**GEOG 1 Course Overview**

**PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY 1 ONLINE – LANEY COLLEGE – SPRING 2021**

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**Course Description:**

This is a general course that introduces the basis elements of the earth’s physical systems and processes; earth-sun relationship, weather, climate, global climate change, earthquakes, plate tectonics, ecosystems and hydrological cycles, and human-environmental interactions on the Earth’s resources.

**10 Course Goals: At the end of the class, you should have these student learning outcomes\*:**

**1\*) Explain how hydrologic and atmospheric processes as well as earth-sun relationships are interconnected between individuals, social forces and environmental factors that change the climate.**

**2\*) Explain the conditions that can cause floods, tornados, earthquakes, landslides, volcanoes, and coastal erosion, and explain their impact on humans.**

**3\*) Analyze the impact of humans on the natural environments and research such local environmental issues as waste management, air pollution, water pollution, and environmental planning.**

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| **4\*) Critically analyze their own individual experiences within the context of historical,**  **cultural, and environmental phenomena.** |

**5) Understand the geographic grid of latitude and longitude.**

**6) Explain basic atmospheric processes and global circulation patterns of air pressure and winds.**

**7) Understand the factors that influence global temperatures and climate change.**

**8) Explain the basic characteristics of volcanism, earthquakes, and their relation to the theory of plate tectonics.**

**9) Explain how hydrologic, tectonic, erosional, and atmospheric processes as well as earth-sun relationships are interconnected and together shape the physical environment.**

**10) Analyze interrelationships between individuals, social forces and environmental factors of climate change.**

**Required Materials:**

Computer

Recommended Text: Geosystems by Christopherson & Birkeland - Pearson Publishing, 10th edition, 9th, or 8th; available to purchase online.

**Methods:**

Online delivery of lectures and discussions with visual aids, maps, powerpoints, videos and assignments supplementing classtime instruction. I encourage group study and collaboration.

Preparation is Necessary!!!   Show up!!! Take notes!!  Ask questions! Keep up with the chapter readings. The end of the book chapter has a review. Basic geographic concepts covered in previous weeks will be reviewed and questions answered.

**Grading:**Midterm Exam (100 points)                       = 100 points

Final Exam (100 points)                             = 100 points

Four Quizzes                                               = 100 ea. = 400 points averaged together

Homework, participation                           = 20 pt. ea. = 100 points

TOTAL                                                          = 700 Points averaged together

**CLASS RULES**

Quizzes and Assignments must be completed by the assigned dates.

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PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY 01   SPRING 2021 SCHEDULE   (**Subject to Change**)

Module               Date                                  Topic                                                  Reading Assignment

1                          Jan. 25           Introduction to Geography-                            LUMIN notes on

                                    Discuss course and grading, Scientific thinking, CANVAS course

                                    geographic principles,                           HOW I GOT TO LANEY - HOMEWORK   DUE Feb. 5

2                           Feb. 01           Location, Latitude & Longitude, Time-          LUMIN notes

                                        Geographic Grid, Time Zones,                                       Map Homework

                                    Projection Distortion, GPS/GIS

3                            Feb. 08            Earth-Sun Relations                                        Ch 2 notes

                                        Solar Angle, Radiation, Seasons                                  Quiz #1

4                             Feb. 15 (holiday)  Feb. 16            Earth’s Modern Atmosphere -         Ch. 3. powerpoint

                                      Air Pollution, Ozone Hole                                                 DVD- Origins

5                              Feb. 22            Energy Balance/Greenhouse Effect              Ch. 4. Powerpoint

                                               Global Temperature Notes                                               Quiz   # 2

6                              Mar. 01           Climate Change, Global Warming                     Before the Flood video review

                                         Climate Change, Global Warming

                                    Oceanic Circulation                                                 Ch. 5 powerpoint

7                              Mar. 08            Hydrosphere-                                                           Weather Journal

8                              Mar. 15                 Weather- Water

9                              Mar. 22            Water Standards                                                  View Videos

                                                          Hydrogen Bonding                                                                        Quiz   #3

10                           Mar. 29           SPRING RECESS      NO CLASS

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11                           Apr. 05            Biomes -Biosphere      Global Climate

12                           Apr. 12           Dynamic  Planet Ecosystems

                                          Earthquakes, Volcanoes                                                        DVD-The EARTH

13                          Apr. 19            Glaciers     - Rivers                                              Story of Stuff video reaction

14                          Apr. 26           Magnetism, Plate Tectonics                                                Quiz #4

15                          May 03           Biosphere      Island Conservation

16                          May 10            Biosphere      Ecology

17                          May 17           Review for Final

18                          May 24          Finals                                                                                ALL WORK DUE

Important Notes

* If you are a student with a disability, please let me know about your needed accommodations immediately. If you are a new student and need evaluation or verification of your needed accommodations, please contact Disability Services and Programs for Students.
  + [Laney College DSPS](https://laney.edu/dsps/)
  + [College of Alameda DSPS](https://alameda.peralta.edu/student-service/dsps/)
  + [Merritt College SAS](https://www.merritt.edu/wp/dsp/)
  + [Berkeley City College PSSD](https://www.berkeleycitycollege.edu/wp/pssd/)
* Consider using and leveraging other important [student support resources](file:////courses/442/pages/connecting-with-campus-staff-2%3fmodule_item_id=861458).