

Geography 5: Environmental Conditions

Reedley College

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Other Educational Resources (OER) support "text" website is:

<https://www.opengeography.org/physical-geography.html>

Title: Introduction to Physical Geography

Course Description: A systematic approach to the study of earth-sun relations, weather, climate, natural vegetation, and global climate change.

Course Objective: The course objective is for the student to develop an understanding and good comprehension of the key geographical concepts enumerated in the course description.

Attendance Policy: According to the stated policy of Reedley College. Excessive absences over the college policy may affect your knowledge of lecture content and probably your quiz grade and/or in-class work grade which could ultimately affect the final course grade. Roll will be taken every class meeting.

Last day to drop this class and receive a grade of "W" is to be determined.

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Students with any special learning needs should advise me as soon as possible so that I may make any classroom adjustments that can be of assistance to the student.

With this statement on my course syllabus, I am referring each of my students in need of academic support to tutorial services. Referral reason: mastering the content, study skills, and basic skills of this course is aided by the use of trained peer tutors.

Be sure to turn off all cell phones or any other device that you carry that ring or make noise before entering the classroom. Disruption of class by these items is never acceptable.

Grading:

There will be five equally weighted exams, the final exam is one of the five. The lowest grade exam score will be dropped. This gives you four exam grades averaged with two other grades that will constitute your course grade. If you miss an exam, that is the grade that will be dropped. **THERE WILL BE NO MAKE UP EXAMS.**

One grade will be the cumulative results of quizzes which will be given randomly (although you should expect to have them daily). Quizzes are usually given at the beginning of the class period (BUT NOT ALWAYS) being punctual to class is to your benefit.

One grade will be the cumulative results of in-class work which will be assigned at various times.

Two written abstracts will be due from each student the scores on these will be added to (or if you do not complete them, subtracted from) your cumulative quiz and/or in-class work point totals.

There will be no possibilities for "Extra Credit "of any type unless the option is offered by me to all students.

Geography 5 Summer Session MTWTH 12:40 to 4:00 PM in Room 204 CCI Complex

5/28 Introduction and **First Abstract Article Assigned**

5/29 The Earth & Earth Systems; Representations of the Earth

5/30 Representations of the Earth and **Review for Test # 1**

6/3 **Test #1** & Begin Solar Energy & Earth Sun Relations

6/4 Solar Energy & Earth Sun Relations; Atmosphere Temperature & Energy Budget **First Abstract is due.**

6/5 Atmosphere Temperature & Energy Budget **Review for Test # 2**

6/6 **Test # 2** Atmospheric Pressure, Winds, & Circulation Patterns **Second Abstract Article Assigned**

6/10 Atmospheric Pressure, Winds, & Circulation Patterns; Humidity, Condensation, & Precipitation

6/11 Humidity, Condensation, & Precipitation; Air Masses & Weather Systems

6/12 Air Masses & Weather Systems **Second Abstract is due** **Review for Test # 3**

6/13 **Test # 3** Introduction to the Climate Change Debate; Low Latitude Humid & Arid Climates

6/17 Low Latitude Humid & Arid Climates; Mid-Latitude, Polar, & Highland Climates **Review for Test # 4**

6/18 Finish (if necessary) Climate Discussions; **Test # 4**

6/19 Biogeography; Provide Biogeography Lecture Notes for Final Exam

6/20 **Final Exam**

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For Late Adding Students, Please Note the following:

- Only students that have attended the first class meeting will be allowed to add, unless they have a verifiable excuse for missing the first class meeting
- Students given an add code by Mr. Krause are expected to register for the class with Admissions and Records Office **immediately!**
- The last day a student may add this class is May 29th.

Further OER Text information follows:

Open at: <https://www.opengeography.org/physical-geography.html>

- Title page will read Open Geography Education
- Click on Menu
- Go to E Textbooks
- Click on Physical Geography
- That should take you to the Old Edition of **Introduction to Physical Geography**. That is what you will be using from time to time this session.