

Geography 120 – Our Physical Environment / Summer 2011

****DRAFT: SUBJECT TO CHANGE EXCEPT FOR THE REQUIRED TEXTBOOK****

CLASS LOCATION & TIME:

SEC 201 (ONLINE)

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION:

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On-campus office Hours: M 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM and R 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM or by appointment

Online support hours: M 9:00 – 10:00 PM and R 9:00 – 10:00 PM (during this time I will intensively take care of questions and other comments posted on D2L)

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES:

Geog 120 Our Physical Environment is an introductory physical geography course that covers the essentials of Earth's physical processes occurring in the four spheres that make up the Earth system (atmosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere, and biosphere). The processes occurring in each of these interconnected spheres are important because they form the physical environment in which we live. Example topics include Earth-sun relations, atmospheric temperature and precipitation, weather systems, global climates, creation of various landforms, and soils. This course is a 3-credit natural science General Education Requirements <GER> course.

After successfully finishing this course,

- 1) You will have gained basic understanding of our physical environment from a scientific point of view
- 2) You will understand how the physical processes are related to each other and to human life
- 3) You will have gained skills that are useful for studying the Earth from a geographical perspective

STUDY MATERIALS AND RESOURCES:

- **Required textbook:** An account with WileyPLUS. See attachment for details. Make sure to create your account with your UWM email address and full name.
- **D2L Course Web site:** Go to d2l.uwm.edu, log in with your panther account and select **SEC201**. In this course, D2L will be mainly used for keeping track of your grades, providing general course information and manage discussions. Please post any questions about course contents on D2L-Discussions-General course questions. Check D2L often for your success in the course.

- WileyPLUS course Web site: Log on to <http://edugen.wiley.com/edugen/class/cls150316/> for class materials and tests. You have to be registered for the course through WileyPLUS with an additional fee (\$37.95) because quizzes and tests will be given on WileyPLUS. **The course Web site contains the whole textbook** and other supplementary materials. Again, check the site often.
- Panther Academic Support Services: tutoring center for undergraduates (<http://www4.uwm.edu/pass/>). However, do not hesitate to contact your Instructor first for any questions you have about lectures or assignments.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- Reading: Each week you have to read the assigned textbook chapter.
- Examination: Exams are non-cumulative and will cover the chapters as indicated by Instructor. Refer to the class schedule for date and time. Exams will take about an hour **or so**, but will be available for access for 24 hours.
- Pre-lecture quiz: Before each chapter, there will be a quiz on WileyPlus to test your prior knowledge. It will be graded based on just whether you took it or not. The quiz will close at noon of the chapter date in the schedule. For example, the pre-lecture quiz for Chapter 1 will close at noon, 28th of January.
- Post-lecture quiz: After reading each textbook chapter, you will take a quiz that will be graded based on the number of correct answers. The quiz will close at noon of the following chapter date in the schedule and will open 48hrs prior to deadline. For example, the post-lecture quiz for Chapter 1 will close at noon, 4th of February and you can start to take it from noon, 2nd of February. So you will have to finish two (pre- and post-lecture) quizzes by noon of every Thursday.
- Assignment: There will be eight assignments you have to complete and return to me. **Normally they will be posted on D2L during Monday office hours and due at noon Thursday of the same week.** You have three ways to deliver to me: (1) scan and upload on D2L; (2) fax (414-229-3981 Attn: Prof. Choi); (3) in person (Bolton Hall 496 under the door). No matter how you deliver, the same deadline will apply.
- Extra Credit: Points earned in the optional course works will be added on top of your final score.

EVALUATION:

Grades will assigned on the basis of the total points accumulated from the course requirements throughout the semester. For example, if you earned 160 points throughout the semester, your letter grade will be B ($160/200 = 80\%$). Rounding is applied to the total score, not to individual items, and what you get at the end is what you get.

Points		Grading scale
Examinations	50	A: 90-100%, A-: 88-89%
Assignments	50	B+: 83-87%, B: 80-82%, B-: 77-79%
Pre-lecture quizzes	30	C+: 73-76%, C: 70-72%, C-: 67-69%
Post-lecture quizzes	70	D+: 63-66%, D: 60-62%, D-: 58-59%
Extra Credits	(variable)	F: 0-57%
TOTAL	200	

OTHER COURSE POLICIES:

- Academic Integrity: Plagiarism will not be tolerated in this class and students involved will receive a **zero** grade. Severer cases will be submitted to the University for further scrutiny. The scope and disciplines of student academic misconducts are specified in Chapter UWS 14 and UWM implementation provisions (Faculty Document 1686) and <http://www4.uwm.edu/secu/SyllabusLinks.pdf>. UWM Disciplinary Guidelines can be found in the Office of the Dean of Students, Mellencamp Hall, Rm118.
- Finality of Grade: All grades, once released on D2L or PAWS, are final except in cases of clerical error.
- Special Accommodation: Any student who feels he or she may need an accommodation based on the impact of disability, religion, or other civic duty should contact Instructor privately as early as possible to discuss his or her specific needs. A student should notify Instructor, within the first three weeks of the beginning of class, of the specific days or dates on which he or she will request relief from an examination or academic requirement for a religious observance. The student notification will be kept confidential.
- Other Notice:
 - Late submissions will result in 30% discount, unless otherwise specified for each item
 - Make-ups will be allowed at the discretion of Instructor when a pre-approval has been obtained or in case of emergency with written proof
 - Other unspecified matters will be handled according to the University policies listed on <http://www4.uwm.edu/secu/SyllabusLinks.pdf>
 - In the event of disruption of normal classroom activities due to an H1N1 swine flu outbreak, the format for this course may be modified to enable completion of the course. In that event, you will be provided an addendum to this syllabus that will supersede this version
 - If you are having any trouble in class, please see Instructor as soon as possible

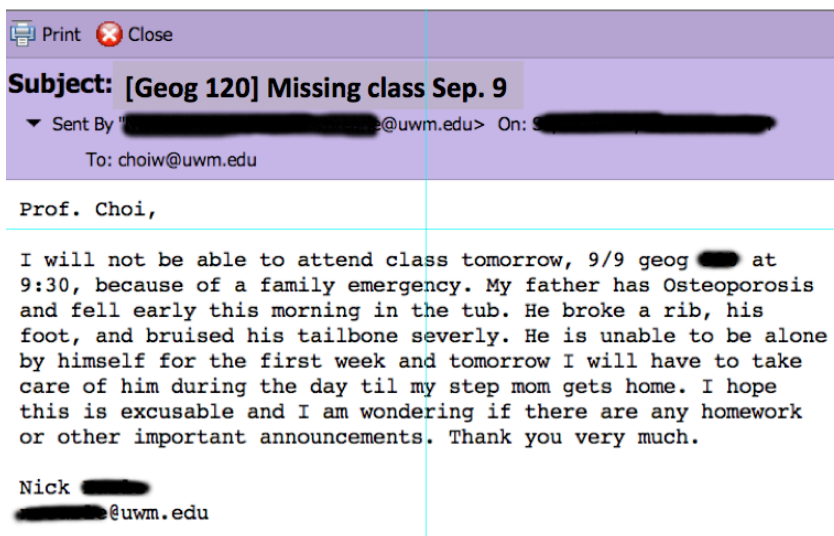
CLASS SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Week	Date	Class content	Chapter
1	28-Jan	The Earth as a rotating planet	1
2	4-Feb	Global energy balance Assignment 1	2
3	11-Feb	Atmospheric temperature Assignment 2	3
4	18-Feb	Atmospheric moisture and precipitation Assignment 3	4
	19-Feb	"LAST DAY to withdraw from the course without notation of "W" on academic record"	
5	25-Feb	Winds and global circulation Assignment 4	5
6	4-Mar	Weather systems	6
7	11-Mar	Global climate Assignment 5	7
8	18-Mar	Lithospheric material and motion Mid-term exam (from noon)	8

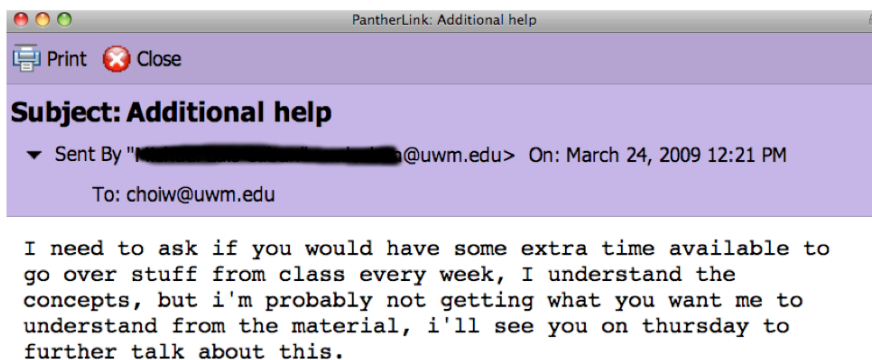
	19-Mar	"LAST DAY to withdraw from the course"	
9	25-Mar	Spring break	
10	1-Apr	Weathering and mass movement Assignment 6	10
11	8-Apr	Fresh water of the Earth Assignment 7	11
12	15-Apr		12
13	22-Apr	Landforms made by waves and wind	13
14	29-Apr	Glacial landforms Assignment 8	14
15	6-May	Soils	15
16	13-May	Study time	
	15-May	FINAL EXAM (from noon)	

SUGGESTED EMAIL FORMAT

- Have the subject start with [Geog 120]
- Make sure who you are writing to
- Put your name at the end



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Once you purchase your *WileyPLUS* registration code, you will need to register for *WileyPLUS*.

- **Step 1:** Copy and paste the specific Class Section URL listed below into your browser.

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- **Step 2:** Click on the REGISTER button to start.
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