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Geol 420 Special Topics: Coastal Field Studies

CRN 20728, Sect 01

Spring 2019

Professor: J. L. Allen

Credit Hours: 1

Office Location: 401C

Prerequisites: Geol 101 and permission

Office Hours: MF 11:30-1; 2-2:30; W 10-11

Course Time: R 2-4 PM (5 wks; starts Feb 21)

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Department Website: <https://www.concord.edu/physci/>

Course Description/Rationale: This special topics course is a field-based introduction to coastal geologic problems. The focus will be on barrier island and estuarine sedimentology. This course will meet for 2 hours weekly for 5 weeks and is taught in a seminar/discussion format. The core of the course is a 3-day field trip to the NC barrier island system at the beginning of spring break. One credit hour. Prerequisites: Geol 101 and permission of professor.

Course Management System: None

Hardware/Software Needed: None (iPad provided)

Text requirements: None; readings to be distributed or placed on library reserve.

Concord University Educational Goal(s) The educational programs of Concord University are designed to foster skills, knowledge, and attitudes. As an upper-level seminar for majors, Geol 420 addresses aspects of the following educational goals: Skills (1-7). (<http://catalog.concord.edu/index.php?catoid=6>).

National Standards: None

Specific Learning Outcomes: Students will demonstrate mastery of an aspect of regional geology by use of a written geologic report using data collected in digital format (e.g., FieldMove on an iPad or phone).

Course Requirements: Attendance at all course sessions and the field trip; completion of the final field report before Friday May 3. Camping gear will be necessary for the field trip (tent, sleeping bag, funds for your own food).

Grading Policy and Scale, Make-up Policy, Late Work: The grade will be based on attendance/participation (25%), and the final geologic report (75%). Grades will be assigned on a standard 10-point scale where 90–100 = A. Late work will not be accepted as the May 3 deadline is the last day of the semester. There are no opportunities to make up the work since it is an off-campus field trip.

Course Timeline

- 1 (Feb 21): Introduction; logistics for field trip
- 2: (Feb 28): Discussion of geologic problems
- 3: (Mar 7): Use of iPad and UAV for data collection
- 4: (Mar 8-11): Field trip and data collection
- 5: (Mar 21): Discussion of field trip observations
- 6: (Mar 28): Final wrap-up

Classroom Conduct and Diversity Statement: Civil conduct is expected in class, in the field, online, and in any out-of-class interactions that may occur between course participants, even if informal. I am personally concerned with issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion. It is our collective responsibility as individuals in a class setting to value inclusivity. We will create a cooperative environment that is free of discrimination or harassment regarding gender, age, race, nationality, religion, atheism, political beliefs, sexual orientation, disabilities, military service, the shape of your body, or other innate differences. We may disagree with each other on beliefs, but we do so with civility and an open mind. Students in violation of this policy will be warned either verbally or in writing and possibly asked to leave. Typically, a second offense will result in permanent removal from the class with a failing grade, although I reserve the right to do so on a first offense if I consider the case to be egregious.

Field Trip Travel Policy: Note the field trip will involve signing a waiver of liability. Alcohol and drugs are prohibited in the vans and in camp. Violation can result in removal from class with a failing grade.

Accessibility/Accommodations:

Concord University is committed to responding to the needs of students with disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please inform your instructor at the beginning of the class semester if you have a disability and are requesting accommodations. It is your responsibility to self-disclose that you are requesting accommodations. The University and instructor will provide you with a reasonable accommodation. You should register with CU's Disability Services Office, located in the Athens campus Jerry and Jean Beasley Student Center, Bottom Floor, across from the Campus Post Office. The Disability Services Office phone is 304-384-6086 or you can email the Director, Nancy Ellison, at nellison@concord.edu for assistance.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty is morally unacceptable as well as destructive to the learning and teaching atmosphere. Academic dishonesty includes the giving or receiving of improper help on examinations or assignments, falsifying documents, and plagiarism (the act of stealing and using, as one's own, the ideas or the expression of the ideas of another). Such dishonesty can lead to a variety of penalties — including but not limited to failure of assignment, failure of course, loss of institutional privileges, or dismissal from the University. (See University Catalog Academic Policies and Procedures.)

Concord University Honor Code

A Concord University Honor Code was approved by students, staff, faculty, administration, and the CU Board of Governors. The Code states:

"As a member of the Concord University Community I will act with honesty and integrity in accordance with our fundamental principles and I will respect myself and others while challenging them to do the same."

The Honor Code is intended to unite the Concord community behind a culture of honesty, integrity, and civility.

Class/Online Attendance Policy

Regular class attendance is part of a student's academic obligation at Concord. Irregular attendance may affect academic performance adversely and is detrimental to the atmosphere of a class. (See University Catalog Academic Policies and Procedures.)

Emergency Alert System

In an effort to increase safety and security on our campus, Concord University encourages everyone to register for instant text message alerts. Alerts will only be used for security and safety notices. All students, faculty, and staff are eligible to receive text message alerts on their cell phones or email alerts. Please contact the IT Help Desk for further assistance (304-384-5291).

Emergency Information

Emergency/courtesy telephones are located at the main entrance of each residence hall and at various other locations on campus. Emergency telephones can be identified by the flashing blue light and will provide the user with a direct link to Public Safety at the press of a button. To report an on-campus emergency, call 304-384-5357 or 911. The Office of Public Safety is located on the bottom floor of the Rahall Technology Center. For further emergency information go to:
<http://www.concord.edu/administration/office-public-safety>.

Inclement Weather Policy

As a general policy, the University will remain in normal operations during adverse weather conditions. In the event of severe weather conditions, the following may occur:

University Closure

No students or employees are to report.

Classes Cancelled

Students do NOT report BUT employees are expected to report to work at their normal time.

Operating on an Inclement Weather Delay

Under this schedule, all 8 a.m. classes will start at 10 a.m. Students and faculty will follow the Inclement Weather Schedule. (See <http://www.concord.edu/emergency-alerts> for Athens/Beckley Inclement Weather Schedules.)

**Announcements invoking the late schedule or other options referenced above are aired on area radio and television stations and are sent as text and email messages to those enrolled for this service.*

Student Conduct

In classrooms, online, laboratories, and during any activities that are part of course requirements, students are expected to observe reasonable rules of conduct.

Sexual Harassment & Assault

Federal law, Title IX, and Concord University policy prohibits discrimination, harassment, and violence based on sex and gender (including sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, stalking, sexual exploitation, and retaliation). If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can receive confidential counseling support through the Concord University Counseling Center (304-384-5290). Alleged Violations can be reported non-confidentially to the Concord University Title IX Coordinator at 304-384-6327 or titleix@concord.edu. Reports to Campus Security can be made at (304-384-5357). As an employee at Concord University, I am a mandatory reporter which means I must report any sexual misconduct I am made aware of. This includes verbal or written (such as in an assignment) disclosures of sexual harassment or sexual assault.

Technology Services

Contact the CU Help Desk at extension 5291 from campus or 304-384-5291 off campus. You may also e-mail cuhelpdesk@concord.edu.

Syllabus Disclaimer

"This syllabus is subject to change based on the needs of the class. Please check it regularly."