



Department of Earth Sciences

3. Course Syllabus, Schedule, Delivery Mode

Labs: You will be attending one (1) lab session per week as per your

Week	Day	Date of Lecture	Lecture Topics (and Suggested Chapter Readings in "Earth" E-text)
			Note lectures will be released and linked on OWL (in "Course Center

Key Sessional Dates

Classes begin: Thursday, September 5

Last day to add a full course or first term half course (Friday, September 13)

Thanksgiving: Monday, October 14

Reading Week: Saturday, October 19 - Sunday, Oct. 19

Last day to withdraw from a first term half course without academic penalty: Tuesday, Nov. 12

Classes end: Friday, December 6

Contingency plan for an in-person class pivoting to 100% online learning

In the event of a COVID-19 resurgence during the course that necessitates the course delivery moving away from face-to-face interaction, all remaining course content will be delivered entirely online, either synchronously (i.e., at the times indicated in the timetable) or asynchronously (e.g., posted on OWL for students to view at their convenience). The grading scheme will not change. Any remaining assessments will also be conducted online as determined by the course instructor.

4. Course Materials

Required Materials (Student to Purchase):

Textbook: *Earth: An Introduction to Physical Geology*, Updated 4th Canadian Edition (Tarbuck, Lutgers, Tsu)

5. Methods of Evaluation

Grading Scheme (and significant dates)

1) Weekly Lab Assignments (20%)

Format for Midterm and Final Lecture Exams: Both exams will consist of a combination of multiple choice & written answer questions. The Midterm (Lecture) Exam will be 50 minutes long and the Final (Lecture) Exam will be 3 hours long.

General Information About Missed Course Work

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Even when Academic Considerations are granted for missed coursework, the following are deemed essential to earn a passing grade.

Note that you must pass both the lecture portion (combined mark for quizzes, online participation, midterm exam, final exam) and lab portion (combined mark for lab assignments, and participation in OWL Forums). The writing of both lecture (midterm and final) exams and both lab tests (midterm and final) is also mandatory in order to pass the course, although it is still possible to pass the course with a failing grade in one or more of these assessments. A passing grade for the course is 50% for all grade components combined.

Where legitimate Academic Considerations are granted for a student, that student will not be penalized for failing to meet a specific requirement. For example, a student who misses one or more labs or quizzes due to illness will be given an opportunity to complete the affected assessments after they recover. For the Final Lecture Exam specifically, it may be permissible for the opportunity to write a makeup to be granted with the next offering of the course, in which case the student will receive a grade of Incomplete (INC) until they complete their course requirements.

6. Additional Statements

Religious Accommodation

When conflicts with a religious holiday that requires an absence from the University or prohibits certain activities, students should request an accommodation for their absence in writing to the course instructor and/or the Academic Advising office of their Faculty of Registration. This notice should be made as early as possible but not later than two weeks prior to the writing or the examination (or one week prior to the writing of the test).

Please visit the Diversity Calendars posted on our university's EDID website for the recognized religious holidays:

<https://www.edi.uwo.ca>

Accommodation Pol

Electronic devices are permitted for Lab Assignments and Mastering Geology quizzes. However, such devices **will not be permitted on any inperson tests and exams** (e.g Lab Tests, Midterm Lecture Exam and Final Lecture Exam)

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

In the event of health lock-down, tests and examinations in this course will be conducted using a remote proctoring service. By taking this course, you are consenting to the use of this software and acknowledge that you will be required to provide **personal information** (including some biometric data) and the session will be **recorded**. Completion of this course will require you to have a reliable internet connection and a device that meets the technical requirements for this service. More information about

Western University is committed to a thriving campus as we deliver our courses in the mixed model of both virtual and face-to-face formats. We encourage you to check out the Digital Student Experience website to manage your academics and well-being: <https://www.uwo.ca/se/digital/>

Additional student-run support services are offered by the USC, <https://westernusc.ca/services/>

This course is supported by the Science Student Donation Fund. If you are a student registered in the Faculty of Science or Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, you pay the Science Student Donation Fee. This fee contributes to the Science Student Donation Fund, which is administered by the Science Students' Council (SSC). One or more grants from the Fund have allowed for the purchase of equipment integral to teaching this course including rock and mineral samples and mineral testing equipment. You may opt out of the Fee by the end of September of each academic year by completing the online form linked from the Faculty of Science's Academic Advising site. For further information on the process of awarding grants from the Fund or how these grants