

EPS 105L Spring 2018 - Physical Geology Laboratory

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Office hours: M 10:30-12:00; T 10:30-12:00; W 1:00-2:45

Class time and location: Mondays 12:45-2:45 P.M. in VAHS 108

Textbook: none; required readings will be posted as PDFs in the class UNMLearn website

Supplies needed: Notebook or binder with lined paper, pencils; some students prefer different colors of pens/pencils for note-taking and diagrams; magnifying glass/hand lens; clear plastic ruler

Schedule

DATE	SUBJECT	READING
Jan. 22	Observations; density	none
Jan. 29	Silicate minerals	Chapter 2
Feb. 5	Non-silicate minerals	Chapter 2
Feb. 12	Igneous rocks	Chapter 3
Feb. 19	Metamorphic rocks	Chapter 5
Feb. 26	Sedimentary rocks	Chapter 4
Mar. 5	Dating; Geologic history	Chapter 6
Mar. 12	Topographic maps	Chapter 7
Mar. 19	NO LAB – UNM SPRING BREAK	
Mar. 26	Geologic maps	Chapter 8
Apr. 2	Valencia County geology	Online resources
Apr. 9	Groundwater introduction	Chapter 10
Apr. 16	New Mexico groundwater contamination	Online resources
Apr. 23	Earthquakes and seismicity	Chapter 12
Apr. 30	Plate boundaries and tectonics	Chapter 1
May 3	No lab – Finals week	Chapter 11

A note on the schedule: dates are subject to change. All changes will be posted on the class website ASAP.

Reading:

Successful students will read lab materials BEFORE the lab and formulate questions to address in the lab period. This will allow you not only to comprehend lab materials in a more complete manner, but also to complete the lab more efficiently. It only takes a few minutes to pre-read the materials!

Attendance:

Attendance is *necessary* for successful completion of the class. If you miss 2 of the first 3 classes of the semester, you will be dropped from the class. Beyond this time I will not drop you unless *you* request it.

Grading:

Your final lab grade will be based on the grades you earn for each lab (100 points each), some of which will include short lab write-ups to be turned in the following week. Five online and/or in-lab quizzes will count for 40 points each. At the end of the semester, your lowest lab score will be dropped.

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