

**PRINCIPLES OF PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY**  
**Course Syllabus**

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**Textbook:** *Discovering Physical Geography* (1<sup>st</sup> edition) by Alan F. Arbogast. This book is available in hard copy or online by purchasing a registration code through Wiley Publishers at [www.wiley.com/college/wileyplus](http://www.wiley.com/college/wileyplus). Online access is free with a hard copy of the text.

**Objectives:** The goal of this course is to provide you with a general, yet comprehensive, understanding of your physical environment. This course will focus on:

- Key concepts, facts, and scientific terminology applicable to physical geography
- The interconnectedness of systems at local, regional and global scales
- Creating awareness and appreciation for human-environmental interactions

**Lectures and Chapter Assignments:** Lectures will be presented via PowerPoint allowing that technical systems do not fail. The text book is the primary source from which the lectures will be written; however, it is essential that class is attended and quality notes are taken. Because lectures cannot cover all topics discussed in each chapter, all chapter assignments should be read in their entirety as exam questions may be taken from material not discussed in class.

**Web site:** Student versions of the PowerPoint lectures, the course syllabus, review sheets, announcements, etc., are available on Blackboard (<http://courseware.ku.edu>). Critical changes to test dates, test information, lecture cancellations, and other information will be posted on Blackboard. It is your responsibility to check this site regularly.

**Examinations and Grading:**

The following grade scale will be used to determine the final grades:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Percent Range</b>	<b>Total Point Range (300 possible)</b>
A	90-100%	450-500
B	80-89%	400-449
C	70-79%	350-399
D	60-69%	300-349
F	Below 60%	299 or lower

**Makeup Exams:** Make up exams may be offered to those of you who are unable to be in attendance on test day because of absence **directly** affiliated with a **KU authorized** event. These exams may only be taken BEFORE the actual test day. I require that these arrangements be made and **confirmed** by me **at least one week** before the test day. *Procrastination on your part does not constitute an emergency on mine.*

**Papers:** Any papers or essays assigned during the semester must have the following format:  
Font: 12 pt New Types Roman (non-bold, no caps, regular font style) with 1” margins on all sides and double spaced. For full credit, papers must meet the required length and format guidelines.

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## Course Policies

**Attendance:** Given the size of this 100-level course, attendance will not be taken; however, *you* are responsible for all material presented in lecture, including class announcements and materials. It is possible that some handouts may be distributed in lecture that may not be available on Blackboard. No extra credit will be given for attendance.

**Disabilities:** Any individual with a disability that may impair his or her performance in this course should talk with me as soon as possible to discuss accommodations necessary to ensure full participation and facilitate the educational process. The staff of Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD), 135 Strong Hall (864-2620), coordinates accommodations and services for KU courses. You may request accommodation through them (<http://www.ku.edu/~ssdis/>).

**Classroom Environment:** To ensure that all students have an equal opportunity to learn, activities that may distract or disrupt this process (talking, reading newspapers or magazines, noisy eating, etc) during lecture are prohibited. All cell phones, pagers, or similarly distractive devices must be turned off at the start of class. Please arrive promptly (tardiness is also annoying) to class and be prepared to stay for the full class period.

**University of Kansas Policy Statement:** Course materials prepared by the instructor, together with the content of all lectures and review sessions presented by the instructor are the property of the instructor. Video and audio recording of lectures and review session without consent of the instructor is prohibited. On request, the instructor will usually grant permission for students to audio tape lectures, on the condition that these audio tapes are only used as a study aid by the individual making the recording. Unless explicit permission is obtained from the instructor, recordings of lectures and review sessions may not be modified and must not be transferred to any other person, whether or not that individual is enrolled in the course.

**Academic Misconduct:** I support and abide by the University policy on Academic Misconduct in the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Cheating, in any form, will not be tolerated and may result in an F for the exam or course or expulsion from the University.

<hr/> <b>Important Dates</b> <hr/>			
Jan	18	First Day Class	
Feb	8	<b>Exam I</b>	CH 1-4
Feb	29	<b>Exam II</b>	CH 5-7
Mar	17 - 23	Spring Break	
Mar	28	<b>Exam III</b>	CH 8-10
Apr	17	Last day to drop	
Apr	18	<b>Exam IV</b>	CH 11-14
May	9	Stop Day	
May	15	<b>Final Exam (V) 10:30am-1pm</b>	CH 15-19