

12:207 Geologic Orientation (1 s.h.) Course Syllabus, Fall 2011

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Office hours: Tuesday 2:30-4:30 PM, Thursday 10-12 AM or by appointment

Course goals and objectives: to introduce new graduate students to the U. of Iowa Dept. of Geoscience procedures, faculty and facilities.

Class meetings: 2 full days (August 17, 18) and approximately ten Wednesday afternoons from 4:30-5:30 PM (or occasionally from 5-7 PM). Room locations will vary from week to week, and will be announced in the department newsletter.

Topics: During the ten Wednesday evening sessions, each faculty member will give a 30-minute presentation on his/her research and grad student theses that they have supervised.

Tours will be provided of the following facilities: Science Library, Paleontology Repository, University Central Microscopy Facilities, Thin Section Laboratory.

Tests, Assignments: There are no tests or required readings for this course. Students are required to attend all meetings to satisfactorily complete the course.

Grading: Students are graded as either satisfactory or unsatisfactory on the basis of attendance. Please contact Prof. Bettis if you are unable to attend a class meeting to arrange a makeup.

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The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is the administrative home of this course and governs matters such as the add/drop deadlines, the second-grade-only option, and other related issues. Different colleges may have different policies. Questions may be addressed to 120 Schaeffer Hall, or see the CLAS [Student Academic Handbook](#).

Electronic Communication

University policy specifies that students are responsible for all official correspondences sent to their University of Iowa e-mail address (@uiowa.edu). Faculty and students should use this account for correspondences. (*Operations Manual*, [III.15.2](#). Scroll down to k.11.)

Accommodations for Disabilities

A student seeking academic accommodations should first register with Student Disability Services and then meet privately with the course instructor to make particular arrangements. See www.uiowa.edu/~sds/ for more information.

Academic Honesty

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences expects all students to do their own work, as stated in the [CLAS Code of Academic Honesty](#). Instructors fail any assignment that shows evidence of plagiarism or other forms of cheating, also reporting the student's name to the College. A student reported to the College for cheating is placed on disciplinary probation; a student reported twice is suspended or expelled.

CLAS Final Examination Policies

Final exams may be offered only during finals week. No exams of any kind are allowed during the last week of classes. Students should not ask their instructor to reschedule a final exam since the College does not permit rescheduling of a final exam once the semester has begun. Questions should be addressed to the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs and Curriculum.

Making a Suggestion or a Complaint

Students with a suggestion or complaint should first visit the instructor, then the course supervisor, and then the departmental DEO. Complaints must be made within six months of the incident. See the CLAS [Student Academic Handbook](#).

Understanding Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment subverts the mission of the University and threatens the well-being of students, faculty, and staff. All members of the UI community have a responsibility to uphold this mission and to contribute to a safe environment that enhances learning. Incidents of sexual harassment should be reported immediately. See the UI [Comprehensive Guide on Sexual Harassment](#) for assistance, definitions, and the full University policy.

Reacting Safely to Severe Weather

In severe weather, class members should seek appropriate shelter immediately, leaving the classroom if necessary. The class will continue if possible when the event is over. For more information on Hawk Alert and the siren warning system, visit the Public Safety [web site](#).

Rights and responsibilities in the classroom. See: [Current policies and regulations affecting students](#) for University-wide policies. The College's statement on student rights and responsibilities can be found at: <http://www.clas.uiowa.edu/students/handbook/x/>.

The CLAS policy and procedural statements have been summarized from the web pages of the [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#) and The University of Iowa [Operations Manual](#).