

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
DEPARTMENT OF GEOSCIENCE
COURSE OUTLINE

1. **Course:** GOPH 565 Environment Applications of Geophysics

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Timetable:

Session	Time	Days	Location
L01	10:00 – 10:50	Tu/Th	ICT 121
B01	8:00-10:50	Fri	ES 149
B02	11:00-1:50	Fri	ES 213

The course website can be found on Blackboard (<http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca>).

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2. **Prerequisites:** [Mathematics 249](#) or [251](#) or [281](#) or [Applied Mathematics 217](#) and completion of 9.5 FCE in Science or Engineering. (see <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/geophysics.html#9558>)

3. **Grading:** The University policy on grading and related matters is described sections F.1 and F.2 of the online University Calendar. In determining the overall grade in the course the following weights will be used:

Team Project*	70%
Midterm Exam**	10%
Final Lab Exam**	20%

*Please see Project outline for a specific break down of grades

**You must achieve a passing grade in one of the two exams to pass the course.

THERE IS NO EXAM DURING THE FALL EXAM PERIOD.

Individual elements of the course (i.e. labs, assignments, exams) will be assigned a percentage score. Final percentage grades for the overall course will be calculated based on the grade weighting scheme indicated above, and will be converted to letter grades as follows:

Letter Grade	Percent	Letter Grade	Percent
A+	95-100	C+	65-69
A	90-94	C	60-64
A-	85-89	C-	56-59
B+	80-84	D+	53-55
B	75-79	D	50-52
B-	70-74	F	0-49

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. It is the student's responsibility to familiarize himself/herself with these regulations. See also Section E.6 of the University Calendar

Late assignments: Assignments handed in past the due date will be docked 10% per day until they are received. A weekend will be counted as two (2) days, resulting in a 20% deduction. Arrangements for submitting late assignments or laboratories must be made with either the TA or the instructor. Any student who fails to submit an assignment or similar required piece of work for legitimate reasons (e.g., illness) must discuss an alternative course of action with the instructor.

5. **Scheduled out-of-class activities:** There will be no mandatory activities held outside of class hours. Optional tutorial sessions may be held prior to the final exam, but these discussed in class prior to the examination period.

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.

6. **Course Materials:**

There is no required text for the course, however the following textbooks are useful references

- 1) Near-surface Applied Geophysics, Mark. E. Everett
- 2) An Introduction to Applied and Environmental Geophysics, by John M. Reynolds
- 2) Environmental and Engineering Geophysics by Prem V. Sharma
- 3) Applied Geophysics, by W. M. Telford , L. P. Geldart, R. E. Sheriff

Online Course Components: The Blackboard website (blackboard.ucalgary.ca) will be used throughout the course to make announcements and distribute lecture notes, laboratories, assignments, and other supplementary materials. Please check the course website regularly. Students are strongly encouraged to print the necessary materials and bring them to the lectures and labs.

7. **Examination Policy:** All exams will be closed book. Only writing instruments, rulers and non-programmable calculators will be permitted on exams. No other aids. An instructor-prepared equation sheet will be provided. Students should also read the Calendar, Section G, on Examinations.
8. **Approved Mandatory and Optional Course Supplemental Fees:** N/A
9. **Writing across the curriculum statement:** In this course, the quality of the student's writing will be a factor in the evaluation of all written work (laboratories and assignments). See also [Section E.2](#) of the University Calendar. All students are expected to submit high quality work that is well-organized. Quality work must be clearly written, with questions labelled and in order, all tables and diagrams properly labelled, assumptions clearly stated, information sources properly referenced, and final answers clearly indicated (with appropriate units and significant figures). You are expected to **show all your work**, including equations and sample calculations as appropriate.
10. **Human studies statement:** N/A See also [Section E.5](#) of the University Calendar.

11. 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 [Section K, Student Misconduct](#) 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 on [assembly points](#).
- (c) **Academic Accommodation Policy:** Students with documentable disabilities are referred to the following links: [Calendar entry on students with disabilities](#) and [Student Accessibility Services](#).
- (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: suvpaca@ucalgary.ca SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 Email: sciencerep@su.ucalgary.ca [Student Ombudsman](#)
- (g) **Internet and Electronic Device Information:** You can assume that in all classes that you attend, your cell phone should be turned off unless instructed otherwise. 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.

The following signature lines should be added to the course outline as appropriate

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