

# School of Arts & Science CHEMISTRY AND GEOSCIENCE DEPARTMENT

# GEOS 240-001 Sedimentary Geology

Semester/Year: 2013 Winter

# **COURSE OUTLINE**

The course description will be online @ http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/geos.html

#### 1. Instructor Information

| (a) | Instructor:   | Dr. Tark Hamilton   |
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| (b) | Office Hours: | 9:30-10:20 T&F, 12:30-1:20 W-Th, 2:30-3:20 T-W-Th             |
| (c) | Location:     | E200  |
| (d) | Phone:        | 250-370-3331 Field trips phone: 250-216-6448                  |
| (e) | Email:        | hamilta@camosun.bc.ca read only Tuesday through Friday        |
| (f) | Website:      | https://faculty.camosun.ca/tarkhamilton/ (under construction) |

#### 2. Intended Learning Outcomes

(No changes are to be made to this section, unless the Approved Course Description has been forwarded through EDCO for approval.)

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

- 1. Describe the three major sediment types, their settings and how they provide environmental records, including: clastic sediments, chemical sediments, and biological sediments.
- 2. Describe common sedimentary minerals and their roles as matrix and cements and analyse the significance of sedimentary structures, fossils and trace fossils.
- 3. Identify common sediments and the roles of weathering, erosion, transport, deposition in their genesis and relate particle size of sediments to the energetics of sedimentary transport.
- 4. Utilize the petrographic microscope for the identification of sedimentary minerals and textures.
- 5. Relate suites of sedimentary rocks to adjacent and sequential environments taking into account effects of physics, chemistry and biology.
- 6. Describe the stratigraphic and depositional effects of changing base level or sea level with reference to the stratigraphic principles, facies, time assignments and correlation tools of: biostratigraphy, magnetostratigraphy and lithostratigraphy.
- Describe several types of sedimentary basins and their assemblages of sediments and compare and contrast geophysical and well-logging exploration techniques related to basin analysis.
- 8. Identify different tectonic settings using lithologies and sediment properties.
- 9. Compare sedimentary resources, their settings and uses including: aggregates, coal, sedimentary iron formations, sediment hosted: metals deposits (uranium, Au, Pt, Sn, Ti placers), groundwater and hydrocarbon reservoirs.

# 3. Required Materials

| (a) | Texts | "Sediments and Basins" Andrew Miall 2006 required  |
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| (a) | Other | Canadian Edition <u>Earth: An Introduction to Physical Geology</u> , E.J. Tarbuck, F.K. Lutgens, C.J. Tsujita & S. R. Hickock 3 <sup>rd</sup> ed. Prentice Hall 2012. (Note: this has sections on rivers, beaches, glaciers etc.)  "Ancient Environments and the Interpretation of Geologic History" 3 <sup>rd</sup> ed. Lynn Fichter and David Poche. Out of print. Lab copies available for loan only. Do not mark in books or deface pages. |
|     |       | "AGI Laboratory Manual in Physical Geology" 9 <sup>th</sup> edition by Busch and Tasa (From Geos 100) for mineral and rock identification and selected exercises. Labs 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 have handy reference and background materials. Labs 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 provide in depth examples on specific sedimentary facies. Llimited <i>in-lab-use-only</i> loaner copies available of older editions.  |

#### 4. LEARNING 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, at Student Services, or the College web site at <a href="mailto:camosun.ca">camosun.ca</a>.

#### STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism**. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services, and the College web site in the Policy Section.

No eating or drinking allowed in laboratories or while in F300 as this room is also used as a chemistry lab.

# 5. Course Content and Schedule

**Prerequisite:** GEOS 100 or 110 or equivalent course

Lectures: Tues F206, Wed and Fri F210 10:30-11:20,

**Lab:** Thurs 8:30-11:20 **F300** 

2X 1-day weekend field trips:

depart Camosun staff parking lot by the Wilna Thomas Building at 10 AM

Sunday February 2 scheduled for mid day low tide 1:24 PM of 1.4 m at East Sooke Park and Saturday March 3 for mid day low tide 12:50 PM of 1.0 m at Sidney.

Rides arranged by sign up in lecture 1 week in advance.

**Schedule:** Approximately 1 Chapter in text and lab manual per week

**Week 1**: Jan 7

Miall Ch 1 & 2, **Rock Lab**: Review of Rock Types & minerals p.9-37 in AE & selected questions (bring Busch and Tasa to review minerals & rocks) 57-102 in AGI

**Week 2:** Jan 14

Miall Ch 3, **Clastic Sediment Lab**: Introduction to Classification of Sediments esp. terrigenous clastics, A&E pp.38-56 & AGI pp.127-164

Week 3: Jan 21

Miall Ch 7, **Sedimentation Lab** off book exercise on: Viscosity, particle size, shape and sedimentation:

Week 4: Jan 28

Miall Ch 4, 5, **Carbonate & Time Lab** A&E pp.57-68 carbonates and biogenic, AGI pp.127-164 Lab Geological Time Review from AGI pp.175-194, Geological Time, Microfossils, Biostratigraphy, & Sedimentation Rates (not in lab books)

Week 5: Feb 4

**Begin Strip Log Lab** A&E Depositional Environments and Strip Logs pp.69-88

Review, Exam 1
Week 6: Feb 11

**Finish Strip Log Lab** A&E Depositional Environments and Strip Logs pp.69-88 Miall Ch 6

Week 7: Feb 18 (reading break 21-22)

Miall Ch 6 & 8, **Facies Lab** A&E pp. 89-118 Facies concept, strip logs & maps, AGI 127-154 & 249-348

Week 8: Feb 25

Miall Ch 9 & 10, Mapping Lab A&E pp.119-154 Sequence Stratigraphy and Mapping

**Week 9:** Mar 4

Miall Ch 9 & 10 cont'd, **Sequence Lab** A&E pp.185-200 Eustasy and Sequence

Theory + AGI 154 & 333-348 Rising Seas

Week 10: Mar 11

Review, Exam 2 & Seismic Lab: Seismic Reflection Interpretation off book

**Week 11:** Mar 18

Miall Ch 11, **Sedimentary Tectonics Lab** A&E pp.155-184 Sedimentary Tectonics

Week 12: Mar 25

Miall Ch 13, Plate Tectonics Lab A&E pp.1-14 Basins, Rocks, History and Tectonic

Processes, support examples AGI 31-56

Week 13: Apr 1

Miall Ch 12, Report Presentation and Review

#### 5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

# (Should be linked directly to learning outcomes.)

| (a) | Assignments   | Labs: 25%   |
|-----|---|---|
| (b) | Field Trips   | 5% for attendance and short report/questionnaire  |
| (c) | Exams   | Exam 1: Tues Feb.6 in class 15% & Exam 2: Tues March 13 15% in class, Final Exam before April 24 as scheduled by registrar, 25% |
| (d) | Project  Application Paper Outline to be approved by week 4 on Sedimentary Geology and a Resource, Paleoclimate or Environmental Problem 15% Due Tues March 25 for review & subsequent presentation via power point lecture (3-5 slide) |   |

# 6. Grading System

# Standard Grading System (GPA)

| Percentage | Grade | Description   | Grade Point<br>Equivalency |
|------------|-------|---|----------------------------|
| 90-100     | A+    |   | 9                          |
| 85-89      | Α     |   | 8                          |
| 80-84      | A-    |   | 7                          |
| 77-79      | B+    |   | 6                          |
| 73-76      | В     |   | 5                          |
| 70-72      | B-    |   | 4                          |
| 65-69      | C+    |   | 3                          |
| 60-64      | С     |   | 2                          |
| 50-59      | D     | Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted; a course with a "D" grade cannot be used as a prerequisite. | 1                          |
| 0-49       | F     | Minimum level has not been achieved.  | 0                          |

# **Temporary Grades**

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy E-1.5 at **camosun.ca** for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

| Temporary<br>Grade | Description   |
|--------------------|---|
| I                  | Incomplete: A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet<br>been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in<br>the family.  |
| IP                 | In progress: A temporary grade assigned for courses that, due to design may require a further enrollment in the same course. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course. (For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3 <sup>rd</sup> course attempt or at the point of course completion.) |
| cw                 | Compulsory Withdrawal: A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.  |