

MSCI/GEOL 215L: Coastal Environments of the Southeast United States
Spring 2011 – 1 Credit
EWS Room 104

Course Syllabus

Course Information: MSCI/GEOL 215L Section 1: W 12:20-2:20
Section 2: TH 10:15-12:15

Course Instructor: Bradley Dean
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T 10:00-12:00
F 1:00-2:30

Lab Manual: Labs will be posted on Blackboard and each student will be expected to arrive with a printed copy to each lab class.

Attendance: Attendance is mandatory. Missed labs will result in a zero for the lab and quiz. There will be no switching lab classes. The lowest lab and quiz grades will be dropped, including a zero resulting from a missed laboratory. However, students that miss lab on March 30/31 and April 6/7 will receive a zero that will NOT be dropped. Extenuating circumstances will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and shall be discussed with me.

Lab Rules: No food or drinks.
No open-toed shoes (flip flops, sandals, etc). There are no exceptions to this and if you are not prepared you will be asked to leave the lab.

Tentative Lab Schedule:	Jan 19/20	Orientation
	Jan 26/27	Lab 1: Navigation
	Feb 2/3	Lab 2: Tides
	Feb 9/10	Lab 3: Waves
	Feb 16/17	Lab 4: Wind
	Feb 23/24	Lab 5: Coastal Sediments
	Mar 2/3	Lab 6: Grain Size / Settling Velocity
	Mar 9/10	NO LAB – SPRING BREAK
	Mar 16/17	Lab 7: Lagoons / Coastal Wetlands
	Mar 23/24	Lab 8: Anthropogenic Factors
	Mar 30/31	Lab 9: Coastal Land Use Introduction
	Apr 6/7	Lab 10: Presentation Preparation
	Apr 13/14	Lab 11: Presentation preparation

Apr 20/21 Presentations
Apr 27/28 NO LAB – FINALS WEEK

Grading:

Labs: (8 Labs) x (100 Points Each) = 800 Points x 40% = “A”
Quizzes: (8 Quizzes) x (100 Points Each)=800 Points x 30% = “B”
Project: (1 Presentation) x (100 Points) = 100 Points x 15% = “C”
Field Trip/Alt:(1 Trip/Paper)x(100 Points)=100 Points x15%= “D”

There is a total of 590 Points possible total. Divide your total by 590 then multiply by 100 to determine your percentage grade.

Ex: $A + B + C + D = (\text{total points}/590) * 100 = \text{Percentage Grade}$

Labs are due at the beginning of your next lab. One point will be deducted for each day late.

Grading Score:

A = 90% to100%
B+ = 87% - <90%
B = 80% - <87%
C+ = 77% - <80%
C = 70% - <77%
D+ = 67% - <70%
D = 60% - <67%
F = < 60%

Field Trip:

Tentative Date: Saturday, March 26

If you are unable to attend an alternate assignment will be provided, for example a term paper

You must inform me via email if you are attending by Feb 2/3. If you have not informed me by that date you will be doing the alternative assignment. Vans must be reserved and the number of students WILL NOT be changed after this date.

Academic Responsibility:

Faculty and students at USC are obligated to follow the USC Code of Academic Responsibility. It is expected that all class members demonstrate intellectual honesty and respect the academic rights of their classmates. If you have forgotten your responsibilities under this Code, please re-read Student Affairs Policy STAF 6.25 on USC’s web page.

Even while working in groups, each person must do his/her own work! Plagiarism will not be tolerated. If this occurs you will receive a zero for the assignment and the matter will be reported to the University authorities.