Instructor: L. Bradshaw, M.S.

Office Hours: By appointment

Phone: 903/468-8153 (You can leave a message here but I will get it much quicker if you use email.)

Email: Use the email button on the course website.

Class: Online

Days: MTWRFSU


Lab Manual: Labs will be provided.

ESCI 203 - History of the Earth Hours: 4 Lecture Lab/ Clock Hours (3 lecture, 2 lab) Summary of the physical and biological history of the earth, with emphasis on North America; sequence of physical geological events and evolutionary changes in life. Laboratory includes the reconstruction of geologic history of various regions through interpretation of geologic maps, structure sections and simple paleontological techniques. Field trip included. This is a University Studies course. When Offered (Spring)

Prerequisites: None

Objectives:
Students will know the key players who postulated evidence for the evolution of the planet.
Students will gain an understanding of how North America evolved.
Students will have a broader understanding of fossilization and how this process has preserved evidence of evolution among species.
Students will learn critical thinking skills through the evaluation of scientific evidence

Grading:  

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Exams: 30%
Quizzes: 40%
Labs: 30%

The type of questions on the exams and quizzes will be true/false, fill in the blank, or multiple choice questions. You must learn the material to do well in the class. Please over study for the first quiz. Then you will know how the quizzes and exams are structured.
Make-up Tests or Quizzes: You will be allowed to make up a quiz or exam if you have an absence that is approved by the university (See the student handbook). You will be expected to provide documentation that your absence is approved by the university.

Attendance: Students are expected to read, do assignments, and check the website often. A student who does not do these things cannot expect to do well in this class. If you are unable to log on regularly you should withdraw. If you do not withdraw from the class, you will not be “dropped”.

Obligatory Statements:

Plagiarism is a criminal activity. You must cite all sources of information. Copying of material, whether parts of sentences, whole sentences, paragraphs, or entire articles, will result in a score of zero for your assignment and can result in further disciplinary action.

Collusion: Is intentionally aiding or attempting to aid another in an act of scholastic dishonesty, including but not limited to, providing a paper or project to another student; providing an inappropriate level of assistance; communicating answers to a classmate during an examination; removing tests or answers from a test site, and allowing a classmate to copy answers.

Students with Disabilities:
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation for their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services, Texas A&M University – Commerce, Halladay Student Services Building,

Last date to withdraw: April 16th.
How to use the class website:

On the left side of the webpage there are a series of weeks, you will start with week one. Inside each week are the assignments for that week. Usually there is a reading assignment, a PowerPoint to supplement it, a lab, and a quiz.

The reading assignment, the PowerPoint, and the lab are open all week. (You can access them at any time from Monday at 12am thru the following Monday at 11:59pm) You can access them at any time but labs must be done by Monday at 11:59. Quizzes can only be taken on Monday from 12am to 11:59pm.

For example: Our class starts today (Monday 1/20/15). You can access everything but the quiz. The lab is due by Monday 1/27/15 at 11:59 (you can turn it in early), at 11:59 the dropbox will close and will no longer accept assignments. The quiz will open at 12am on Monday morning and stay open until that night at 11:59pm giving you 24 hours to access it. You can take the quiz anytime during those 24 hours but at 11:59 the quiz will close and you can no longer access it.

The quiz is only open for a 24 hour period. You must access the quiz during this time period or it will close and you will no longer have access. You will receive a zero for any quizzes that you miss.

For questions about the work please use virtual office so I can address everyone at once. If you have questions about you personally please email.

If you have an approved absence we will decide upon a time for you to make up the quiz.

Week 1 – Introduction  
Week 2 – Ch. 2 Rock Forming Minerals  
Week 3 – Ch 3 Diversity of Life and Ch 4 Environments and Life  
Week 4 – Exam  
Week 5 – Ch 5 Sedimentary Environments and Ch 6 Correlation and Dating  
Week 6 – Ch 7 Evolution  
Week 7 – Ch. 8 Plate Tectonics  
Week 8 – Exam  
Week 9 – Spring Break  
Week 10 – Ch 10 Geochemical Cycles and Proterozoic  
Week 11 – Exam  
Week 12 – Ch 12 Proterozoic and Ch. 13 Early Paleozoic  
Week 13 – Ch 14 Middle Paleozoic and Ch 15 Late Paleozoic  
Week 14 – Exam  
Week 15 – Ch 16 Mesozoic and Ch 17 Cretaceous  
Week 16 – Ch. 18 Paleogene and Ch 19 Late Cenozoic  
Week 17 – Exam  
This schedule is subject to change. If changes occur you will be notified via the announcement section on the class webpage.