

GEOG4875 (GEOG5960) Environmental Geology
Fall 2019
TTH 12:30 PM-1:50 PM, ENV360

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Class Website: All lecture slides and announcements will be posted at the UNT Canvas.

Textbook: Edward A. Keller, 2011. Introduction to Environmental Geology, 5th Edition, Pearson, Prentice Hall.

Course Description: This course focuses on helping students develop an understanding of how geology and humanity interact within five fundamental concepts of environmental geology: Human Population Growth, Sustainability, Earth as a System, Hazardous Earth Processes, and Scientific Knowledge and Values. These concepts are introduced at the beginning of the course, integrated throughout each chapter and revisited at the end of each chapter.

Grade: Lecture and participation 88% obtained from four exams. A roll sheet may be circulated during class; eight unauthorized absences may result in a student being dropped with a WF for non-attendance. The final will not be comprehensive. All exams will be in-class, closed book and multiple-choice, T/F, fill in the blank, or short questions. All students must take the final exam. Attendance and class participation count 12%. All grades for the course will be final. No assignments or work will be considered after the final grade has been recorded.

(Exam1: 22%, Exam 2: 22%, Exam 3: 22%, Final: 22%, Participation:12%)

ODA: The Department of Geography, in cooperation with the Office of Disability Accommodations, complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act in making reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. Please present your written accommodations request before the 12th class day.

SPOT:

The Student Perceptions of Teaching (SPOT) is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. This short survey will be made available to you at the end of the semester, providing you a chance to comment on how this class is taught. I am very interested in the feedback I get from students, as I work to continually improve my teaching. I consider the SPOT to be an important part of your participation in this class. To increase the participation rate of the SPOT, every student who completes a SPOT and forwards the confirmation email of the completion of the SPOT evaluation to fpan@unt.edu will receive **one actual extra point** toward his/her final overall grade.

FALL CALENDAR

DATE	TOPIC(s)	Reading Assignments
Aug. 26--Sep. 17	Ch.1 Introduction of Environmental Geology Ch.2 Internal Structure of Earth and Plate Tectonics Ch.3 Minerals and Rocks Ch.4 Ecology and Geology Chapter 1-4 Review: Sep.12 Exam 1: Sep. 17, (covering parts of chapters 1-4)	1-4
Sep. 19 --Oct.10	Ch.5 Natural Hazards Ch.6 Earthquakes Ch.7 Tsunami Ch.8 Volcanic Activity Ch.9 Rivers and Flooding Chapter 5-9 Review: Oct. 8 Exam 2: Oct. 10, (covering parts of 5-9)	5-9
Oct.15 -- Nov.7	Ch.10 Landslides Ch.11 Coastal Processes Ch.13 Water Resources Ch.14 Water Pollution Ch.15 Mineral Resources Ch.16 Energy Resources Chapter 10-11, 13-16 Review: Nov.5 Exam 3: Nov. 7, (covering parts of 10-11 and 13-16)	10-11,13-16
Nov.12 -- Dec.12	Ch.17 Soils and Environment Ch.18 Global Climate Change Ch.19 Geology, Society, and the Future Chapter 17-19 Review: Dec. 5 Final Exam: Dec.12, (10:30am-12:30pm, covering parts of 17-19)	17-19

This syllabus is definitely subject to change at anytime during the semester.