
COURSE OUTLINE

Introduction to Physical Geography

This course introduces the science of Physical Geography using an earth systems approach. Course themes include global climates and climate change, hydrology and water resources, geomorphology and natural hazards, and biogeography, with focus on how geographic sciences are applied to address real world issues.

Class Meetings: Mondays and Thursdays 08:30 to 09:50am

Classroom: David Turpin Building A102

Lab Information:	B01	Monday	2:30–4:20pm	DTBB303
	B02	Tuesday	8:30–10:20am	DTBB303
	B03	Tuesday	12:30–2:20pm	DTBB303
	B04	Thursday	10:00–11:50am	DTBB303
	B05	Thursday	12:30–2:20pm	DTBB303

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

Dr. Eva Kwohl,

REQUIRED TEXTS

Geosystems (2016), 4th Canadian Edition, by: R. Christopherson, M. L. Byrne, & P. Giles

The majority of your readings will come from the required textbook. Use of older editions of the textbook is acceptable, however assigned readings (pages and chapters) will reference the 4th edition only. If you use an older edition, you are responsible for matching content between books and making up any material that is found in the new edition. Additional readings and learning resources will be provided throughout the course.

EVALUATION

Laboratory Assignments (5)	35%
Midterm Exam (Feb 25 in class)	15%
Laboratory Exam (during Exam period)	15%
Final Exam (during Exam period)	35%

Exam Format: The questions for the midterm exam and final exam will be based on lectures, readings and class discussion. The midterm test will cover only the topics discussed immediately preceding it. The final exam is comprehensive but will be weighted more heavily on material not previously tested on. Format includes a combination of multiple choice and short answer questions. Examples will be provided in class. The lab exam is comprehensive based on lab assignments, background material and lab discussions.

COURSE COMMUNICATION

Course Spaces learning management systems (LMS) will serve as the main avenue of communication in this course (<http://coursespaces.uvic.ca>). This is where I will put important resources that I think will help you along including course information, topic handouts, important dates, announcements, lab materials, and TA information (email addresses and office hours). Please go here first and visit often. If you are having difficulty logging in or password problems, contact the Computer Help Desk Email: helpdesk@uvic.ca, tel: 250 721 7687

GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

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GRADING SYSTEM

As per the Academic Calendar:

Grade	Grade point value	Grade scale	Description
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examples and the manner in which we conduct our discussions and groupwork. If you have any concerns about the climate of the class, please contact me.

COURSE EXPERIENCE SURVEY (CES)

We value your feedback on this course. Towards the end of term, as in all other courses at UVic, you will have the opportunity to complete an anonymous survey regarding your learning experience (CES). The survey is vital to providing feedback to me regarding the course and my teaching, as well as to help the department improve the overall program for students in the future. The survey is accessed via MyPage and can be done on your laptop, tablet, or mobile device. I will remind you and provide you with more detailed information nearer the time but please be thinking about this important activity during the course.

LABSCHEDULE