

## Getting Started

This is Geology 1, Physical Geology. This is the first course in geology for all other geology courses and programs. This is where everyone starts, whether you are a non-science major, just someone who is interested in geology, or whether you think you might like to investigate geology as a major or career. Everyone starts here, in Physical Geology 1.

To get started in this course, you should

### 1. Take the Required Check-In Survey Quiz

- Login to Blackboard
- Click on Exams (Course Materials) in the left side menu for this course
- The Check-In Survey will then be listed at the top of the Exam folders
- Take this survey (it's 1 point of extra credit).
- It lets me know that you've logged into Blackboard and found the Exam section of this course. I use this survey quiz as one of the ways that I decide who might be dropped on the first instructor drop roster (which is typically at the end of the second or third week of the term). Please note that if you want to drop the course, do not assume that the instructor will do it for you.

### 2. Peruse through the Course Syllabus

- I have included study guides for each of the module exams and this makes the syllabus more like a course handbook.
- You don't have to print the syllabus out. If you are willing to wait, we will be mailing hard copies of the syllabus to all enrolled students at the end of the first week of the term. If you don't want one mailed to you, simply send me an email during the first week of the term and we will remove your name from the mailing list.
- Make sure that you understand the exam deadlines (on the front page of the syllabus) and put them on your personal calendars.

### 3. Make sure that you get the books.

- You want the course textbook with the CD-ROM (be careful with used books as they often are missing the CD and/or have damaged CDs).
- You also want to get the Physical Geology Study Guide (available through the LPC bookstore). This study guide has outlines of my lectures, some more detailed notes on certain topics, as well as almost all of the exam questions!

### 4. Listen to the Orientation Overview audio file and do the activities explained.

### 5. Get started on the Vocabulary Assignment and Exam.

- The Vocabulary list is in the Green Geology Study Guide
- Take the Vocab Exam early – at least a week before the timeout deadline

### 6. Block out the time each week that you plan to study for this course.

- While you may have to change or modify those study times, if you plan the time and try to block it out from other activities, you'll find it much easier to actually do the studying. It will also make it easier for your friends, family and coworkers to plan what they think you are going to be doing with your time! ☺