ES202 Term Paper Assignment  Winter Term 2006

I. Assignment Schedule

Week 7 Wednesday February 22/06  Submit Chosen Paper Topic (typed, word processed, name, date)
Week 8 Friday March 3/06  Submit Preliminary Paper Outline (with list of references in proper format)
Week 9 Friday March 10/06  Submit Expanded Outline with notations (with complete list of references)

* An expanded outline consists of an organized shell of the paper format, headings/subheadings, with detailed notes and reference citations. This will form the template for completing your final manuscript (your class notes are an example of an organized expanded outline with detailed notations)

Week 10 Friday March 17/06  Submit Final Draft of Paper to Instructor

II. Term Paper Format

Paper Length: 4 to 5 pages of text, double spaced, font size = 12 (excluding title page, references cited, tables, figures), number the pages sequentially, include cut-and-paste figures and tables as needed.

Paper Format: Use title, heading, subheading, references cited method as prescribed for lab write-ups. Figures and tables can be copy-and-pasted directly from professional articles, just make sure that the source is properly cited.

NOTE: the headings and subheadings will be different from that of the lab write-ups, depending on your topic. An example outline (i.e. headings and subheadings) of the "Influence of Geology on Land Use in Western Oregon" is shown below:

INTRODUCTION

GEOLOGIC OVERVIEW

  Tectonic Setting
  Bedrock Geology
    Volcanic Rocks
      Basalt
      Intrusives
    Sedimentary Rocks
      Sandstone
      Shale
  Geologic History
    Tertiary
    Quaternary

INFLUENCE OF GEOLOGY ON LANDUSE

  Hillslope Erosion
  Human Occupation

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

REFERENCES CITED
Other Information: Refer to syllabus "Plagiarism and Writing Section" and "Lab Portfolio Section" for more information on writing philosophy. Also refer to the "Taylor's Writing Guide" handout for tips on effective scientific writing.

Special Note: Copying and pasting other workers writing and web pages will result in an automatic score of "0" and you will be referred to the Dean of Students for appropriate disciplinary action for plagiarism.

III. List of Possible Topics to Choose From

(Theme: ES202, geologic surfaces processes, Oregon and the Pacific Northwest).

Seismic / earthquake hazards in Oregon, or in the PNW (or specific parts of the region / state)
Active mountain building in the Coast Range
Flood hazards in Oregon, or in the PNW (or specific parts of the region / state)
Flood hazards of the Willamette Valley
The influence of fluvial process on landuse in the Willamette Valley
Soils geology in western Oregon (or other specific parts of the region / state)
Sedimentary history of western Oregon
Tsunami hazards and deposits associated with coastal Oregon (or PNW)
History of sea level change and climate along the Oregon coast (or PNW)
Glacial history of the Pacific Northwest
Glacial history of the Oregon Cascades
Glacial history of the Wallow Mountains
History of Lakes, Playas, and Climate Change in the Oregon Desert
Geologic history of Columbia River gorge
Coastal Processes / Hazards of Oregon
Active Tectonics of Coastal Oregon
Landsliding / mass wasting hazards in Oregon (or specific parts of the region / state)
Debris Flow hazards in western Oregon
The Missoula Flood story of Washington / Oregon
Recent geology of the Willamette Valley
Coastal erosion and hazards in Oregon
Pleistocene history of dune fields in Oregon
Climate change and related geologic history of western Oregon (or any other part of the state)
Volcanic hazards of Oregon, the PNW, or specific areas in the region
Groundwater issues in Oregon, eastern Oregon, or other specific part of the state
The geology of Portland's, or other Oregon city, water supply
Surface water / water resource issues in Oregon
Fluvial processes in western Oregon and impact on salmon habitat
The influence of coarse woody debris on stream flow processes in western Oregon
.... any other topic or topics that you can think of, that we covered in class, and apply directly to Oregon / PNW!

IV. Sources of Information: WOU Library GEOREF database (ask librarians), library journals, the internet (www.usgs.gov, www.epa.gov, state DOGAMI office, Google, other state agency web sites, OSU web sites).

Georef is a search database for geologic literature, it can be accessed via the library website at: http://www.wou.edu/provost/library/databases/titleg.htm

Any publications not held by the WOU library can be ordered via electronic interlibrary loan (ILL) from the Georef search results page
**presentation includes neat, professional-looking work, inclusion of maps and figures to illustrate concepts, inclusion of tables / data to illustrate concepts.