



## COURSE OUTLINE

The course description is online @ <http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/geog.html>

Ω Please note: the College electronically stores this outline for five (5) years only.  
 It is **strongly recommended** you keep a copy of this outline with your academic records.  
 You will need this outline for any future application/s for transfer credit/s to other colleges/universities.

### 1. Instructor Information

(a)	Instructor:	Hilary Sandford		
(b)	Office Hours:	W: 10:30-11:30, F: 11:30-12:30		
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### 2. Intended Learning Outcomes

(No changes are to be made to these Intended Learning Outcomes as approved by the Education Council of Camosun College.)

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

1. Describe geomorphic systems and processes in order to understand Earth's diverse landscapes.
2. Describe the water cycle, especially as a driver of geomorphic processes.
3. Discuss human interactions with the hydrosphere and lithosphere.
4. Collect and analyze hydrological and geomorphological data in order to assess surface environments.

### 3. Materials

- (a) Texts: Geomorphology: A Canadian Perspective, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. Alan S. Trenhaile 2013. Oxford University Press, 505 pages plus appendices.
- (b) Other: Lab exercises for the course are available on the D2L support site.

### 5. Course Content and Schedule

## COURSE CONTENT

Lectures: There is a two-hour lecture for this course, normally on Wednesdays. During lectures, the blackboard will be heavily utilized and overheads and images will augment the traditional lecture style. I talk a lot, I write a lot and I draw a lot; summary notes will be available on the D2L site for the course.

Labs: There are ten labs in the course. Each lab contains exercises to familiarize students with the topics and techniques of physical geography. Small groups are encouraged during the lab period but each student must do their own individual lab. Attendance during lab periods is mandatory. In the case of illness, I must be contacted prior to the class time and an alternate arrangement must be made; otherwise, a mark of zero will be assigned. Assignment due dates will be determined in class. Late labs won't be accepted at all once marked assignments have been handed back.

Midterm Exam: There will be one midterm exam given on **Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**. Attendance is mandatory at all exams and in case of illness a comprehensive doctor's note is required.

Final Exam: There will be a final exam for this course held during the College Exam Week in April. Notice of the exam date will be available on Camlink by the beginning of February; do not book flights until that date is known as the final exam cannot be re-scheduled.

### **COURSE SCHEDULE**

\*schedule is subject to change\*

<u>Week of:</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Jan 11	Introduction	Lab 1: Tools of the Trade
Jan 18	Earth Structure	Lab 2: Contours and Profiles
Jan 25	Deformation	Lab 3: Mt. St. Helens
Feb 1	Weathering and Erosion	Lab 4: Universal Soil Loss
Feb 8	Slope Processes	Lab 5: Avalanches
Feb 15	Continental Glaciation	<i>Reading Break</i>
Feb 22	Continental Glaciation	<b><i>Midterm</i></b>
Feb 29	Alpine Glaciation	Lab 6: Athabasca Glacier
Mar 7	Periglacial Processes	Lab 7: McMurdo Dry Valleys
Mar 14	Fluvial Processes	Lab 8: Watersheds
Mar 21	Fluvial Landforms	<i>Good Friday</i>
Mar 28	Stream Assessment	Lab 9: Fluvial Landforms
Apr 4	Coastal Processes	Lab 10: Coastal Erosion
Apr 11	Aeolian Processes	<i>Review Class</i>

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

- (a) Lab Assignments: 40%
- (b) Midterm Exam: 30%
- (c) Final Exam 30%

#### **6. Grading System**

*(No changes are to be made to this section unless the Approved Course Description has been forwarded through the Education Council of Camosun College for approval.)*

## Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		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](http://camosun.ca) for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete:</i> A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	<i>In progress:</i> 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. <i>(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.)</i>
CW	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> 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.

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

### 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 [camosun.ca](http://camosun.ca).

### 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.

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE OR AS REQUIRED