

✓ **Sign-up for the Geo 9 class**

- **Historically, the average student in Geo 9 gets an A in Geo 1!!!**
- **Covers the odd numbered Modules (1, 3, 5 and 7)**
- **Grade is based solely on attendance (no major exams)**
  - makeups are possible (and will help you study)
- **Get your homework done (relatively painlessly)**
- **A very smart move for those who tend to procrastinate**
- ***The best move for students who are ‘overscheduled’***
- **This class will actually save you time**

Geology 9 is a Colloquium. The word colloquium is a college word for a discussion course. Colloquia will not be available for many (if not most) of your college courses. Whenever they are available, however, you need to take advantage of them. Don't pass them up when you get the chance to take one.

Geology 9 is a one-unit class that meets once a week.

The purpose of the Geo 9 class is to help students with their other Geology courses.

Students who take the Geology 9 course typically score an average of 10% higher in Geology 1 (lecture and lab).

The Geology 9 course is where students can focus on getting their homework done in a timely fashion.

The instructor gives presentations and assists students with the practice questions in a collaborative group setting.

Students have more opportunity to ask the instructor questions than is possible during the regularly scheduled lecture class times.

If you are already overscheduled – **THIS CLASS WILL ACTUALLY SAVE YOU TIME!!!**

By signing up for this class, your Geology 1 homework will have a regularly scheduled time in your weekly schedule and you will have the instructor and other students on hand to assist you make the time worthwhile.

This class comes with the highest of recommendations from previous students. Students generally find that Geology 9 is the key to stress reduction when it comes to dealing with homework and studying.

If you want to enroll in this class, but you already have ‘too many units’, then you **need** to enroll in this class. If you already have ‘too many units’, this course will reduce your overall workload for the term as you try and juggle the demands of your other classes.

If you are overscheduled with classes, job, life, etc., then you **need** this class. This class is the key to success for students who are overscheduled and are trying to juggle work, school and life.

I highly recommend rearranging your schedule so that you can come to this Friday class. Ask your boss for a schedule change for the next few months, or ask your significant other to pick the kids up from school. Rearrange things so that you can take this class and it will ultimately make things easier for you in the long run.

If you procrastinate, then you need to take this class. In this class, you'll have a regularly scheduled time in your weekly calendar and your homework will simply become part of the routine (instead of the burden of doom that you dread and keep putting off).

The very first Friday, we will be doing some of the Module 1 homework on Geologic Time. Specifically, we will be going over the overall framework of the Time Scale and what the words mean and why the boundaries are where they are. The next week we will be going over Radiometric Dating (Where do they get those ages from? How do they know that a dinosaur fossil is 180 million years old? Etc.).

These topics are explained in the text and the textbook CD-ROM; however, most students prefer the Friday setting as it makes the topics less arduous and much more fun. In the Friday class, students meet other students from other Geology 1 sections, including students who are enrolled in the online Geology 1 course.

I will enroll as many students as want to join; however, you need to enroll in the first or second week of the term.

To join the class the first week of the term, you do not need an add number. Simply login to Class-Web and add the class. If the class size reaches 20, the computer will close the class to open enrollment, but I will give add numbers to anyone who wants one. Just send me an email or stop by my office hours. The second week of the term, anyone adding will need an add number, so again, simply send me an email or stop by my office hours.

If you can figure out how to rearrange your schedule this term to take this class, you won't regret it.

Check out the Geology 9 course syllabus. You'll find the list of topics, as well as information on how the course is graded. There are no exams, and your course grade is based solely on attendance. If you miss class(es), you can make them up by watching Geology videos. This makeup process is explained in the Geology 9 course syllabus.

Last term, an adult student in the online Geology 1 course joined the Geology 9 course, even though she could only attend every other week due to her full-time job. At the end of the term, she told me that she learned more in those alternate weeks when she could attend class, than she had in any other class she'd taken so far!

In summary,

- the Geology 9 class comes highly recommended by previous students
- you'll get much of your homework (odd numbered modules) completed
- there is generally time to ask questions
- students in the Geology 9 class generally score an average of 10% higher in Geology 1 (lecture and lab)
- this course is a smart move for
  - people who procrastinate
  - people who are overscheduled
  - students with lots of other classes and units

I'll let as many people enroll as want to join!

Come on Friday.