

**GLY 3105C EVOLUTION OF EARTH AND LIFE IN NORTH
AMERICA
SECTION XXXX
SPRING 2015 SYLLABUS**

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TEACHING ASSISTANTS:

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QUESTIONS:

If you have a question that is of a personal nature or one that concerns grades, contact your instructor or TA through the class Gmail address (ufhistorical@gmail.com) or in CANVAS.

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.

Important: Dr. Ciesielski will not answer email sent to his UF email address. All your email must be sent in CANVAS or to ufhistorical@gmail.com

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SKYPE OFFICE HOURS

If you cannot find the answer to your question in the handbook you can get a rapid response through Skype.

Skype with your Instructor or TAs with the Skype name: [ufhistorical](#) (See Skype installation link and directions below) Check on TA availability through the TA Skype Hours link in the left hand e-Learning course menu.

Talk or chat with your Instructor or one of the TAs through Skype:

- Get a free skype account (unless you already have one.)
- Go to: <http://www.skype.com>
- Download and install the software
- Use the Skype Test Call to make certain that your sound is working properly
- Email us at ufdinosaurs@gmail.com to make a Skype appointment.
- For step-by-step instructions on how to use Skype go to:
<http://www.skype.com/help/guides/>

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- CONDUCT A BROAD SURVEY OF THE PHYSICAL AND BIOLOGICAL HISTORY OF PLANET EARTH.
- FOCUS ON THE ROLE OF PLATE TECTONICS ON THE: DEVELOPMENT OF THE LANDSCAPE, EVOLUTION OF LIFE, AND CLIMATE DYNAMICS.
- PRESENT IN SOME DETAIL THE GEOLOGIC RECORD OF NORTH AMERICA WHILE STILL EXAMINING MAJOR EVENTS OF OTHER CONTINENTS AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP (IF ANY) TO THOSE OF N. AMERICA.
- TO IMPART AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MODERN GEOLOGIC LANDSCAPE OF NORTH AMERICA.

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Your first source of information for answering your questions is the Course Handbook.

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EXAMS AND GRADING

All three lecture exams are taken online with a proctoring service called ProctorU. See your Handbook for more information on ProctorU. Lab exercises will be delivered in digital form and can be submitted in digital form or can be printed, filled-out, and submitted by mail.

Your grade is based upon:

- Three lecture exams (non-cumulative) 20% each for 60%
- Lab Exercises, Lab midterm, and Lab Final 40%
- Supplemental Exercise (see handbook) 5% added to lowest exam

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

EXTRA CREDIT

Extra Credit (3%) is given (must be taken prior to the deadlines listed in your Course Calendar to receive credit) for the Handbook/Syllabus Quiz

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 lecture material for this class is located in:

- Evolution of the Earth by Prothero and Dott.
- A special version of this text, published by McGraw-Hill) will be utilized containing supplementary material from Dr. Ciesielski. A USBN number and order material will be available soon.

The lab manual is:

- Insights: a Laboratory manual for Historical Geology, 4th Edition
- By Clair Russell Ossian
- Kendall Hunt Publisher
- ISBN 978-0-7575-7207-4

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