Introduction

This course is a condensed version of a regular 16 week semester length course. It requires a high degree of time management skills as well as a moderate level of online competence. In order to succeed in this course, you will have to manage your time efficiently, as this course is a sixteen week course condensed into FIVE short weeks. Therefore you need to budget AT LEAST 15 or more hours per week to studying for this course in order to succeed in this class. If you cannot do this, my advice is to drop this course immediately and get your money back.

If you can budget this significant amount of time consistently for the next five weeks, then first read the syllabus IN DETAIL and email me at vincent.devlahovich@canyons.edu if you have any questions or concerns. This is the best, in fact the ONLY way, to reach me during this course. Also check your MyCanyons email regularly during this course, as I often send you reminders of deadlines and cutoffs which are firm and will not be changed for any reason.

Each week of the course has a module listed that has all the assignments required for that week. Be sure to pay particular attention to the deadlines in this course because they are FIRM and cannot be changed for ANY REASON.

Good luck and enjoy your exploration of the wonders of Mother Earth!

Course Description

This course is an introduction to Physical Geology in an online format. It features the study and interpretation of the basic features of the exterior and interior of the Earth’s crust, the materials of which those features are composed, and the geologic processes which produced them. It includes specific consideration of minerals, rocks, volcanic activity, running water and erosion, soils, ground water, mass wasting, glaciation, coastlines, wind activity, deserts, plate tectonics, mountains, faults and earthquakes, metamorphism, geologic time and more.

Course Information

This course is 100% online and requires NO face-to-face meetings or proctored exams.
Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

1. Analyze igneous, sedimentary, and deformational processes and their respective landforms.
2. Analyze how tectonics influences the formation and occurrence of minerals, rocks, earthquakes, volcanoes, oceans, continents, and landscapes.

Textbook information

Visualizing Geology, 3rd Edition (you can also use the 4th Edition)
by Barbara W. Murck
April 2012, ©2012

Other relevant course information

If you are on the waitlist and want to add, you need to contact me at the email address above ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS to see if there are any open seats. This is your responsibility, should you want to crash the class.

Additional Resources

Canvas
The course can be accessed via Canvas at cv.canyons.edu on the first day of the course. Follow the login instructions at the bottom of the screen to log in. Here, you can also access Canvas user guides with helpful tips for navigating and using Canvas. For any Canvas related issues please call the Canvas Student Support line at (661)362-3344 during college business hours, or (877)889-9052 for 24/7 support.

Distance Learning
Check out the Distance Learning website for more information on a variety of topics that can help you be a successful online student such as: exam proctoring, learning styles, computer skills, and tips for student success. If this is your first online course, feel free to take our online learning readiness assessment to assess your skills.

The Learning Center (TLC)
The TLC provides FREE tutoring resource to COC students including:
- Face-to-face & ONLINE tutoring
- Testing Center: offers test proctoring services for courses that have required proctored exams
- Study Jam Review Sessions
- Computers with over 300 software programs
  For more information visit the TLC Website.

Disabled Students Program & Services (DSPS)
College of the Canyons DSPS provides educational services and access for eligible students with documented disabilities who intend to pursue coursework at COC. A variety of programs and services are available which afford eligible students with disabilities the opportunity to participate fully in all aspects of the college programs and activities through appropriate and reasonable accommodations. For more information on their services visit the Disabled Students Program & Services website.

Online Counseling
The Counseling Department offers appointments online. You can schedule an appointment by visiting the Online Counseling website. Counselors can help you map out a plan to reach your educational goals as well as advise you on course selection and registration.