FIRST DAY Syllabus: Natural Disasters, Geology 303
Section 1: 9 am MWF, PS-130, schedule #21481
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Communications
I have about 500 students every semester.  I prefer face to face communications. The best way to communicate with me is before and after class or during office hours. So many emails….so little time….please try to ask questions pertaining to the lecture or reading material in class or com by my office.  I don’t do work related email over the weekend and I will not answer emails immediately prior to the exams unless it relates to your absence. I will send out announcements and important class emails via Blackboard.
Please use this number if important communication is necessary…………………………… Kevin’s Cell 858-254-2444

Blackboard: Check it weekly for announcements, assignments, activities, and readings
Email: rockrobinson@gmail.com  (Use. {Geology 303_Student/your name} as the subject line)
Remember please this email IF necessary

Course Materials:

TEXTBOOK: Natural Disasters BY PAT ABBOTT

IMPORTANT
This is NOT an ONLINE COURSE
BUT
…..Online access is required ……… course materials will be on BlackBoard

Upper Division Explorations: Please remember that this is an upper division course that requires your attention and focus. It will be hard to get your desired grade without regular attendance

From the course catalog………

GEOL 303. Natural Disasters (3) [GE]
Prerequisite: Completion of the General Education requirement in Foundations of Learning II.A., Natural Sciences and Quantitative Reasoning. Recommended: Geological Sciences 100.
Description: Geologic processes that have dramatically affected the human race: earthquakes, volcanoes, landslides, and floods. Not acceptable for a major in geological sciences.

KROB’s Oceans 303 will build on the basics of Earth science to help foster a global or “Earth System” view.

Student Learning Outcomes

Grading
4 Exams-100 pts ea................................................................. 400 pts

Grading Scale: 90% A, 85% A-, 80%B+, 75% B, 70% B-, 65% C+, 60%C (Credit)

Succeeding in Geology 303
Try to make every class….I will
Complete all assignments….on time
Read materials before coming to class….after class is OK
Take legible, detailed notes in class….I will try to have PowerPoints up before lecture
Participate by asking questions, during or after class
Study with a friend……….I think this helps most people
Visit KROB early in semester if you are having problems….or if you just want to talk
Here is the working schedule. Modifications will be posted as needed on blackboard.

Week 1
- (Aug 29) Intro to Geology 303
- (Aug 31) The Science of Geology
- (Sept 2) Natural Disasters

Week 2
- (Sept 5) HOLIDAY
- (Sept 7) Early Earth & Earth’s Interior
- (Sept 9) Plate Tectonics Theory

Week 3
- (Sept 12) Plates and Quakes
- (Sept 14) Earthquakes Basics
- (Sept 16) Global Earthquakes

Week 4
- (Sept 19) U.S. Quakes - Exam 1 review
- (Sept 21) EXAM 1
- (Sept 23) Magma

Week 5
- (Sept 26) Volcanoes
- (Sept 28) Eruptions
- (Sept 30) Mass Wasting

Week 6
- (Oct 3) Mass Wasting
- (Oct 5) Tsunami
- (Oct 7) Tsunami

Week 7
- (Oct 10) Tsunami-Exam 2 review
- (Oct 12) EXAM 2

Week 8
- (Oct 14) Ocean Atmosphere System
- (Oct 17) Ocean Currents
- (Oct 19) Types of Storms
- (Oct 21) Thunderstorms

Week 9
- (Oct 24) Thunderstorms
- (Oct 26) Polar Cyclones
- (Oct 28) Hybrid Cyclones

Week 10
- (Nov 2) Hurricanes
- (Nov 4) Waves
- (Nov 7) Climate
- (Nov 9) Climate
- (Nov 11) Climate

Week 11
- (Nov 14) Climate
- (Nov 16) EXAM 3
- (Nov 18) OFFDAYS

Week 12
- (Nov 21) Fires
- (Nov 23) NO CLASS
- (Nov 25) HOLIDAY

Week 13
- (Nov 28) Geologic Time
- (Nov 30) Mass Extinction

Week 14
- (Dec 2) Impacts
- (Dec 5) Space Weather
- (Dec 7) Space Bombs

Week 15
- (Dec 14) EXAM 4 at 8:00 AM

CLASSROOM CONDUCT:
- be courteous, no talking after class begins
- do not use mobile phones for ANY purpose including sending or receiving text messages.
- no cameras, ipods, reading newspapers and magazines, studying for other classes, or sleeping
- voice recorders are OK
- computers can be used to take notes only, no Email, Facebook etc. (I will ask you to leave)
- no cheating, plagiarism is a form of cheating. Always make sure your work is original. An instructor must be able to gauge what the student has learned. Therefore, copying the work of another person online or offline, whether an essay, exam is considered plagiarism.