



Geography 205 Lab – Elements of Physical Geography – Spring - 2008

UAA Chugiak/Eagle River (section 191)

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Hello and welcome to the lab assignments for Ron Crawford's Geography 205 Lab. The Geography 205 Lab offers an additional one credit in natural science to those students who successfully complete the requirements of this lab. The lab is conducted "online" at UAA Blackboard.

Lab assignments are available online at <http://technology.uaa.alaska.edu/blackboard/> under Geography A 205L, section 191 (UAA Chugiak-Eagle River. Be sure your UAA email account is active, up to date and not over quota; you must also have access to blackboard. Be sure you know in which section you are enrolled by checking your registration receipt.

The lab consists of the following assignments; you must do five of the fourteen options on the list. Each individual lab can be located under lab assignments. Each assignment is worth 20 points.

- The Internet Storm Chasing Adventure*
- West Coast/Alaska Tsunami Warning Center Field Trip*
- Alaska Trivia Challenge*
- Earth's Dynamic Surface CD Rom*
- Everything Weather CD Rom*
- Geology Online/Earthquakes*
- Mystery of the Northern Lights*
- Read A Book*
- Theory of Plate Tectonics CD Rom*
- Topographic Map CD-Rom*
- Volcano Web Adventure*
- Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute Virtual Field Trip*
- "An Inconvenient Truth" and Global Warming*
- "JetStream" Internet Quizzes*

Again, 5 of the 14 assignments must be completed by the due dates indicated on page three of this syllabus.

You can submit labs in person, by mail, by fax, or by the digital drop box on blackboard. See page three for further instructions.

Be sure to keep a copy of all your work in case an assignment is misplaced. .

Labs will be graded on timely submission, completeness of information, thoroughness of thought, and accuracy of information. Grammar, spelling, and the like are part of your overall grade so be sure to proofread. Scores for each lab submitted will be posted on UAA blackboard.

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Labs submitted past the due date will not be accepted for credit unless previous arrangements for late submission have been approved by the instructor.

The Learning Resources Center at MatSu College and UAA provide tutoring in math and writing skills. Students seeing disability support services should contact the respective campus offices at MatSu and UAA.

Geography 205 Lab Guidelines

1. *Each lab is worth 20 points. By submitting 5 labs, you have the opportunity to earn up to 100 points. Final grades will be assigned as follows:*

A – 90 to 100 points

B – 80 to 89 points

C – 70 to 79 points

D – 60 to 69 points

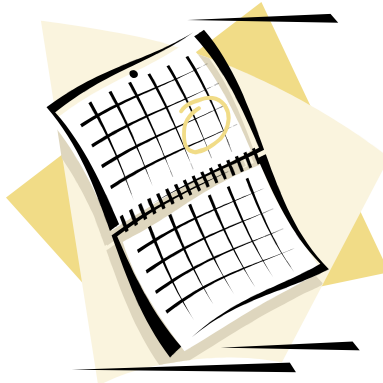
F – below 60

2. *Lab essays must be typewritten or word-processed (unless otherwise noted in lab instructions). Be sure to include your lab coversheet. Please keep a copy of all your work.*
3. *Do not copy or plagiarize or download information from a website and call it your own. Doing so violates the UAA student code of conduct as stated in the catalog and may result in loss of credit for the class.*

All lab reports must be written in your own words; when quoting a source or information, please use proper citations and indicate where you found the information via footnotes.

4. *Lab assignments utilize several difference sources including the internet, field trips, books, etc. Lab assignments requiring CD-ROMs require you to visit the UAA Chugiak-Eagle River campus or the Mat-Su College Library. These CD-ROMs are kept on reserve for on-campus use only under Geography 205L; for campus hours, please call 694-3313 (Eagle River) or 745-9740 (MatSu). A limited number of CD-Rom programs are also available at the UAA campus Learning Resources Center in Anchorage (Sally Monserud Hall); their number is 786-6828.*

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LAB DUE DATES

Lab One (one lab assignment due).....Wednesday, February 6

Labs 2 and 3 (two lab assignments due).....Wednesday, February 27

Labs 4 and 5 (two lab assignments due).....Wednesday, March 26

There are five methods for submitting labs:

- 1. Drop off in Wednesday night class in Eagle River (if enrolled).**
- 2. Drop off at UAA Chugiak-Eagle River campus, 10928 Eagle River Road, Suite 115.**
- 3. FAX to UAA Chugiak-Eagle River campus at 694-1491.**
- 4. Mail to the UAA Chugiak-Eagle River campus, 10928 Eagle River Road, Suite 115, Eagle River, Alaska 99577**
- 5. Use the digital dropbox at the class website on blackboard.**

If you wish your labs returned by mail, please enclose a self addressed stamped envelope with your assignments. Otherwise, labs will be returned to the UAA Chugiak-Eagle River campus at 10928 Eagle River Road, Suite 115, Eagle River, Alaska 99577 for student pickup.

Be sure to check the UAA Blackboard website for Geography 205L, section 791 for updates at least twice a week. Again, keep your UAA student email address active and able to receive emails from your instructor. This is critical to your success in the class.

Questions or problems: email me at ufrmc@uaa.alaska.edu or call 786-1633.

I certainly hope you enjoy the class!

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Geography 205 Lab Course Objectives

1. The instructor will:
 - a. Demonstrate the significance of understanding basic principles of physical geography through the lab assignments.
 - b. Apply the concepts, issues, procedures, and terminology associated with understanding physical geography through the lab assignments.
 - c. Prepare students to understand how the forces of physical geography relate to everyday life.
 - d. Assist students in classifying the driving forces and environmental influences associated with physical geography through appropriate lab assignments.

2. Through the lab assignments, the student will:
 - a. Identify how physical geography impacts planet Earth on various levels.
 - b. Explore how the study of physical geography has developed over time.
 - c. Demonstrate an understanding of how physical geography is relevant to understanding other Earth systems.
 - d. Recognize how physical geography impacts all areas of life.

Grading Criteria For Final Grade In Class

- A – Work is of such a nature that it could be put on reserve for all students to review and emulate. The “A” student is, in fact, an example for others to follow.
- B – Grasps subject matter at a level considered to be good to very good.
- C – Represents average work. A student receiving a “C” has met the requirements, including deadlines, of the course.
- D – Quality and quantity of work is below average and barely acceptable.
- F – Quality and quantity of work is unacceptable.