-based materials is included on the next page of this syllabus.

Exams:

There will be three midterm exams during the semester and occasional quizzes. The dates of these exams are shown on the class schedule. Any changes to these dates will be announced in class. Exams may consist of multiple choice and short answer questions and will cover material shown on the class schedule. Exams will include material from the book that may not have been included in the class lecture. **No make-up quizzes or exams will be given unless an absence is requested and approved before an exam.** The final exam may be a comprehensive exam covering material from the entire semester.

Expectations:

You are expected to read at a level (college level) that will allow you to understand the concepts presented in your textbook. You are also expected to attend every class (unless you have an emergency situation), keep up with the reading assignments and materials in the textbook, **bring your textbook to class**, bring materials to take notes, and take appropriate measures to study in a way that allows you to understand the course concepts and perform well on the homework and tests.

You may expect that this class will require, on average, about 3 hours of outside study for each hour of class lecture for the average student to receive an average grade (C or B). When taken in summer this will be significantly increased. Efficient, effective studying can reduce some of that study time. If you feel the need to improve your study skills, please consult your academic counselor.

Makeup policy:

No makeup exams or quizzes will be given unless approval was requested and received before exam date. Extra credit opportunities may be announced in class and may be listed on the course website. These are subject to change.

Grade Discrepancies:

If you feel that I have made a mistake in calculating your grade, please see me. Please save your tests and homework if you wish to bring a grade discrepancy to my attention.

Dropping:

If you decide to drop the class, please remember to drop the class from your schedule before the published drop deadline so you don't end up with an "F".

Cheating:

You are expected to turn in your own work. You are to take all exams based on what you remember from studying (**no** notes, textbooks, or anything else will be available). Anyone caught cheating may face one or more of the following penalties: a "zero" for the assignment, an "F" for the course, probation or suspension from the college.

Attendance and Class Rules:

- In order to do well in this class, you should attend all lectures. Attendance may be taken in class and the record of attendance will be considered when resolving borderline grades. Occasionally extra credit may be earned on in-class work; this extra credit would therefore only be available to those attending that class session.
- Please try to arrive on time. If you are late, please enter quietly and take a seat near the door to minimize disruption to the class.
- If you need to leave class early (i.e. for an appointment), please let me know beforehand and take a seat near the door.
- **Please end all private conversations once class begins.**
- Please do not eat food during class.
- If you decide to drop the class, it is your responsibility to take necessary steps following the school's procedures.
- Please turn your cell phones **OFF** while in class. If you are expecting an important call that you must answer, please inform me before the beginning of class and leave your phone on silent mode.

Required Materials for the Course:

What you need: You will be required to have materials from McGraw-Hill Education which include the CONNECT program needed to complete homework.

Where and How to Get It:

Student Options for Purchasing AND Registering Into the Course

CHOICES:

1. **Bookstore:** Your bookstore has a package available that includes the print book AND the Connect Code at a deep discount. (The Connect code you will need to access the online homework).
MAKE SURE YOU GET THE PACKAGE WITH THE CONNECT CODE- THEY ARE LIMITED.

OR:

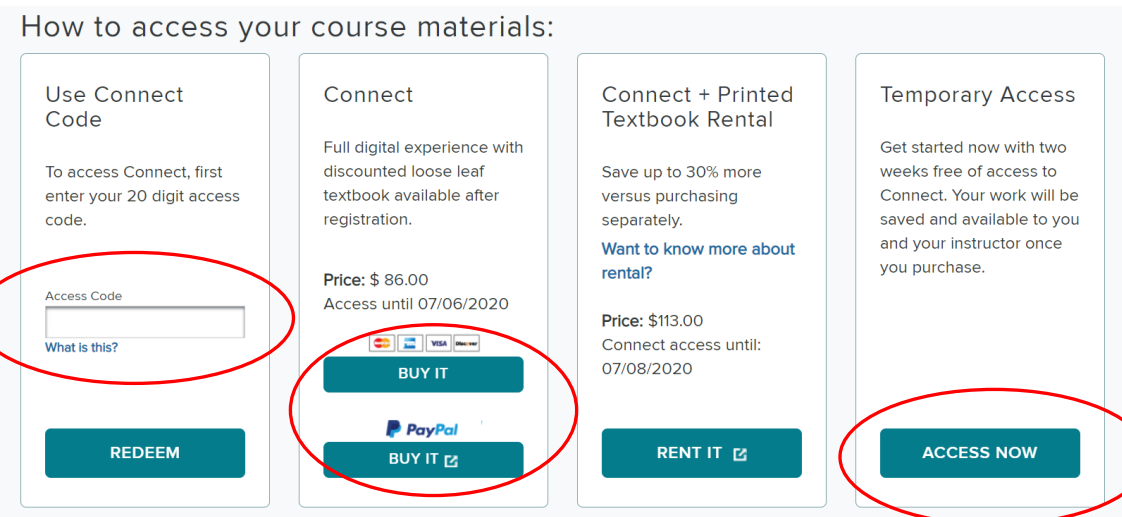
2. **Online:** All DIGITAL (no print book). You can purchase Connect separately which includes an eBook and access to the online homework.

To redeem your Connect access code (purchased in the bookstore) OR Purchase a Code:

- Go the section web address provided by your Instructor.
(<https://connect.mheducation.com/class/a-reed-crc-geol300-spr20>)
- Enter your email address.
- Click the "BEGIN" Button
- Complete the registration form, click "Continue"
- Enter your access code if you bought the package from the bookstore, select "BUY IT", or you can "ACCESS NOW" for two weeks free access

EXAMPLE:

How to access your course materials:



Use Connect Code	Connect	Connect + Printed Textbook Rental	Temporary Access
To access Connect, first enter your 20 digit access code.	Full digital experience with discounted loose leaf textbook available after registration.	Save up to 30% more versus purchasing separately.	Get started now with two weeks free of access to Connect. Your work will be saved and available to you and your instructor once you purchase.
Access Code <input type="text"/> What is this?	Price: \$ 86.00 Access until 07/06/2020	Want to know more about rental? Price: \$113.00 Connect access until: 07/08/2020	
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Need Help?

Tech Support & FAQ

Call: (800) 331-5094

Email & Chat: mhhe.com/support

Monday–Thursday: 24 hours

Friday: 12 a.m. – 9 p.m. EST

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. EST

Sunday: 12 p.m. –12 a.m. EST