

Course Schedule: 111G, Spring 2011

Date	Month	Day	Topic	Readings
13	January	Thursday	Introduction	
18	January	Tuesday	Origin of the Solar System-Earth Structure	Chapter 1
20	January	Thursday	Plate Tectonics	Chapter 1
25	January	Tuesday	Minerals and Gems	Chapter 2
27	January	Thursday	Rocks and the Rock Cycle	Chapter 3
1	February	Tuesday	Igneous Rocks	Chapter 4.1-4.4
3	February	Thursday	Volcanoes	Chapter 4.5-4.10
8	February	Tuesday	Exam 1	
10	February	Thursday	Sedimentary Rocks and Environments	Chapter 5
15	February	Tuesday	Depositional Settings	Chapter 5
17	February	Thursday	Metamorphism	Chapter 6
22	February	Tuesday	Fossils and Relative Ages	Chapter 7
24	February	Thursday	Geochronology and the Age of the Earth	Chapter 7
1	March	Tuesday	Geobiology/Geology and Society	
3	March	Thursday	Exam 2	
8	March	Tuesday	Folds, Faults, and Deformation	Chapter 8
10	March	Thursday	Folds, Faults, and Deformation	Chapter 9
15	March	Tuesday	Earthquakes	Chapter 11
17	March	Thursday	Museum Field Trip *See below	
22	March	Tuesday	No class: Spring Break	
24	March	Thursday	No class: Spring Break	
29	March	Tuesday	Tectonics and Surface Relief	Chapter 13
31	April	Thursday	Soils and Landslides	Chapter 14
5	April	Tuesday	Landslides	Chapter 15
7	April	Thursday	Exam 3	
12	April	Tuesday	Rivers	Chapter 16
14	April	Thursday	Las Cruces Water Issues	Chapter 17
19	April	Tuesday	Oceans and Glaciers	Chapter 18-19
21	April	Thursday	Deserts and Wind	Chapter 20
26	April	Tuesday	Mineral and Energy Resources	
28	April	Thursday	Climate and Global Warming	Chapter 21
5	May	Thursday	FINAL EXAM: 10:30-12:30	

*Museum trip is an optional, extra-credit excursion to the Zuhl Museum at the NMSU Alumni and Visitors Center. The Alumni Center is located at 775 College Dr. near the police department between Knox and Union. Turn in Handout by March 18 at 5 pm in Gardiner 171 or give to TA at end of field trip.