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GEOGRAPHY 105 INTRODUCTORY PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

T,R 2-3:50 in HSS 111

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Text

Elemental Geosystems: Christopherson & Birkeland, Pearson (2016).

earlier versions are fine but they may not match the assigned readings

Course Description

In this course we will study climate, landforms, soils, vegetation and interactions between humans and the natural environment. I will try to illustrate connections between the subject matter and your personal lives. Everything comes from and is affected by the "natural world", therefore this class can have meaning to all of you. When you make these connections, learning will come naturally and you will enjoy the class. Please feel free to ask questions during lectures. There is no such thing as a "stupid question", and the more questions you ask, the more interesting the class will be for all of us.

Students with learning disabilities should meet with me as soon as possible so accommodations can be made. Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances should also communicate with me regarding any needs.

Exams

There will be three exams. All exams will be comprehensive. Exams will be based primarily on the lecture material. If you want to get an "A" in the class, I strongly suggest that you attend all lectures, and **take very detailed notes**. The format of exams will be a mixture of fill in the blank, matching, and multiple choice. I will not give any make-up exams. If you have a legitimate reason for not being able to make an exam, you must contact me before the exam is given, or you will receive a zero.

Quizzes

There will be 5 short quizzes given throughout the quarter, and you can drop your lowest score. They will usually consist of 10 questions, and will be worth a total of 40 points.

Grading

Every student has the opportunity to get an "A". If you work hard, you will succeed. I generally grade 100-90 = A, 89-80 = B, 79-70 = C, and 69-60 = D. If this scale is changed, it will be changed to your advantage.

Exam 1	100 pts
Exam 2	100 pts
Final Exam	100 pts
Quizzes	40 pts

Total pts	340 pts
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Extra Credit 20 pts possible

Download the study guide from my web page www.wou.edu/~vanstem. Fill in information regarding each topic. Print it. Hand it on Thursday June 2nd. **This is an individual**