



COURSE OUTLINE

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

- * 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

Instructor:	Emrys Prussin	
Office Hours:	Wednesdays 11:00 – 12:00, Camosun Lansdowne, Fisher 344D	
Location:	Classroom: Oak Bay Room 200	Lab Room: Oak Bay Room 202
Class Times:	Block 6 Tuesday 8:25 – 9:21, Wednesdays 1:01 – 1:57, Fridays 10:27 – 11:23	
Email:	PrussinE@camosun.bc.ca	
Website (D2L):	http://online.camosun.ca/	

Office Hours: If you would like to meet to discuss anything pertaining to the course catch me after class or during labs, during my office hours, or simply arrange an appointment by e-mail and I'll be very pleased to meet with you at a mutually convenient time.

2. Intended Learning Outcomes

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

1. Describe the natural environmental processes that underlie natural hazards.
2. Explain how human development and planning influence natural hazard risk.
3. Use basic risk assessment and mitigation tools related to natural hazards.

3. Course Website: Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

We will be using a website for our class for a variety of purposes and if you are in doubt about where to find something it will definitely be posted there. On this site you will find: lecture notes, lab handouts, readings, reading quizzes, and grades.

To access the site go to (<http://online.camosun.ca/>) and enter your student number and password. You will be given your student on the first day of class, if you lose it please come see me. Default password is your birthdate (MMDDYY format).

3. Course Materials

There is a variety of material we will be using in our class, all of which can be found on the D2L website.

- a. Lecture Notes
- b. Labs
- c. Readings
- d. Reading Quizzes
- e. Grades

4. Due Dates and Handing in Assignments

Unless otherwise stated, labs and assignments are due one week after being assigned. You must submit these electronically to Dropbox on the D2L website. **No assignments will be accepted via email.** To do this, click My Tools (top right corner of website) → Dropbox.

5. Reading Quizzes

Every week there will be readings to do and these will enhance your understanding of course topics. They are required and will compliment lectures and labs. Each reading will have an associated online quiz that you can find on the D2L website. You have one week to complete the quiz. There will be 10 quizzes in total, each worth 1% of your final grade.

6. Course Content and Schedule

Class and Lab – Block 6

Tuesdays 8:25 – 9:21, Wednesdays 1:01 – 1:57, and Fridays 10:27 – 11:23

Week of Tuesday	Class Topic	Lab Topic
05-Sep	Course Intro	Lab 1: Topographic Maps
12-Sep	Hazard Systems	Lab 2: Floods
19-Sep	Floods	Lab 3: GPS and Geocaching
26-Oct	Floods	Lab 4: Coastal Hazards
03-Oct		Lab 4: Coastal Hazards
10-Oct	Drought and Wildfire	
17-Oct	Drought and Wildfire	Lab 5: GIS Drought in Ethiopia
24-Oct	Climate Change	Test 1
07-Nov	Climate Change	Lab 6: Tofino Tsunami
14-Nov	Tsunamis	Library Research Workshop
21-Nov	Earthquakes	Lab 7: Earthquakes
28-Nov*	Earthquakes	Lab 8: Landslides
05-Dec	Landslides	Lab 8: Landslides
12-Dec	Test 2	
19-Dec		Lab 9: Storms
26-Dec	Winter Break	
02-Jan		
09-Jan	Severe Weather	Lab 10: Wildfires
16-Jan	Volcanoes	Project Work Period
23-Jan	Presentations	Review
30-Jan	Final Exam	

7. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

In this course, evaluation will be based on labs, reading quizzes, a project, midterm exam and final exam. Please make sure you strive for thorough answers, and if you have any questions don't hesitate to ask. I am looking for your understanding of course material and make sure to include work answer to the best of your ability, which can lead to partial credit for answers that may not be correct. If you have any questions about marking please don't hesitate to come ask.

Labs	30% (3% each)
Reading Quizzes	10% (1% each)
Project	15%
Midterm	22.5%
Final Exam	22.5%

8. Grading System

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 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 3rd 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.

9. 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.

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.