

Geology

Mr. DeBruyckere

Textbook: Earth Science by Tarbuck & Lutgens

In order to guarantee all students in the classroom the excellent learning climate they deserve, the following basic classroom rules have been adopted:

Come to class on time prepared to learn.

Contribute creatively, productively and responsibly during all class activities.

Respect everyone, this includes space, property, and ideas.

Use correct manners and appropriate language.

Food/Beverages Food and/or beverages are not allowed by OSHA rules in a lab. Food and beverages will be confiscated.

MP3 type devices: Students are expected to spend geology time on geology. A student may listen to iPods and similar devices with earphones after completing a test. At other times there should be some geology work for the student to complete.

Consequences of failure to follow rules:

Student will be given a verbal warning.

Student will be held after class to discuss incident, discipline report will be filled out and sent to Dean of Students Office and a copy will be sent home to parents. Parents will be contacted by the classroom teacher.

Detention will be assigned to be completed with the classroom teacher. A discipline report will be filled out and a copy will be sent to the parents. Parents will be contacted by the Dean of Students.

Student will be removed from the class and sent to the office. A parent, student, and administrator conference will be held to re-admit the student into the classroom.

In cases of extreme disruptive behavior, steps one through three will be by-passed and the student will be removed from the class and sent to the Principal's Office.

Tardy: After the 2nd tardy the student will be assigned 1/2 hour of detention to be made up the same day or the next day. Students who fail to complete the detention will be referred to the Dean of Students. For the 5th and all additional tardies the student will receive 45 minutes of office detention. Missing more than 5 minutes of class is an absence, not a tardy. After the 6th absence the class becomes pass/fail, even if all 6 are 6 minute "tardies".

Planners: If a student wishes to leave the room, he or she must get the teacher's permission and carry his or her classroom planner (it contains the student passes).

Academic Dishonesty:

Students are expected to conduct themselves honestly and with integrity in their work. All forms of cheating and plagiarism are prohibited. Behavior that is unacceptable includes, but is not limited to:

- Copying another student's homework
- Working with others on projects that are meant to be done individually
- Looking at or copying another student's test or quiz answers
- Allowing another student to look at or copy answers from your test or quiz
- Using any other method to get/give test or quiz answers
- Taking a test or quiz in part or in whole to use or to give others
- Copying information from a source without proper attribution
- Taking papers from other students, publications, or the Internet

Violators will be disciplined on a case-by-case basis. Disciplinary measures include, but are not limited to, redoing assignment/retaking test, receiving a failing grade or a lower grade, detention, suspension, or expulsion.

Grading policy:

1. **Tests:** Tests will make up 55% your grade. Tests are open note (but not open book) so it is to your advantage to pay attention in class and keep well organized notes. If you are absent for a test you must schedule a make up test with Mr. DeBruyckere.
2. **Other Quizzes and Homework:** Homework and quizzes will be assigned to provide practice and review of important topics in geology. This will count 30% of your trimester grade. These quizzes will usually be graded in class by your classmates. **If you do not wish anyone else to know your results, you should put your ID number on the quiz instead of your name.**
3. **Rock & Mineral Identification:** Rock & Mineral Identification will make up 15% of your trimester grade. An individual test will be given for each classification of minerals, igneous rocks, sedimentary rocks and metamorphic rocks. A comprehensive identification test will be given at the end of the trimester that will count for 50% of the Identification grade. No notes may be used on these tests.
4. Grades. The minimum needed for grades are as follows:
A 93% A- 90% B+ 87% B 83% B- 80% C+ 77%
C 73% C- 70% D+ 67% D 63% D- 60%
5. Safety in a science laboratory is an important concern. Anyone showing disregard for safety precautions, a lack of respect for equipment, or “just fooling around”, will be expelled from the class.
6. Study time. You will be given time in class to work on homework. You are expected to use this time to study geology. During this time I will be available to assist you with your problems or questions. I would also recommend that you find a study partner. Sharing ideas and working problems together can be one of the most effective ways of learning.
7. Student Grades: It is the responsibility of the individual student to check grades for accuracy. Grades will be posted on a regular basis (at least after each test). It is the student's responsibility to check for missing or late work.
8. **Late Work Penalty:** Work turned in late will receive a penalty of 20% of the total possible points for each school day it is late. Work is late if not in by the end of the class period. If you are ill you have two days to make up work for each day you missed school because of illness. If you are absent for other reasons (including field trips and sporting events) you have one day to make up work for each day you missed. If you have been absent, mark “Absent” at the top of your paper so Mr. DeBruyckere can give you proper credit for your work.

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6:00-7:40 am Room 212 After School Room 212

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Course outcomes: Students will be presented with opportunities to learn about basic physical geologic features. The exact topics and topic order will be determined by the class. The topics are expected to include erosion, weathering, water, volcanic activity, earthquakes, plate tectonics, mountain building and glaciers. Students who wish to complete a profile standard in the area of Earth & Space Systems must also complete Astronomy/Meteorology. Geology is only one half of this standard.

Instructor: I have read and fully understand the basic rules for student behavior in your classroom. I also give permission to have my work copied and kept on file for purposes of graduation standard record keeping.

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____