

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
DEPARTMENT OF GEOSCIENCE
COURSE OUTLINE

1. Course: GEOLOGY 693.05 - ICHNOLOGY

Lecture Section: L01 MWF 11:00-11:50 SS 012 WINTER 2014

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2. PREREQUISITE(S): Consent of the Department

ANTIREQUISITE(S): Credit for both Geology 693 and 593 will not be allowed.

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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:

Seminar Presentation	20%
Laboratory work	20%
Project report	30%
Final Examination	30%

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. [bearing in mind that grade F will result if the student does not pass the final exam].”

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>.

Department Approval: ORIGINAL SIGNED Date: January 24 2014

5. **EXAMINATION POLICY:** No electronic or written aids (e.g. 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>.

6. 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>.

7. OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS:

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- (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>.
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GEOLOGY 693.05
ICHOLOGY

TERM:	Winter 2014			
PREREQUISITE(S):	Consent of the Department			
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LECTURER(S):	Dr. Akbar Sohrabi	ES 264	210-6117	asohrabi@ucalgary.ca
LECTURE :	L01	MWF	11:00-11:50	SS 012
LAB(S):	B01	F	13:00-15:50	EEEL 133

CORSE OBJECTIVES: GEOLOGY 693.05 concentrates on the principles of Ichnology. Ichnology is the branch of geology that focuses on traces of organismal behaviour (such as burrows, trails, and tracks), bioturbation (disturbing of stratification by burrowers) and bioerosion (degradation of hard substrates by boring). This course will cover three main parts: part one deals with conceptual tools and methods, including basic concepts, characteristics and preservation of trace fossils, ethology of trace fossils, and taxonomy of trace fossils. The second part of this course deals with spatial trends with focus on paleoecological aspects, environmental controls, and the ichnology of different depositional environment. In the third part of this course, temporal trends will be addressed which include applications of ichnology in sequence stratigraphy, biostratigraphy, and evolutionary paleoecology.

MARK DISTRIBUTION:	A.	<u>Composition of Final Grade</u>	
		Seminar Presentation	20%
		Laboratory work	20%
		Project report	30%
		Final Examination	30%

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/physcoun.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. Final Exam

There will be a final examination scheduled in class.

C. 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.

D. 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%

Tentative Class Schedule, Winter 2014

GLGY 593.05/693.05 – ICHNOLOGY

Dates: January 6– February 14, 2014

Time: Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 11:00-11:50

Location: SS-012 and EEEL 133 Lab

Instructor: Dr. Akbar Sohrabi, asohrabi@ucalgary.ca

Course Schedule:

Lecture:

Week	Date	Lecture Topics	Location
1	W-Jan.8	Course Overview-introduction to Ichnology	SS-012
	F-Jan.10	Taxonomy of trace fossils	SS-012
2	M-Jan.13	Neoichnology	SS-012
	W– Jan. 15	Paleobiology of trace fossils	SS-012
	F-Jan. 17	Facies concepts and Ichnofacies	SS-012
3	M – Jan. 20	Ichnology in biostratigraphy and paleoecology	SS-012
	W – Jan. 22	Ichnology of marine clastic environments	SS-012
	F-Jan. 24	Ichnology of continental environments	SS-012
4	M – Jan. 27	Ichnology and sequence stratigraphy	SS-012
	W – Jan. 29	Ichnology and evolutionary paleoecology	SS-012
	F-Jan. 31	Seminars	SS-012
5	M – Feb. 3	Seminars	SS-012
	W – Feb. 5	Seminars	SS-012
	F- Feb. 7	Seminars	SS-012
6	M – Feb. 10	Seminars	SS-012
	W – Feb. 12	Seminars	SS-012
	F- Feb. 14	Seminars	SS-012

Lab:

Week	Date	Topic	Location
1	F – Jan 10	Core lab exercise	EEEL 133
2	F – Jan. 17	Project Work (with intro)	EEEL 133
3	F – Jan. 24	Project Work	EEEL 133
4	F – Feb. 31	Project Work	EEEL 133
5	F – Feb. 7	Project Work	EEEL 133
6	F– Feb. 14	Project Work	EEEL 133

Grading:

Seminar Presentation/Handout – 20%

Project work– 20%

Project Report– 30% (incl. Core Logging Exercise)

Final Exam – 30%

Term Project/Report (More detailed instructions to follow):

Glauconitic and Viking formations core analysis and depositional environment interpretation:

- A) Log “practice” core in our core lab (including strip log, photographs and short summary)
- B) Cores assigned to groups to be documented with strip logs, photographs and short summaries. All information gathered, as well as the wireline log profile for the well studied, will be posted on Blackboard before Nov. 18.
- C) Using all data compiled by the class, produce a description and interpretation of the stratigraphic interval of interest. Due date is Dec 9.

Seminar Topics and Assignments:

1. Controlling parameters on ichnological assemblages 1 (salinity)

- Pemberton, S.G., Flach, P.D., and Mossop, G.D., 1982, Trace fossils from the Athabasca Oil Sands, Alberta, Canada: *Science*, v. 217, p. 825-827.
- Wightman, D.M., Pemberton, S.G., and Singh, C., 1987, Depositional modeling of the Upper Mannville (Lower Cretaceous), East-Central Alberta: implications for the recognition of brackish-water deposits: in *SEPM Special Publication*, v. 40, p. 189-220.
- Gingras, M.K., Pemberton, S.G., Saunders, T.D.A., and Clifton, H.E., 1999, The ichnology of modern and Pleistocene brackish-water deposits at Willapa Bay, Washington: variability in estuarine settings: *Palaios*, v. 14, p. 352-374.

2. Controlling parameters on ichnological assemblages 2 (oxygen)

- Savrda, C.E., Bottjer, D.J., and Gorsline, D.S., 1984, Development of a comprehensive oxygen-deficient marine biofacies model: evidence from Santa Monica, San Pedro, and Santa Barbara basins, California continental borderland: *AAPG Bulletin*, v. 68, p. 1179-1192.
- Savrda, C.E., 2007, Trace fossils and marine benthic oxygenation, in Miller, W. (ed.), *Trace Fossils—Concepts, Problems, Prospects*: Elsevier, Oxford, p. 149-158.

3. Ichnofacies 1 (overview)

- Pemberton, S.G., MacEachern, J.A., and Frey, R.W., 1992, Trace fossils facies models: environmental and allostratigraphic significance: in *Facies Models*, Geological Association of Canada, St. John's, p. 47-72.
- MacEachern, J.A., Pemberton, S.G., Gingras, M.K., and Bahn, K.L., 2007a, The ichnofacies paradigm: a fifty-year retrospective: in Miller, W. (ed.), *Trace Fossils—Concepts, Problems, Prospects*: Elsevier, Oxford, p. 52-80.

4. Ichnofacies 2 (linkage to water depth or other fundamental controls)

- Ekdale, A.A., 1988, Pitfalls of paleobathymetric interpretations based on trace fossil assemblages: *Palaios*, v. 3, p. 464-472.
- Frey, R.W., Pemberton, S.G., and Saunders, T.D.A., 1990, Ichnofacies and bathymetry: A passive relationship: *Journal of Paleontology*, v. 64, p. 155-158.
- Shultz, M.R., and Hubbard, S.M., 2005, Sedimentology, stratigraphic architecture, and ichnology of gravity-flow deposits partially ponded in a growth-fault-controlled slope minibasin, Tres Pasos Formation (Cretaceous), southern Chile: *Journal of Sedimentary Research*, v. 75, p. 440-453.

5. Stratigraphic Applications of Ichnology

- MacEachern, J.A., Pemberton, S.G., Gingras, M.K., Bahn, K.L., and Defoe, L.T., 2007b, Uses of trace fossils in genetic stratigraphy: in *Trace Fossils Concepts, Problems, Prospects*, Elsevier, New York, p. 110-134.
- Hubbard, S.M., and Shultz, M.R., 2008, Deep burrows in submarine fan-channel deposits of the Cerro Toro Formation (Cretaceous), Chilean Patagonia: Implications for firmground development and colonization in the deep sea: *Palaios*, v. 23, p. 223-232.
- Yang, B., Dalrymple, R.W., Gingras, M.K., and Pemberton, S.G., 2009, Autogenic occurrence of *Glossifungites* Ichnofacies: Examples from wave-dominated, macrotidal flats, southwestern coast of Korea: *Marine Geology*, v. 260, p. 1-5.

6. Utility of Individual Ichno genera in Paleogeographic Interpretations: Macaronichnus

- Clifton, H.E., and Thompson, J.K., 1978, *Macaronichnus* segregates: a feeding structure of shallow marine polychaetes: *Journal of Sedimentary Petrology*, v. 48, p. 1293-1302.
- Pemberton, S.G., MacEachern, J.A., Gingras, M.K., and Saunders, T.D.A., 2009, Biogenic chaos: Cryptobioturbation and work of sedimentologically friendly organisms: *Palaeogeography, Palaeoclimatology, Palaeoecology*, v. 270, p. 273-279.
- Quiroz, L.I., Buatois, L.A., Mangano, M.G., Jaramillo, C.A., and Santiago, N., 2010, Is the trace fossil *Macaronichnus* an indicator of temperate to cold waters? Exploring the paradox of its occurrence on tropical coasts: *Geology*, v. 38, p. 651-654.

7. Ichnological Characteristics of Estuaries

- Dorjes, J., and Howard, J.D., 1975, Estuaries of the Georgia Coast, U.S.A.: Sedimentology and biology. IV. Fluvial-marine transition indicators in an estuarine environment, Ogeechee River – Ossabaw Sound, Georgia: *Senckenbergiana Maritima*, v. 7, p. 137-179.
- Hauck, T.E., Dashtgard, S.E., Pemberton, S.G., and Gingras, M.K., 2009, Brackish-water ichnological trends in a microtidal barrier island-embayment system, Kouchibouguac National Park, New Brunswick, Canada: *Palaios*, v. 24, p. 478-496.
- Hubbard, S.M., Gingras, M.K., Pemberton, S.G., 2004, Palaeoenvironmental implications of trace fossils in estuary deposits of the Cretaceous Bluesky Formation, Cadotte region, Alberta, Canada: *Fossils and Strata*, v. 51, p. 68-87.

8. Ichnological Characteristics of Deltas

- Bhattacharya, J.P., and MacEachern, J.A., 2009, Hyperpycnal rivers and prodeltaic shelves in the Cretaceous Seaway of North

America: *Journal of Sedimentary Research*, v. 79, p. 184-209.

- Gingras, M.K., MacEachern, J.A., and Pemberton, S.G., 1998, A comparative analysis of the ichnology of wave- and river-dominated allomembers of the Upper Cretaceous Dunvegan Formation: *Bulletin of Canadian Petroleum Geology*, v. 46, p. 51-73
- MacEachern, J.A., Bahn, K.L., Bhattacharya, J.P., and Howell, C.D., 2005, Ichnology of deltas: Organism responses to the dynamic interplay of rivers, waves, storms, and tides: in *SEPM Special Publication*, v. 83, p. 49-85.

9. Ichnological Characteristics of Slopes

- Hubbard, S.M., MacEachern, J.A., and Bann, K.L., in review, The ichnology of slope deposits: *Developments in Sedimentology*, Elsevier.
- Cummings, J.P., and Hodgson, D.M., 2011, Assessing controls on the distribution of ichnotaxa in submarine fan environments, the Basque Basin, northern Spain: *Sedimentary Geology*, v. 239, p. 162-187.

10. Ichnological Applications: Mass Extinction Recovery

- Pruss, S.B., and Bottjer, D.J., 2004, Early Triassic trace fossils of the Western United States and their implications for prolonged environmental stress from the End-Permian mass extinction: *Palaios*: v.19, p. 551-564.
- Zonneveld, J.P., Beatty, T.W., and Pemberton, S.G., 2007, Lingulide brachiopods and the trace fossil *Lingulichnus* from the Triassic of Western Canada: Implications for faunal recovery after the end-Permian mass extinction: *Palaios*, v. 22, p. 74-97.

Zonneveld, J.P., Gingras, M.K., and Beatty, T.W., 2010, Diverse ichnofossil assemblages following the P–T mass extinction, Lower Triassic, Alberta and British Columbia, Canada: Evidence for shallow marine refugia on the northwestern coast of Pangaea: *Palaios*, v. 25, p. 368-392.

11. Ichnological Applications: Hydrocarbon Reservoir Properties

- Gingras, M.K., Mendoza, C.A., and Pemberton, S.G., 2004, Fossilized worm burrows influence the resource quality of porous media: *AAPG Bulletin*, v. 88, p. 875-883.
- Pemberton, S.G., and Gingras, M.K., 2005, Classification and characterizations of biogenically enhanced permeability: *AAPG Bulletin*, v. 89, p. 1493-1517.

Tonkin, N.S., McIlroy, D., Meyer, R., and Moore-Turpin, A., 2010, Bioturbation influence on reservoir quality: A case study from the Cretaceous Ben Nevis Basin, Offshore Newfoundland, Canada: *AAPG Bulletin*, v. 94, p. 1059-1078.