

**Course Outline**  
**GEOG 1301 – Introduction to Physical Geography**  
**Beverly Penner, MS**  
**Term: Fall 1 (Aug. 12 - Oct. 5, 2024)**

**Textbook information:** Physical Geography: A Landscape Appreciation by Darrel Hess (12<sup>th</sup> edition) Pearson 2017 ISBN: 978-0-13-419542-1.

**Course Requirements:** The course will consist of 8 weekly modules with the timeframe running from Monday morning through Sunday evening each week. Two to three textbook chapters (or ~ 30 to 70 pages) are covered each week, so the pace is brisk! Grades will be based on the following, with 500 total points available:

Weekly Discussions (8)	160 points (20 points each)
Weekly Quizzes (7)	140 points (20 points each)
Pre-Test & Final/Post-Test (2)	200 points (only the highest score is kept)

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Total points available: 500

**Tentative Schedule:**

Week	Topics & REQUIRED Readings	Readings, Assignments, & Quizzes
1	Chapter 1 – Introduction to Earth Chapter 2 – Portraying Earth <b>COMPLETE PRE-TEST BEFORE READING TEXT.</b>	Pre-test Discussion Board #1 DUE Quiz #1 DUE
2	Chapter 3 – Introduction to the Atmosphere Chapter 4 – Insolation and Temperature Chapter 5 – Atmospheric Pressure & Wind	Discussion Board #2 DUE Quiz #2 DUE
3	Chapter 6 – Atmospheric Moisture Chapter 7 – Atmospheric Disturbances Chapter 8 – Climate & Climate Change	Discussion Board #3 DUE Quiz #3 DUE
4	Chapter 9 – The Hydrosphere Chapter 10 – Cycles and Patterns in the Biosphere Chapter 11 – Terrestrial Flora & Fauna	Discussion Board #4 DUE Quiz #4 DUE
5	Chapter 12 – Soils Chapter 13 – Introduction to Landform Study Chapter 14 – The Internal Processes	Discussion Board #5 DUE Quiz #5 DUE
6	Chapter 15 – Weathering and Mass Wasting Chapter 16 – Fluvial Processes Chapter 17 – Karst and Hydrothermal Processes	Discussion Board #6 DUE Quiz #6 DUE
7	Chapter 18 – The Topography of Arid Lands Chapter 19 – Glacial Modification of Terrain Chapter 20 – Coastal Processes and Terrain	Discussion Board #7 DUE Quiz #7 DUE
8	REVIEW CHAPTERS 1 – 20 BEFORE TAKING THE FINAL EXAM/POST-TEST.	Discussion Board #8 DUE Final Exam/Post-Test (review Chs. 1 – 20)