

GEO2200L: Physical Geography Lab ONLINE

Summer A 2017 1 Credit Hour

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1. Course Overview

Course Description Laboratory in Physical Geography

Course Website: <http://lss.at.ufl.edu/>

Purpose of Course: This laboratory satisfies the physical science laboratory requirement. It is designed to give an overview of the development, distribution, and interrelationships of landforms, climates, minerals, soils, and water resources.

Course Objectives:

- Explain the development and distribution of landforms, climates, minerals, soils and water resources.
- Describe the interrelationships among the physical environment and regional patterns formed by these elements.
- Use software such as Google Earth, and ArcGIS to answer questions related to geography.

Instructional Methods: This course is 100% online. To access the course, please log on to Canvas (<http://lss.at.ufl.edu>). The best way to get an overview of the course assignments, due dates and materials is to visit “Modules” on the course’s Canvas page. The course is a combination of PowerPoint audio lectures followed by corresponding lab assignments. Reviewing the lecture slides and audios is the first resource for all course material. Lab assignments will be completed by using web resources and the application of Geographic Information Systems (GIS). In addition, you must write two (2) written article summaries.

To access ArcGIS and Google Earth softwares, please log on to UF Apps (<https://info.apps.ufl.edu>)

Prerequisite Knowledge and Skills: None. Although you may be also enrolled in the GEO 2200 Physical Geography course, do not worry if you haven’t taken that course yet.

Course Communications: You are responsible for keeping up with announcements made on Canvas.

2. Course Policies

Lab assignments: You will be responsible for turning in twelve (12) labs in total, two each week. The points for each lab vary, and each lab must be turned in by the due date. Feel free to discuss the ideas presented in the labs with each other, but do not turn in labs with the same answers. **This will not be tolerated and you will be subsequently penalized!**

Current Event Videos: In addition to the labs, you will be required to submit two (2) videos that describe a current event and its relevance to a class topic. Video 1 will be due by week 3, so must include topics from weeks 1-3. Video 2 will be due by week 6, and must include topics from weeks 3-6. Follow the grading rubric to understand expectations of video. In addition to submitting your video, you will also post it on the discussion board to receive feedback. You are also expected to provide constructive feedback to one classmate's video as part of your grade. Don't just write "good job", but explain why it was or wasn't helpful, what could be improved, etc... To help with grading, please indicate the name of the student you provided feedback to in your submission.

Make-up Policy: Without prior warning, I will **NOT** accept late labs. YOU WILL GET A ZERO FOR MISSED LABS. I understand that unexpected events occur. If such events (illness, personal problems, family, etc.) happen to you, please contact me ASAP. If you have a documented excuse for missing a lab, you will not be penalized. You will be allowed to drop your *lowest* lab grade.

Recommended Software: Google Earth, ArcGIS, basic sketch software (ex: PowerPoint, MS Paint, etc.), and software that shows worked equations (ex: [CodeCogs](#)).

Grading Scale

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Percent (%)</i>
A	100 - 93
A-	92.9 - 90
B+	89.9 - 87
B	86.9 - 83
B-	82.9 - 80
C+	79.9 - 77

<i>Grade</i>	<i>Percent (%)</i>
C	76.9 - 73
C-	72.9 - 70
D+	69.9 - 67
D	66.9 - 63
D-	62.9 - 60
E	59.9 - 0

3. Spring 2017 Course Schedule*

Week	Lab	Due Date
Week 1	Lab 1: Earth Sun Relationships Lab 2: Temperature Patterns	11:59 PM 05/12/2017
Week 2	Lab 3: Water Resources Lab 4: Soils, Biomes & Ecosystems	11:59 PM 05/19//2017
Week 3	Lab 5: Plate Tectonics, Earthquakes and Volcanoes Lab 6: Oceans, Tsunami and Coral Reefs **Video 1 due by this week	11:59 PM 05/26/2017
Week 4	Lab 7: Tropical Cyclones Lab 8: Topographic Maps	11:59 PM 06/02//2017
Week 5	Lab 9: GPS Lab 10: Google Earth	11:59 PM 06/09/2017
Week 6	Lab 11: GIS Lab 12: Remote Sensing **Video 2 due by this week	11:59 PM 06/16/2017

6. UF Policies

University Policy on Accommodating Students with Disabilities: Students requesting accommodation for disabilities must first register with the Dean of Students Office (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/>). The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodation. You must submit this documentation prior to submitting assignments or taking the quizzes or exams. Accommodations are not retroactive. Therefore, students should contact the office as soon as possible in the term for which they are seeking accommodations.

University Policy on Academic Misconduct: Academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University community. Students should be sure that they understand the UF Student Honor Code at <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/students.php>.

THE INSTRUCTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE SYLLABUS ANTIME DURING THE COURSE OF THE SEMESTER

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