

GEOG106/GEOL 106 Introduction to Natural Hazards and Disasters (5 credits Natural Science)

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Course Description and Objectives:

Geography/Geology 106 is a survey course. Students can enroll in either **GEOGRAPHY 106** or **GEOLOGY 106** but not BOTH. The course is designed to introduce students to Earth and atmospheric potential hazards as reflected or evidenced by actual catastrophes or disasters. The course will strive to elevate student awareness regarding dangerous interactions between earth processes and humans, as well as the interrelationships among potential disasters. In doing so, students may be able to make more informed/educated decisions such as determining the best site location for a future home purchase. Throughout the course '**Case in Point**' examples are used to illustrate the various types of hazards, and record significant disasters. Also, they are useful to help understand the complexities of environmental policies, societal behaviors, and governmental responsibilities regarding hazards. A variety of relevant DVD's along with digital images, and slides will be used to enhance the delivery of information. Practice Quizzes for all sections will be distributed prior to each assessment.

Text:

Natural Hazards and Disasters: 2009, 2nd Ed. Hyndman and Hyndman, Brooks/Cole Publ. Book can be acquired as a rental from the College bookstore or purchased online through various sites such as Amazon.

Course Requirements and Policies:

A minimum of **60%** is required to pass. **Five** exams and a **Final** are scheduled. The best **four** scores on the five exams recorded. The Final cannot be dropped. The Final is not comprehensive. The Final is scheduled for **Tues. March 19, at 3:30** terminating at **4:30. Final will be in Room D273. NO EXAM MAKE UPS. Finals are not given early. No exceptions!**

Four Exams @	20% x 4	80%
Final @	20%	20%
		100%

The lowest **Exam** score will automatically be dropped.

Extra credit may or may not be found in the five (5) exams and Final. Last day to withdraw: **4:00PM - Feb. 15, 2013 (in person)** or by **Midnight - Feb. 17,**

Section II. Earthquakes: Their Causes and Prediction

How earthquakes work. Causes of earthquakes. Scaling earthquakes. Buildings and ground motion. Liquefaction and slope failure. Earthquakes and tectonic environments. Predicting and surviving earthquakes.

Read: **Chapter 3:** Earthquakes and Their Damages

Read: **Chapter 4:** Earthquake Prediction/Environments

EXAM TWO

Section III. Tsunami and Slope Failure

Tsunami generation, prediction and mitigation. Slope processes, and materials. Causes and types of slope failure. Hazards and mitigation.

Read: **Chapter 5:** Tsunami

Read: **Chapter 8:** Landslides and Other Downslope Movement

EXAM THREE

Section IV. Volcanoes, and Volcanic Processes and Risks

Volcanic materials. Magma composition and eruptions. Types of volcanoes and associated eruptions. Volcanic hazards and mitigation

Read: **Chapter 6:** Volcanoes: Processes, Environments and Eruptions

Read: **Chapter 7:** Volcanoes: Hazards and Mitigation

EXAM FOUR

Section V. Streams and Flooding

Basics of stream dynamics. Stream types. The hydrograph. Floods. Development of floodplains. Human impact on stream dynamics.

Read: **Chapter 11:** Streams and Flood Processes

Read: **Chapter 12:** Floods and Human Interactions

EXAM FIVE

Students who fail a course will receive a letter grade of "F."

Final Examination Schedule

The Social Science Division will adhere to the final examination schedule as stated in the BC Schedule. Final examinations will be held at the end of each quarter at fixed times. Instructors will not give examinations in advance of the regular schedule. A student who is absent from any examination held at any time during the quarter may forfeit the right to make up the examination. If, for illness or some other circumstance beyond the student's control, the student is unable to be present at any scheduled examination and has contacted the instructor on a timely basis, the student may be permitted to take such examination at a time designated by the instructor.

Withdrawal From Class

College policy states that students must formally withdraw from a class by the end of the seventh week of the quarter (Registration Office, B125). If a student has not withdrawn by that date, an appropriate letter grade will be assigned for the course.

Hardship Withdrawal

Instructors may assign the grade of "HW" (hardship withdrawal) at their discretion in the event that a student cannot complete the coursework due to extreme and exceptional circumstances. Students may also contact the Enrollment Services office BEFORE grades are assigned in cases of hardship.

Students Who Require Disability Accommodations:

Students with disabilities who have accommodation needs are encouraged to meet with the Disability Resource Centre (DRC) office located in B132 (telephone 425.564.2498 or TTY 425.564.4110), to establish their eligibility for accommodation. The DRC office will provide each eligible student with an accommodation letter. Students who require accommodation in class should review the DRC accommodation letter with each instructor during the first week of the quarter.

Students with mobility challenges who may need assistance in case of an emergency situation or evacuation should register with Disability Resource Centre, and review those needs with the instructor as well.

Distribution of Grades

Grades will not be posted in the Social Science Division or in faculty offices, and secretaries will not give out grades. Students should access their grades through the BC Web site.

Return of Papers and Tests

Paper and/or Scantron score sheet returns will be arranged in the following ways ONLY: by mail, if student supplies the instructor with stamped, self-addressed envelope (with appropriate postage); or by the instructor designating a time and place whereby the student may retrieve his/her papers. Unclaimed papers and/or Scantron score sheets must be kept by the instructor for a minimum of sixty (60) instructional days following the end of the quarter.

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**If you are accused of cheating, stealing exams and/or plagiarism, there is a Bellevue College Student Discipline*