

Geosphere NATS 1203  
Colorado Women's College/DU, Fall Quarter 2014

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**Class Time and Location:** Saturdays, 1:30-5:20 pm, Chambers 160

This is a Hybrid-Geosphere Class, part of the classes are held at CWC and part are Online. There is also a required Field Trip to Dinosaur Ridge.

**Text:** Earth: An Introduction to Physical Geology, Tarbuck and Lutgens

(any edition is ok, but you are responsible for matching the reading assignments from my edition (9<sup>th</sup>) to your edition)

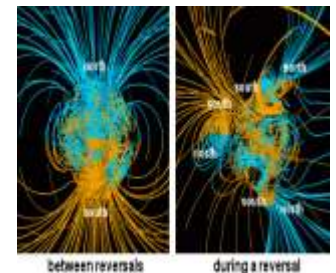
**Course Description:** Geosphere is the study of the Physical Character of the Earth, Surface Processes, Physical Properties of Rocks and Minerals, Earthquakes, Geologic Hazards, Plate Tectonics, and Crustal Deformation. This course is a non-technical approach which will give students an introduction to the basic concepts of interpreting Earth Processes. A local field trip, about 3-4 hours long, is required.

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**Observation of Religious Holidays:** Students wishing to observe a religious holiday not celebrated on the academic calendar may do so provided advanced written notice is given to the instructor during the first two weeks of the quarter.

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## Grade Policy:

Percentage	Grade	Percentage	Grade
95-100	A	77-79	C+
90-94	A-	74-76	C
87-89	B+	70-73	C-
84-86	B	67-69	D+
80-83	B-	64-66	D
		60-63	D-
		0-59	F

## Graded Assignments:

Exams: 3 each worth 100 pts	300pts
Labs: 8 Labs @ 25 pts each	200pts
Video Worksheets (4) 20 pts each	80pts
Field Trip & Worksheet Required	40 pts
Class Participation	25 pts

	Location	Date	Topic	Chpt	Test	Lab	Video	Due
1	CWC	Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Intro, Matter & Minerals	1, 3		1		Inclass
2	Online	Sept 20 <sup>th</sup>	Plate Tectonics Earth Interior	2, 12		2	Marianas Trench	Sept 27
3	CWC	Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Igneous & Sedimentary Rxs	4, 7	Test 1	3		Inclass
4	Online	Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Weathering & Soil	6		4		Oct 11
5	CWC	Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Metamorphic Rocks Crustal Deformation	8, 10		5		Inclass
6	Online	Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Earthquakes	11	Test 2	6	Earthquakes	Oct. 25
7	CWC	Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Volcanoes, Meteors	5		7	Volcanoes	Inclass
8	CWC	Nov. 1	Mass Wasting, Topo	15		8		Inclass
9	Online	Nov. 8	FINAL (take home)		Test 3			Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup>
10	Field Trip	TBA						