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Course Guidelines for Online Students in ESC100F: Physical Geology

Section number: CRN 23368

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1. General Information

Welcome to the online Physical Geology course. It is important that you take the time to read all the following guidelines. If you find you do not have the patients or time to do this, please reconsider taking this course. Your successful completion of this course depends on you knowing the guidelines.

Warning signs that you are not ready for the course:

1) You spend less time on this course than a traditional campus course.
2) Not having the textbook for the course.
3) Missing deadlines in the course.
4) You do not realize that you are an active learning in this course and the instructor is merely there to administrate the course.

These guidelines establish specific requirements, grading criteria, description of exams and other key aspects of this course. Please make sure you read these guidelines very carefully. It is your responsibility to make sure you understand and agree to what is required in this course.

ALL ENROLLED STUDENTS: Please note that these course guidelines apply to ALL students enrolled in Mr. Willis' Physical Geology Online course.

COMPUTER REQUIREMENTS: All students are required to use a computer and the internet in this course. If you do not have computer and internet skills, then it is highly recommended that you obtain them before you attempt this course. All exams are held online through the Fullerton College CE6 server at http://online.fullcoll.edu/. You will need to become familiar with CE6 to succeed in this course. Please review the CE6 Tutorials at the same website as above.
**COURSE SYNOPSIS**: Physical Geology (ESC 100F) is designed as an introductory, laboratory-optional, general geology course for three (3) units that fulfills general education requirements and is transferable to four-year colleges and universities.

This course equates to three (3) lecture hours per week during a typical full term semester. This introductory course explores the physical composition of the earth and those processes that modify its surface. Topics include rocks and minerals, plate tectonics, earthquakes, volcanoes, landslides, flooding, groundwater, beach processes and earth resources. Contemporary environmental changes such as global warming and resource acquisition problems will also be discussed. Upon completion of this course, you should have a better understanding of the composition and structure of the earth, and of the processes that act on and underneath its surface.

All college, district, state and federal policies, guidelines and regulations in effect for on-campus courses apply to this course. Students are urged to review the FC Catalog, especially with regards to Academic Honesty. Students are also reminded that alcohol and drugs are forbidden on campus and during all college activities and events, including those held off-campus. This policy applies to all field trips and expeditions offered as part of this course.