



NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

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INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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INSTRUCTOR COMMUNICATION

Your NWFSC email is the **official communication** medium of the College. Please check your College email regularly for any class and College notifications. Emails will be answered within 48 business hours Monday – Thursday (NWFSC is closed on Fridays).

COURSE INFORMATION

- Course Name and Number: Earth Science – ESC 1000 – CRN 20461
- Class Location: South Walton Center – Building 40 – Room 313
- Class Modality: Traditional
- Class Days: Mondays and Wednesdays
- Class Times: 9:30 – 10:45 a.m.
- Online Classroom with Gradebook: [Canvas class shell](#)
- Final Exam: TBA

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Using the scientific method, critical thinking skills, data analysis, this course will examine the fundamental processes of the Earth system, composed of an atmosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere, biosphere, and exosphere, through time. The course will also explore interactions between these spheres, including critical analysis of scientific theories and emphasize Earth's connections with humans.

COURSE-LEVEL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Students will use critical thinking to recognize the rigorous standards of scientific theories.
- Students will analyze and synthesize Earth science data to draw scientifically valid conclusions.
- Students will recognize the different time scales associated with different Earth processes.
- Students will effectively communicate the importance of the interactions between humans and the Earth's spheres.
- Students will apply their understanding of these Earth science principles to complex global and local issues.

COURSE PREREQUISITES

None

COURSE MATERIALS

Text: The Good Earth; McConnell & Steer. 5th Edition
Publisher: McGraw-Hill

Loose-leaf, 3-ring binder
Pencil and pen (black or blue ink)
Scientific calculator. You may use your phone as a calculator if desired.

COURSE POLICIES

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to attend class regularly, as well as to arrive and depart on time.

Students who stop attending class, or are not able to pass the course due to attendance expectations stated in the syllabus, may receive a failing grade which may impact the receipt of federal aid in subsequent courses. Students traveling for college approved activities will not be penalized academically but will be responsible for missed work.

Students are expected to attend all of their scheduled classes, as attendance is one of the strongest predictors of success. Therefore, 3 hours of missed class (unexcused) may result in a penalty of 5% of the final course grade.

ATTENDANCE CONFIRMATION

Active participation and academic engagement are expectations of enrollment in this course. Faculty confirm each student's attendance in class after the drop-add period ends. Students who have not attended class or otherwise engaged academically in the course through the submission of an academic assignment or through participation in a curricular activity will be withdrawn from the course for nonattendance.

Students who are withdrawn for nonattendance or nonparticipation early in the course may request to be reinstated in the course by contacting their instructor by email. Reinstatement in the course is at the instructor's discretion during the first three weeks of class and is not guaranteed. Reinstatement requests occurring after this three-week period may be submitted to the instructor for consideration; however, additional administrative approval will be required to grant the reinstatement. If you are withdrawn from a course due to nonattendance and are not granted reinstatement in the course, please contact a Student Advisor for assistance.

ASSIGNMENTS, GRADING SCHEME AND PROCEDURES

Assignments

Assignment Category	Percentage of Grade	Due Date
Tests	40%	
Quizzes	40%	
Final	20%	
Total	100%	

Grading Scheme

Grade	Range
A	90 – 100 %
B	80 – 89 %
C	70 – 79 %
D	60 – 69 %
F	59 and less %

MAKE-UP WORK

Missed tests, quizzes, and other assignments may be made up within 1 week of return to class.

TOPICS

- Minerals
- Rocks
- Landscapes Fashioned by Water
- Plate Tectonics
- Geologic Time
- Oceans: The Last Frontier
- The Restless Ocean
- Heating the Atmosphere
- Moisture, Clouds and Precipitation
- The Atmosphere in Motion
- Weather Patterns and Severe Weather

Student Expectations and Resources

NWFSC aims for excellence in education and scholarly pursuits. Campus policies and procedures support this goal by protecting the health, safety, welfare, and property of the College and its students. To view all campus policies, please see the [college catalog](#). Several essential policies are provided below.

NWFSC POLICY	DESCRIPTION
Academic Integrity	Students are expected to behave responsibly as members of the College community and be honest and forthright in their academic endeavors. They are also expected to behave professionally and refrain from disrupting other students' learning environments.
Accommodations	The Accommodation Resource Center at Northwest Florida State College is committed to providing equal access and opportunities for educational success to all students with disabilities as guided by the American Disabilities Act and other disability-related laws.
Attendance	Regular attendance and participation in the course is expected.
Tutoring Services	Tutoring services are available in person and online.
Counseling Services	All actively enrolled students can receive an initial assessment and up to five therapeutic sessions with a Behavioral Health provider at no cost to the student.
Student Code of Conduct	Students are expected to adhere to the rules, regulations, and policies outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.
Student Complaints	NWFSC desires to resolve student grievances, complaints, and concerns expeditiously, fairly, and in an amicable manner. A student who desires to resolve a grievance may initiate the resolution process using the information in the link provided to the left.

<u>Student Rights and Responsibilities</u>	Understanding your role as a student.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

EMERGENCY COLLEGE CLOSURE

This course's schedule, requirements, and procedures are subject to change in the event of unusual or extraordinary circumstances. If the College closes for inclement weather or another emergency, any exams, presentations, or assignments previously scheduled during the closure period will automatically be rescheduled for the first regular class meeting held once the college reopens. If changes to graded activities are required, students will not be penalized due to the adjustments but will be responsible for meeting revised deadlines and course requirements.

ACADEMIC CONTINUITY PLAN

NWFSC is dedicated to protecting the health and well-being of its students, staff, and faculty. The College is dedicated to working with faculty and students to ensure timely course and program completion during emergencies. In the event of a College closure, the format of this course may be modified to enable completion of the course through other means, including but not limited to online course delivery through online classrooms. Check your RaiderNet College email and LMS classroom online for any updates.

TECHNICAL SKILLS AND SPECIALIZED TECHNOLOGY

Students must provide their device(s) to access and complete this class's online material. In addition to baseline word processing skills and sending/receiving emails with attachments, students may be expected to search the Internet and upload/download files. If you encounter technology challenges using course resources in the Learning Management System, email the Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning at online@nwfsc.edu or call 850-729-6464.

WELCOME TO CLASS

Thank you for choosing NWFSC for your education—and welcome to class!