

GLY1880 Earthquakes, Volcanoes, and Other Natural Disasters

FALL 2015 SYLLABUS

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QUESTIONS

DO NOT e-mail your instructor or TAs about technical issues with Faulkner Courseware!

- If you have a question about the course, check in the Home Page (click Start Here & Hello and Welcome links) and Syllabus first.
- If the answer is not in the handbook/syllabus, check to see if anyone else had the same question on the "Course Questions" discussion board (link to the discussions tool is in the menu to the left).
- Please post the question if no one else has.
- For issues with the Faulkner Courseware, e-mail questions@faulknerpress.com

EMAIL

If you have a question that is of a personal nature or one that concerns grades, contact your instructor or TA through the Canvas Inbox.

NOTE: If you are asking a question about information that is already contained in the Course Handbook or Syllabus, be sure to state what is unclear about the existing information. Otherwise, you will be referred to the handbook and syllabus.

Remember that the speediest way to resolve any problems with the Faulkner Courseware is to e-mail Faulkner at questions@faulknerpress.com

Important: Dr. Ciesielski will not answer email sent to his UF email address. All your email must be sent to my Canvas email.

CONFERENCE OFFICE HOURS

If you cannot find the answer to your question in the handbook you can get a rapid response through "CONFERENCE". Email us and suggest a time and date for a "Conference". We will set it up and invite you in.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To examine the dynamic role of plate tectonics in the movement of continents and as a cause of natural disasters.
- To explore the geologic processes responsible for modification of the landscape.
- To examine how natural disasters have influenced the course of human history.
- To examine case histories of a variety of natural disasters to determine their cause and impact.
- To explore how natural disasters can be predicted and mitigated.
- To learn how the geologic record offers up its clues about the physical processes of the Earth.

THE COURSE HANDBOOK: YOUR FIRST SOURCE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE COURSE

Your first source of information for answering your questions is the Course Handbook. To find the handbook go to the Canvas "Home Page" and click "Hello and Welcome" where you will find the Handbook links.

Always check the handbook before emailing us with your questions.

EXAMS AND GRADING

All topic practice choice questions, Practice Midterm and Practice Final, Midterm and Final are taken within the multimedia courseware.

- Practice choice questions (Homework), Practice Midterm and Practice Final are open notes.
- The Midterm and Final are taken through the multimedia courseware but are closed book and notes. Your grade is based upon:
 - Practice Choice Questions (Homework) 20%
 - First writing assignment-15%
 - Online Practice Midterm-10%
 - Midterm-15%
 - Second writing assignment-15%
 - Online Practice Final-10%
 - Final-15%
 - Extra Credit (see handbook)-3% added to final average

A much more detailed discussion of exams and grading occurs within the handbook.

EXTRA CREDIT

Earn Extra Credit through the following (must be taken prior to the deadlines listed in your Course Calendar to receive credit):

- Handbook/Syllabus Quiz- 3%

GRADING SCALE

Letter Grade

- A= >90%
- B+=87.5-90%
- B=80-87.5%
- C+=77.5-80%
- C=70-77.5%
- D+=67.5-70%
- D=60-67.5%
- E=<60

THE TEXTBOOK

The majority of the course material for this class is located in your interactive textbook: *In the Path of Nature* by Dr. Paul Ciesielski, published by Faulkner Press. This multimedia courseware contains:

- Interactive textbook with links to web articles, narrated images and videos
- Practice Choice Questions (Homework)
- Practice Midterm and Final Exams
- Midterm and Final Exams

Purchase of the Faulkner courseware is **required** for this course.

- Purchase, Download, and Install Faulkner Courseware.
- REMEMBER the ebook can be reinstalled on another computer if the need arises.
- You will need to purchase your Faulkner Courseware online.
- Instructions on how to download and register your software can be found in the “About Your Interactive Textbook” page
- If you are waiting on financial aid and want to view a free Deferment Demo Mode you will only have access to the first three topics (readings, presentations, and practice questions) of the course.
 - You will not have access to any (graded) online exams and the **practice work you do will not be saved.**
 - In Deferment Demo Mode the courseware is installed only for one use, you will need to reinstall if you wish to use it again.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

See your Handbook.

ACADEMIC HONESTY AND STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

See your Handbook.

UNIVERSITY COUNSELING SERVICES & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

See your Handbook.