

# Syllabus

## Physical Science: Principles of Earth Science, GS 106 Spring term 2021

### General Information:

#### Instructor Information and Availability

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#### Course Information

CRN: 15195

Scheduled time/days: 12:00PM-13:50PM **Lab Sessions**

Number of credits: 4

Starts: 07/01/21 Thursday

Ends: 08/05/21 Thursday

**This is a 5-week course** that will meet remotely on Tuesday via Zoom Chat to work on labs with your peers that are a required part of this course. Attendance is required and will counted towards your final grade. **Labs will be available in PDF format on Moodle each week for GS106.** **Summary lectures are available each week on Moodle in video format** (from Spring term so ignore any due dates mentioned in the lecture please). If you are not active on Moodle during the first week, and do not attend the lab Zoom session I will drop you from the course for non-attendance unless you email me ahead of time to advise me of your plans. This is so students who forget to drop this course do not end up with a negative mark on their academic record when they do not do any of the course material.

**NOTE:** **This course is an accelerated version of GS106 which means that you will have to prepare for labs by reading the lecture or text material,** and by taking short Moodle homework quizzes **BEFORE** each Zoom session. This course will require a lot of you, due to its accelerated nature. Preparation ahead of sessions will allow you to work with your peers to complete lab work. If you are not prepared, it will be impossible for you to make a contribution to your groups work. **Missing more than 2 labs will cause you to fail this course. This is a lab course and the labs are a major component for meeting the Learning Objectives.**

**Prerequisites: NONE**

#### Course Materials

##### Required:

- Textbook: Foundations of Earth Science by Lutgens and Tarbuck, 8th ver., ISBN 978-0134184814, Pearson Publishing (You can rent an e-book online (cheaper)).
- Access to Moodle and Access to Excel and Internet/Moodle

## **Zoom Chat Video Access**

**Classroom: Online:** Lectures and labs will be hosted by me on Zoom chat. Zoom is available to download here: <https://zoom.us/download>.

### **Topic: GS106 CRN15195 Summer 2021**

Time: This is a recurring meeting **at noon on Thursdays** during the 5 weeks of this term.

### **Zoom Meeting link:**

<https://linnbenton.zoom.us/j/96278220548>

Meeting ID: 962 7822 0548

One tap mobile

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+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 962 7822 0548

Find your local number: <https://linnbenton.zoom.us/u/aitcDXq2U>

## **Course Description**

Introduces non-science majors to the Earth Sciences, including geology, meteorology, and astronomy, includes a laboratory component. No previous science background required.

## **Student Learning Outcomes**

1. Identify and classify igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks and minerals
2. Describe the formation of landforms in the context of plate tectonic theory.
3. Describe the components and processes of river systems.
4. Describe the components and processes of the atmospheric system, including weather and climate.
5. Describe objects that make up the solar system and universe, and explain the effects of the relative positions of the earth, sun, and moon.

# Class Policies

## Behavior and Expectations

You are held accountable to the [Student Code of Conduct](#), which outlines expectations pertaining to academic honesty (**including cheating and plagiarism**), classroom conduct, and general conduct. Plagiarism includes copying material from the internet and using it as answers to exam questions. Essay questions on exams must be answered using your own ideas and words. Instances of plagiarism will be reported directly to academic affairs. Consequences may range from loss of points on a question, loss of points on an exam, and other items detailed in the Student Code of Conduct.

## Learning Assessments

- All quizzes and exams will be held on Moodle.
- Labs are uploaded to Moodle as well

## Grading

- Unit exams (2 @ 75 pts) = 150 pts
- Exam 3 = 80 pts.
- Labs = 100 pts (I drop the lowest lab score not including Lab 8) Due Sundays at 11:59PM
- Weekly Moodle Homework = 90 pts (I drop the lowest homework score with the exception of lab 8). Due Wednesdays at 11:59PM
- Attendance: 50 pts
- Worksheets 50 pts
- Discussion Board 50 pts
- **Total = 570 pts**

	HIGH	LOW
GRADE	570.00	342.00
A	570.00	513.00
B	512.90	456.00
C	455.90	399.00
D	398.90	342.00
F		<342

### Final Grade Calculation:

**You cannot pass this course if you miss more than 2 labs (Lab 8 cannot be dropped)**

**Exams:** Exam 1 covers modules 1-3. Exam 2 covers modules 4-6. Exam 3 covers modules 7-10. Exams will be given on Moodle and open during the entire week of each exam for Exams 1 and 2. Exam 1 (Week 2), Exam 2 (Week 4), Exam 3 (Finals Week).

**Discussion Board:** Use the discussion board to post questions that might have regarding labs, homework, or exams. You can gain a possible total of **50 points** for regularly participating in discussions. The idea of the board is for you to interact both with your peers and the subject material. You can ask questions or answer questions (for instance--oh yeah, that material is covered in lecture X on page such and such) . **Helping or asking gets you credit.**

**Labs:** Each week there is a lab. All of the labs will include material from the GS106 course packet.

- **Lab reports will be due on 1159PM Sunday.**
- Make sure you answer all of the questions asked in the labs.
- Your lowest lab score will be dropped with the exception of Lab 8 on Climate Change, which cannot be dropped.
- **Labs will be turned in on Moodle.**
- There will be a folder on Moodle to turn in/upload each week's lab to.
- You will need to scan your completed lab work as a PDF file.
- You can discuss lab work in the Zoom chat, all labs must be turned in by you individually for grading on Moodle.

**Cam Scanner** is a popular application that can be used with any smart phone. This application allows you to take multiple pictures one after another and turn it into a single PDF file. Please make sure your lab submissions are in sequential order with page numbers included.

**Weekly Homework:** You will complete weekly "HW" assignments **on Moodle**. These are always due on **Wednesday at 11:59 pm**. It is a good idea to set a recurring reminder for the due date for the HW assignments on your phone. Your lowest score is dropped. Assignments 1-10 are based from reading from the textbook. Exam material will be based off of lecture and lab material mostly.

- HW1: THE SCIENTIFIC METHOD AND TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS (Week 1)
- HW2: ROCK TYPES (Week 1)
- HW3 TECTONICS (Week 2)
- HW4: VOLCANOES (Week 2)
- HW5: EARTHQUAKES (Week 3)
- HW6: HYDROLOGY AND RIVER SYSTEMS (Week 3)
- HW7: OCEANOGRAPHY (Week 4)
- HW8: CLIMATE CHANGE (Week 4)
- HW9: WEATHER (Week 5)
- HW10 ASTRONOMY (Week 5)

**Incomplete grades (IN)** will only be considered if a student has talked to me in advance, and a signed agreement between the student and myself is completed. IN grade are assigned only if the student has a good reason for making the request, has only the minority of coursework remaining to complete, and has scored a C or better on work that has been submitted. The student takes 100% responsibility for completing any remaining coursework BEFORE the end of the following term as well as communicating this to me but submitting all work by that time. Failure to do so will cause the IN grade to change to an "F" grade.

### **Late Assignment Policy**

Late labs are not accepted. **I highly recommend that you do not put off doing lab work as some can be time consuming.** My experience in teaching this course shows that students who work on labs earlier vs. later tend to outperform students who put labs off until the last minute.

**Course Withdrawal:** If you need to withdraw from the course, you may do so at any time before the withdrawal deadline for the term. International students should work with their advisers to ensure that they do not drop below required course loads for student visa requirements prior to withdrawing. If you are not present at the first week lab/lecture sessions and do not login to Moodle during the first week you will be dropped from the course. This action is to prevent you from receiving a failing grade for a course that you may have intended to drop.

## **College Policies**

### **LBCC Email and Course Communications**

You are responsible for all communications sent via Moodle and to your LBCC email account. You are required to use your LBCC provided email account for all email communications at the College. You may access your LBCC student email account through Student Email and your Moodle account through Moodle.

### **Disability and Access Statement**

LBCC is committed to inclusiveness and equal access to higher education. If you have approved accommodations through the Center for Accessibility Resources (CFAR) and would like to use your accommodations in this class, please talk to your instructor as soon as possible to discuss your needs. If you believe you may need accommodation but are not yet registered with CFAR, please visit the CFAR website at [www.linnbenton.edu/cfar](http://www.linnbenton.edu/cfar) for steps on how to apply for services or call 541-917-4789.

### **Statement of Inclusion**

To promote academic excellence and learning environments that encourage multiple perspectives and the free exchange of ideas, all courses at LBCC will provide students the opportunity to interact with values, opinions, and/or beliefs different than their own in safe, positive and nurturing learning environments. LBCC is committed to producing culturally literate individuals capable of interacting, collaborating and problem-solving in an ever-changing community and diverse workforce.

### **Title IX Reporting Policy**

If you or another student are the victim of any form of sexual misconduct (including dating/domestic violence, stalking, sexual harassment), or any form of gender discrimination, LBCC can assist you. You can [report](#) a violation of our sexual misconduct policy directly to our Title IX Coordinator. You may also report the issue to a faculty member, who is required to notify the Coordinator, or you may make an appointment to speak confidentially to our Advising and Career Center by calling 541-917-4780.

### **Campus Police/Emergency Resources**

You may review emergency services and resources at the LBCC [Public Safety website](#). Campus Safety can be reached using the 'Code 2' button on any campus phone or by dialing x411 on campus or (541) 917-4440 off campus. Dial 911 for off campus emergencies.

## Campus Resources

Please check [here](#) for updates to learning center operation related to the move to remote instruction/learning. The learning centers offer remote assistance via Zoom chat.

## Changes to the Syllabus

I reserve the right to change the contents of this syllabus due to unforeseen circumstances. You will be given notice of relevant changes in class, through a Moodle Announcement, or through LBCC e-mail.

## Student Resource Guide:

The below link will take you to all of the resources that LBCC has available to you as a student. There are quite a few! Please have a look.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cgNhy-Rd35zVZf9J\\_1gwH-8\\_XgUjmgVRXZRMVux-oM/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cgNhy-Rd35zVZf9J_1gwH-8_XgUjmgVRXZRMVux-oM/edit)

- The Library can't currently offer our standard **course reserves** service for textbooks because books must be quarantined between users.
  - Students can **request up to 30 pages of scanned materials** in our collection (including reserves) [through this form](#).
- Students can find information about requesting the **loan of a laptop or internet hot spot** in the "Access to Library Laptops and Internet Hotspots" box [on this page](#).

## Roadrunner Resource Center

- Do you need help with financial resources to stay in school or technology and course materials you need to participate in your classes but cannot afford right now?
- The Roadrunner Resource Center is available to help remove barriers that might prevent students from staying in school and reaching their dreams.
- If you can't afford the technology or course materials you need for the whole term, the center can help you to obtain your own resources, technology, or devices for school.
  - Roadrunner Resource Center Contact Information
    - Email: [resources@linnbenton.edu](mailto:resources@linnbenton.edu).
    - Online Portal: Fill out the Single Stop screener here: <https://linnbentonccalbany.singlestoptechnologies.com/>
    - Phone: **541-917-4877**

### Course Schedule

- Moodle Homework and Labs are due by Wednesdays at 11:59PM (Set yourself a reminder/alarm on your phone).
- Exam material will be from the book, homework, lecture PDF's and lab material.

<b>Week</b>	<b>Reading/HW</b>	<b>Topics/Exams</b>	<b>Lab</b>
Week 1	Lecture 1, Lab 1, (Intro) Ch 1.5/HW1	The Scientific Method and Topographic Maps	Lab 1 Maps
Week 1	(Intro) Ch 1.1-1.4, Chx 1.1, 1.5 Ch 2/HW2	Minerals and Rock Types	Lab 2 Rock Types
Week 2	Ch 5, 6.3, 6.9-6.10, HW3	Plate Tectonics	Lab 3 Plate Tectonics
Week 2	Ch. 7/HW4	<b>Exam 1 due by 1159PM, Sunday of Week 2</b>  Volcanoes	Lab 4 Volcanic Explosivity
Week 3	Ch 6.1-6.7/HW5	Earthquakes	Lab 5: Seismology
Week 3	Ch 3-4, HW6	Rivers and Hydrology	Lab 6 Stream Tables
Week 4	Ch 9-10, HW7	<b>Exam 2 due by 1159PM Sunday of Week 7.</b>  Oceanography	Lab 7 Salinity
Week 4	Lecture 8 PDF, HW8	Climate Change	Lab 8 Climate Change, see Moodle for lab information and CO2 data. (This lab cannot be dropped and is worth 20 points)
Week 5	Ch 11-14, HW9	Weather	Lab 9: Weather
Week 5	Ch 15-16, HW10	Astronomy	Lab 10: Astronomy
Finals Week		<b>Exam 3 Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 13:50</b>	<b>Exam 3 Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 13:50</b>