

## **Geog 105: Introductory Lab in Physical Geography Spring 2008**

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**Course Description:** Physical geography covers a variety of subjects and includes a wide range of topics that can vary from climatology, to river systems, to glaciers. We will be covering a limited number of these topics in this lab using a hands-on approach to learning. Frequently, this will mean doing work outside of Lindley Hall, either in one of the libraries or inspecting natural processes as they occur on campus. We will also be reinforcing material covered in GEO 104: Lecture in Physical Geography. Although these classes can be taken during different semesters, we recommend that they be taken concurrently. By the end of this course, you can expect to have a greater understanding of the physical geography of Kansas and the spatial patterns of physical processes. You will also be familiar with current geographic technology.

**Required Text:** Johnson, William, *Physical Geography Laboratory Exercises*. Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt, 2006.

**Materials:** The following materials are needed for every class session: pen or pencil, calculator, a ruler and a notebook. While not required, an atlas, such as Rand MacNalley, or Goodes Physical Geography Atlas, is also recommended. Other materials will be provided.

**Grading:** Grades will be calculated using the following criteria:

Labs:	40%
Quizzes:	40%
Attendance and Participation:	20%

**Labs:** The center of this course is lab work. Each week we will work on several lab activities. Each week's labs are due at the end of Thursday's session. They will be graded and returned on the following Thursday. You are responsible for completing each lab and turning them in on time. **You cannot get credit for a lab you were not present for.** If you know you will be absent for a certain lab, contact me prior to the expected absence and we will arrange a solution. You are responsible for any material covered in class when you are absent.

**Quizzes:** There will be four quizzes over the course of the semester. We will never have a pop quiz; all quizzes are scheduled on the calendar. If you know that you are going to miss a quiz for a valid reason (religious observance, athletic competition, surgery) you must contact me prior to the quiz date so that we can organize an alternate time for you to take the quiz.

**Attendance:** As this is a hands-on lab, attendance is imperative. This grade is calculated on an absolute scale per day, with being here and on time receiving full credit, absent being a zero, and late being half credit.

**Lab Civility:** My expectation is that we will all be respectful of each other in lab. If a student is being disruptive or affecting the abilities of others to perform their work, I will ask that student to leave and they will lose credit for that day's lab and attendance grades. Similarly, cell phones, iPods, newspapers and sudoku should not make appearances during lab. Generally, when work is done on a day's lab, students can leave. Although we have two hours, I do not anticipate always taking the full amount of time.

**INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:** Any students with a disability that might prevent full demonstration of academic abilities should contact me as soon as possible so that we can discuss accommodations necessary to ensure full participation and facilitate your educational opportunity.