

GLY 495-001 Spring, 2010 Tentative Syllabus

Basic Information

Instructor: Dr. J. R. Huntsman, DL 104, 962-3499, huntsmanj@uncw.edu

Office Hours: MWF 8:30 – 9:50 AM, TR 8:30 – 11:30 AM or, by appointment.

Text: Readings as assigned

General Policies

Attend each class and actively participate to earn maximum learning and credit. The once-weekly meeting schedule of this class requires attendance at each meeting. Each unexcused absence results in the deduction of five (5) points from your final class average. Each tardy arrival results in a one (1) point deduction from your final class average.

Make every effort to actively engage in each lecture period by being *prepared* with readings, being *attentive*, and asking *questions* or voicing pertinent comments.

Be on time!

Turn off cell phones or face the consequences! Penalties for violators include confiscation of cell phone for the class period and recording an absence for that day. Repeat offenses could result in total banishment from the classroom for the remainder of the semester.

Grading. A standardized rubric provides the basis for grading each of three presentations. The final grade for the course consists of the average of three presentations augmented by attendance and subjective discretionary qualities concerning attitude, approach, initiative, “ownership”, participation, and professionalism. The following ranges determine the appropriate assigned letter grade: 90 – 99 (A), 80 – 89 (B), 70 – 79 (C), 60 – 69 (D), <60 (F).

Expected Learning Outcome. At the conclusion of this course, each student should demonstrate through both objective and subjective means the ability to critically read, evaluate, communicate, and discuss geological research through oral presentations.

Tentative Schedule of Meetings			
Meeting #	Date	Topic	
1	Jan 6	Introduction, syllabus, expectations, and overview	
2	Jan 13	Basic concepts and elements of a scientific paper	
3	Jan 20		
4	Jan 27		
5	Feb 3		
6	Feb 10	Elements and Methods of Professional Presentations	
7	Feb 17	Student Presentations 1	
8	Feb 24		
9	Feb 16	Evaluation and Critique	
10	Mar 3	TBA	
Mar 10 Spring Break			
11	Mar 17	Student Presentations 2	
12	Mar 24		
13	Mar 31		
14	Apr 7		
15	Apr 14		
16	Apr 21	Evaluation and Critique	
May 3 (Monday)		Final Meeting and Presentations 3:00PM – 6:00PM	