

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
DEPARTMENT OF GEOSCIENCE
COURSE OUTLINE

1. Course: GEOLOGY 585 – BIOSTRATIGRAPHY

Lecture Section: L01 MWF 11:00-11:50 SA 235 WINTER 2014

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2. PREREQUISITE(S): Geology 491

ANTIREQUISITE(S): Credit for both Geology 565 and 685 will not be allowed.

See section 3.5.C in the Faculty of Science section of the online Calendar (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/sc-3-5.html>)

3. **GRADING:** The University policy on grading and related matters is described in “Academic Regulations, sections F.1 and F.2” of the online University Calendar (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f-1.html> and <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f-2.html>) In determining the overall grade in the course the following weights will be used:

Lab assignments (2)	20%
Lab final test	40%
Final project and presentation	40%

Each piece of work (assignment, laboratory report, midterm test or final examination) submitted by the student will be assigned a percentage score. The student’s average percentage score for the various components listed above will be combined with the indicated weights to produce an overall percentage for the course, which will be used to determine the course letter grade

4. **Missed Components of Term Work.** The regulations of the Faculty of Science pertaining to this matter are found in the Faculty of Science area of the Calendar in section 3.6: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/sc-3-6.html>. It is the student's responsibility to familiarize himself/herself with these regulations. See also <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-3.html>.

5. N/A

REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASSES HAVE PRECEDENCE OVER ANY OUT-OF-CLASS-TIME-ACTIVITY. If you have a clash with this out-of-class-time-activity, please inform your instructor as soon as possible so that alternative arrangements may be made for you.

Department Approval: ORIGINAL SIGNED Date: February 06 2014

6. **EXAMINATION POLICY:** No electronic or written aids (eg. cell phones, tablets, computers, PDAs, notes, textbooks) will be allowed during writing of any exams. Non-programmable calculators will be permitted to answer quantitative questions on exams, if applicable, and permission to do this will be clearly indicated on the examination paper.

Students should also read the Calendar, Section G, on Examinations: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g.html>.

7. In this course, the quality of the student's writing in laboratory reports will be a factor in the evaluation of those reports. See also <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html>.

8. OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS:

- (a) **ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT** (cheating, plagiarism, or any other form) is a very serious offence that will be dealt with rigorously in all cases. A single offence may lead to disciplinary probation or suspension or expulsion. The Faculty of Science follows a zero tolerance policy regarding dishonesty. Please read the sections of the University Calendar under K. Student Misconduct (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>) to inform yourself of definitions, processes and penalties
- (b) **ASSEMBLY POINTS in case of emergency during class time. Be sure to FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF with the information at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>.**
- (c) **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION POLICY.** Students with documentable disabilities are referred to the following links:
Calendar entry on students with disabilities: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/b-1.html>
Student Accessibility Services: www.ucalgary.ca/access
- (d) **SAFEWALK:** Campus Security will escort individuals day or night (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk/>). Call **220-5333** for assistance. Use any campus phone, emergency phone or the yellow phones located at most parking lot pay booths.
- (e) **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY:** This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP). As one consequence, **students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page.** For more information see also <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>.
- (f) **STUDENT UNION INFORMATION:** VP Academic **Phone:** 220-3911 **Email:** suypaca@ucalgary.ca.
SU Faculty Rep. **Phone:** 220-3913 **Email:** sciencerep@su.ucalgary.ca Website <http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/home/contact.html>.
Student Ombudsman: www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds; ombuds@ucalgary.ca 220-6420
- (g) **INTERNET and ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE Information.** You can assume that in all classes that you attend, **your cell phone should be turned off.** Also, communication with other individuals, via laptop computers, Blackberries or other devices connectable to the Internet is not allowed in class time unless specifically permitted by the instructor. If you violate this policy you may be asked to leave the classroom. Repeated abuse may result in a charge of misconduct.

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TERM:	Winter 2014			
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LAB(S):	B01	F	13:00-15:50	ES 242

MARK DISTRIBUTION: A. Composition of Final Grade

Lab assignments (2)	20%
Lab final test	40%
Final project and presentation	40%

Students who are absent from the midterm exam or final laboratory exam because of illness or other unforeseen circumstances may be granted an excused absence by the Course Coordinator (midterm exam) or Lab Coordinator (final laboratory exam) upon presentation of adequate documentation (a completed Physician/Counsellor Report form <http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/PDFs/phycoun.pdf> for illness; equivalent documentation for other circumstances). There will be no “make-up” examinations for excused absences. The weight assigned to the midterm examination will be transferred to the final examination.

Similarly, students who are unable to submit laboratory reports or assignments on time because of similar circumstances will be required to submit the same type of documentation to the Lab Coordinator in order to be considered for a time extension.

B. Components of Course for Which a Passing Grade is Essential

Students must achieve a passing grade (minimum of D) on both the lecture portion of the course (average of the midterm and final exams) and the laboratory portion of the course to qualify for a passing grade overall.

C. Grading Scheme

A+	95 – 100%
A	86 – 94%
A-	80 – 85%
B+	77 – 79%
B	73 – 76%
B-	70 – 72%
C+	67 – 69%
C	63 – 66%
C-	60 – 62%
D+	55 – 59%
D	50 – 54%
F	<50%

COURSE OBJECTIVE AND CONTENT: The objective GLGY 585 Biostratigraphy and GLGY 685 Advanced biostratigraphy is to present the principles and applications of the biostratigraphy in the oil industry. The focus is on foraminifers and conodonts but other microfossil groups will be also presented. We study the patterns in microfossil distribution and how they can be used to recognize the paleobathymetry settings and relative sea-level through time. The final project will be focused on foraminiferal assemblages worldwide and conodonts from Western Canada.

A general outline of the topics covered in this course is given below; note that changes can occur as we advance through the course.

Week	Lecture topics
1	Introduction. Major non-foram and non-conodont groups
2	Foraminifers and radiolarians
3	Conodonts
4	Applications of foraminifer and conodont studies in biostratigraphy (I)
5	Applications of foraminifer and conodont studies in biostratigraphy (I)
6	Overall view on applied biostratigraphy