

SYLLABUS PART II
EDISON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
GEO 121S PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY
3 CREDIT HOURS

Section/Term: GEO 121S-801FS

Class Meeting Time: Online

Location: Online

Required items: Mason, J. Physical Geography: The Global Environment, 5th edition. Oxford University Press

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Faculty Office Hours: Online, by appointment

Faculty Contact: If you have questions or concerns, please contact me via email with the course name and number in the subject line (GEO 121-801FS) through your Edison State email.

Class Policies

It is generally accepted that academic writing and assignments consists of the author's thoughts which are supported by properly cited sources through paraphrasing, summary, and quotations. At the instructor's discretion, papers with excessive quotations, where quotations make up 10% or more of the paper, may not meet the assignment requirements, and be dealt with accordingly.

Netiquette:

We will be communicating a lot with each other. You will need to be respectful of the instructor and each other. Your classmates' ideas and beliefs may differ from your own, be polite! When in doubt, you can agree to disagree. You will be expected to communicate with your classmates and your instructor using

appropriate language and style, which includes written/typed communication. Remember: the way you communicate can reflect the level of respect you have the people with whom you communicate. You will want to practice good e-mail etiquette when typing questions/responses to the instructor and classmates, such as avoiding using all caps when typing or using an accusatory tone.

Communication Policy:

E-mails sent to me by 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday with course name and section number (GEO 121-801FS) in the subject line from your Edison e-mail will be answered within 48 hours unless the school is closed (breaks/holidays).

Assignments submitted through course messages or e-mail will not be accepted for a grade without prior written authorization from the instructor. If you are given permission to submit via e-mail, it must be submitted through your Edison e-mail.

Late Work:

All work should be submitted on time. I reserve the right to make exceptions due to extreme circumstances at my discretion. *Any extension given for extreme circumstances will require documentation submitted to the instructor.

Testing Your Faith Act Policy:

Edison State Community College is committed to providing an environment respectful of students' beliefs. Students are permitted to be absent for up to 3 days each semester based on their faith, religion, or spiritual belief system with no academic penalty. Students must complete the Testing Your Faith Act

Accommodations Form, <https://www.edisonohio.edu/services-support/registrationrecords>, located in "Forms" and provide a copy to their individual faculty within 14 days from the start of the course. The entire policy can be found in the student handbook at <https://www.edisonohio.edu/services-support/student-resources>.

Academic Integrity:

Edison Community College expects students to submit original work for each assignment. The Student Handbook <https://www.edisonohio.edu/digipub/StudentHandbook/index.html>, pages 28-29 clearly defines academic dishonesty and how Edison handles cases of academic dishonesty. Using peer support and tutoring services is not considered academic dishonesty, as long as the work is original and in your own voice, meaning you didn't submit work you did previously or "borrow" words/ideas without crediting

the source. The same policy goes for AI-generated text. For example, you may use predictive text to fix spelling errors. You may not tell an AI software to write a critique of an essay for you and copy/paste the text. Any use of AI (outside of spell-checker) must be approved by the instructor and noted with the following at the bottom of the assignment:

“The author generated this text in part with <insert name/URL of AI platform>. Upon generating draft language, the author reviewed, edited, and revised the language to their own liking and takes ultimate responsibility for the content of this submission.”

Any assignment exhibiting the use of AI without permission and crediting the source will be counted as plagiarism. Any assignment that is plagiarized (whether intentional or unintentional) or lacks appropriate citations will automatically receive a failing grade. Intentional submission of someone else’s work as your own will result in automatic failure of the assignment and/or for the course. Whereas, assignments that simply fail to cite in MLA/APA format will have points deducted accordingly

Technical Support

For Blackboard Assignment issues, the Instructor should be the first point of contact

For Log-in or other technology issues:

There are several steps you can follow if you have issues logging in to Blackboard or Office. During business hours:

Password reset: Log onto office.com with your Edison email and follow the “forgot password” prompts.

Reach out for help during regular business hours (9-5 Monday-Thursday, 9-4

Friday) email to support@edisonohio.edu call 937-778-

8600 and ask for IT Help Desk After hours:

Password reset: Log onto office.com with your Edison email and follow the “forgot password” prompts

Go to www.edisonohio.edu into the Resources tab and click "IT Help Desk" then click "Chat".

Call 937-778-7957 and talk to the off-campus Blackboard company to get help.

Grading

Introduction Discussion Board	10 points
Quizzes (14 x 30 points)	420 points
Geographical Location Discussion Board	15 points
Extreme Weather Discussion Board	15 points
Biomes Discussion Board	20 points
Caves Discussion Board	15 points
Physical Geography Assignment	15 points
Seasons, GHI and the Earth Assignment	20 points
Unit 6-9 Questions	20 points
Climate classification Assignment	20 points
Global Warming and Climate Change Assignment	20 points
Global Soils Assignment	20 points
Plate Tectonics Assignment	20 points
Volcano Assignment	20 points
Weathering and Erosion Assignment	20 points
Glacier Assignment	20 points
Course Reflection	10 points
Research Project Topic Selection	10 points
Research Project	150 points
<u>Total Points</u>	<u>860 points</u>

Grading Scale

A = 774-860 points, 90% – 100%
B = 688-773 points, 80% – 89%
C = 602-687 points, 70% – 79%
D = 516-601 points, 60% – 69%
F = 615 points and below, 59% and below

Class Schedule

*Assignments are due at 11:59 p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays

*Except for Week 14 – Assignments due on Wednesday and Week 16 - Assignments due on Saturday

Week 1: 8/24-8/30

Assignments Due August 27 – Introduction Discussion Board

Assignments Due August 30 – Physical Geography Assignment

Readings – Unit 1

Week 2: 8/31-9/6

Assignments Due September 3: Geographical Location Discussion Board Initial Post

Assignments Due September 6 - Geographical Location Discussion Board

Responses, Unit 1-3 Quiz, Research Project Selection

Readings: Unit 1-3

Week 3: 9/8-9/13

Assignments Due September 13 – Seasons, GHI and the Earth Assignment,

Units 4 -5 Quiz

Readings: Units 4-5

Week 4: 9/14-9/20

Assignments Due September 20 - Units 6-9 Questions, Units 6-9 Quiz

Readings: Units 6-9

Week 5: 9/21-9/27

Assignments Due September 24- Extreme Weather Discussion Board Initial Post

Assignments Due September 27 – Extreme Weather Discussion Board Responses, Units

10-13 Quiz

Readings: Units 10-13

Week 6: 9/28- 10/4

Assignments Due October 4 – Climate Classification Assignment, Unit 14-17 Quiz

Readings: Unit 14-17

Week 7: 10/5-10/11

Assignments Due October 11 – Global Warming and Climate Change Assignment, Unit 18-19 Quiz

Readings: Unit 18-19

Week 8: 10/12 - 10/18

Assignments Due October 18 - Unit 20-23 Quiz, Global Soils Assignment

Readings: Unit 20-23

Week 9: 10/19 – 10/25:

Assignments Due October 22 – Biomes Discussion Board Initial Post

Assignments Due October 25 – Unit 24-26 Quiz, Biomes Discussion Board Responses

Readings: Unit 24-26

Week 10: 10/26 – 11/1:

Assignments Due November 1– Units 27-30 Quiz, Plate Tectonics Assignment

Readings: Units 27-30

Week 11: 11/2 -11/8:

Assignments Due November 8 – Volcano Assignment, Units 31-34 Quiz

Readings: Units 31-34

Week 12: 11/9 – 11/15:

Assignments Due November 15 – Units 35-38 Quiz, Weathering and Erosion Assignment

Readings: Units 35-38

Week 13: 11/16 – 11/22:

Assignments Due November 19- Caves Discussion Board Initial Post

Assignments Due November 22 - Units 39-42 Quiz, Caves Discussion Board Responses

Readings: Units 39-42

Week 14: 11/23 – 11/29:

Assignments Due November 25– Units 43-46 Quiz, Glacier Assignment

Readings: Units 43-46

Assignments Due November 29- None (Thanksgiving Break)

Week 15: 11/30 – 12/6:

Assignments Due December 6 – Research Project

Week 16: 12/7 – 12/12:

Assignments Due December 12 – Course Reflection, Unit 47-49 Quiz

Readings: Units 47-49