

GEOLOGY 1110L LAB
Physical Geology: Laboratory Sessions
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Office hours: Health Sciences Rm 111 Monday 3:30-4:30 pm and Tuesday 1:30 to 2:30 PM or by request.
 (When you need a meeting, we will find a way to meet.)

Classroom: Thursday 1:30PM to 3:30PM

Textbook: Handouts in class.

Supplies: calculator, colored pencils, ruler, and a BIG eraser. SERIOUSLY!

Date	Topic	Pre Lab Reading
Jan 23	Introduction and Observation: How do we ID minerals? Hardness, streak, form, fracture and cleavage	See MS Teams Site each week before the lab
Jan 30	Mineral Identification (basic rock forming minerals)	
Feb 6	Mineral Identification (basic rock forming minerals)	
Feb 13	Igneous Rocks (basic rock forming minerals)	
Feb 20	Metamorphic Rocks	
Feb 27	Sedimentary Rocks	
Mar 7	Rock dating, superposition, Geologic Events	
Mar 14	Lab Exam 1 (practical mineral and Rx ID)	
Mar 21	Break ENJOY!	
Mar 28	Maps, Scales, topography and symbols Soil sampling and collection	
Apr 3	Geologic cross sections	
Apr 10	Geologic structures (faults, folds, etc.)	
Apr 17	Groundwater	
Apr 24	Geomorphology	

May 1	Soil grain size analysis	
May 8	Lab close out. Short test	

Course Goals:

- 1) *To introduce the principles and process of science using the study of earth science as an aide*
- 2) *To present Earth system processes and products and the methods by which they are studied*
- 3) *To give each student a better appreciation of the world around them, and how it affects their lives and the lives of others*

Reading:

Reviewing the lab before class is very helpful. In most cases this will allow you to **finish the lab earlier** and ultimately provide you with a much better understanding of the course material. **IT ONLY TAKES A FEW MINUTES.**

Attendance & Drop Policy:

Due to the hands-on nature of this class, regular attendance is *necessary* for successful completion. Therefore, I strongly encourage you to make the effort to be present.

Grading:

Your final grade will be based on grades you earn from laboratory write-ups. And participation. Also, a final mineral and rock identification examination.

Laboratory Write-Ups:

Write-ups for each laboratory session must be completed and handed in before the next lab.

Title IX:

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On the UNM Valencia Campus, the coordinator for accommodations is located in the guidance

center. After you see them, they will confidentially, let me know what accommodations you will require.

KEEP A COPY OF THE SYLLABUS:

It is a great way to look ahead and see what's going to be discussed. And the best way to read before class and be prepared for any pop quizzes.

NOTE: This schedule is an outline of what is anticipated to be covered this semester. The dates and topics are subject to change if needed. Changes will be related to you ASAP in class.

Tutoring Services

Not sure if you'll need this for our class but the university has asked me to include it. Here is a link to the tutor service on campus if you feel you need more help. The second link is for making an appointment

<https://valencia.unm.edu/campus-resources/the-learning-center/learning-center.html>

<https://esurvey.unm.edu/opinio/s?s=131505>