



CAMOSUN COLLEGE
School of Arts & Science
Department

ENVR 210: Aquatic Environments
Fall, 2009

COURSE OUTLINE

The Approved Course Description is available on the web @ _____

⚡ Please note: This outline will not be kept indefinitely. It is recommended students keep this outline for your records.

1. Instructor Information

- (a) Instructor: Steve Gormican
- (b) Office hours: Tues 13:30 -14:30 & Thurs 13:30- 14:30
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2. Intended Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this course, students will possess the expertise and proficiency to be able to:

- Utilize the specialized vocabulary of aquatic sciences
- Describe and measure lake and ocean morphological features
- Compare the physical and chemical properties of fresh and marine waters
- Describe lake and ocean layering and vertical mixing processes
- Identify the processes for surface circulation patterns in oceans and the linkages with atmospheric processes
- Identify the components of waves and tides; utilize standard tide and current tables
- Compare the chemical components of lakes and oceans
- Describe nutrient limitation in lakes and oceans and compare the processes involved
- Identify the components of light and its relationship with primary production
- Identify processes which affect lake and marine primary production
- Compare lake and ocean phytoplankton and zooplankton groups and the factors which affect population abundance

3. Required Materials

- (a) ENVR Lab Manual (S. Gormican Fall, 2009)
ENVR Study Guide (S. Gormican, Fall, 2009)
- b) Other oceanography and limnology texts are available on Reserve in the library under ENVR 210

4. Course Content and Schedule

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>COURSE MATERIALS</u>
1	Sept. 02/05	Introduction to Lakes and Oceans (Unit 1) Lake and Ocean Morphology (Unit 2) Lab #1: Bathymetry
2	Sept. 09/12	Properties of Water (Unit 3) Lake Circulation (Unit 3) Lab #2: Lake Morphology
3	Sept. 16/19	Charts, Maps and Navigation (Unit 4) Lab #3: Charts and Navigation (#3A OR #3B)
4	Sept. 23/26	Water Masses Mixing Processes (Unit 5) Lab # 4. Water Masses and T-S Diagrams
5	Sep 30/ Oct 03	Atmospheric Circulation and Weather (Unit 6) Surface Circulation (Unit 7) Lab #5. Wind Bands & Surface Currents
6	Oct. 07/10	Waves (Unit 8) Lab #6 Waves
7	Oct. 14/17	Tides (Unit 9) Estuaries and BC Oceanography (Unit 10) Lab #7 Tides
8	Oct. 21/24	Dissolved Ions and Gases (Unit 11 and Unit 12) Lab # 8. Seasonal Changes in Lakes
9	Oct. 28/31	Inorganic Water Quality (Unit 9x) Lab # 9x. Water & Sediment Standards
	Nov. 04	Mid-term exam due.
10	Nov. 04/07	Nutrients (Unit 14) Lab #10. Nutrient Budget
11	Nov. 11/14	Remembrance Day Lab #11. Submarine Light and Primary Production (possible reschedule)
12	Nov. 18/21	Light (Unit 15) Primary Production (Unit 16)
	Nov. 28	Review Paper Due
13	Nov. 25/28	Phytoplankton/Zooplankton (Units 15/16)
14	Dec. 02/05	Zooplankton/Secondary Production (Unit 17) Local Marine Issues and Review
15/16	Dec. 08 – 16	Final exam period. Date to be announced.

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

(a) Assignments

Weekly lab exercises (11): 30%

(b) Exams

Mid-term exam: 20%

Final exam: 35%

(c) Other:

Review Paper: 15%

6. Grading System

The following percentage conversion to letter grade will be used:

A+ = 95 - 100%

A = 90 - 94%

A- = 85 - 89%

B+ = 80 - 84%

B = 75 - 79%

B- = 70 - 74%

C+ = 65 - 69%

C = 60 - 64%

D = 50 - 59%

F = 0.0 - 49%

7. Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

EARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College Calendar, Registrar's Office or the College web site at <http://www.camosun.bc.ca>

ACADEMIC CONDUCT POLICY

There is an Academic Conduct Policy. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, Registration, and on the College web site in the Policy Section.

www.camosun.bc.ca/divisions/pres/policy/2-education/2-5.html