General Science 3310 - Fall 2006
M-W 6:00-7:15; T-H 6:00-7:15
Course Policies and Procedures

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: A laboratory course designed to acquaint the student with the fundamentals of earth space science. Non-creditable for science majors. A required course for EC-4 Generalist certification, grades 4-8 Science certification and grades 4-8 Mathematics/Science certification. **Prerequisites**: PHYS 1310, 1320, and 1110 or PHYS 1410, 1420 with a C or better.

GOALS: The goals of General Science 3310 are:
• to increase students' awareness, knowledge, and appreciation of the physical world;
• to show how knowledge about the physical world is built upon the work of others;
• to provide opportunities for students to learn about the physical world through observation, data gathering, organization and interpretation of data;
• to promote questioning and critical thinking about the Earth and how we go about understanding it.

REQUIRED MATERIALS:
Lecture
2. TEKS for your certification level (K-5 or 6-8)
   http://www.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter112/index.html
3. Lab notebook

Lab
1. Quadrille ruled notebook (needed at 1st lab)

ATTENDANCE: Attendance of all class meetings is strongly encouraged. If you are absent, you will receive a grade of “0” on any grades taken (no make-ups.) If a **project is due** on a day you are absent, you must have turned it in early or have someone turn it in for you. You are responsible for getting any information or material you missed. If you are **tardy** to class, you must provide a note stating such at the end of class. Failure to do so may result in an absence. Two tardies will result in one absence. 6 absences may result in failing the class.

GRADING:
- Quizzes: 15%
- Projects: 20%
- Mid-Term Exam: 20%
- Final Exam: 20%
- Laboratory: 25%
Quizzes (15%): Unannounced quizzes will be given. If you are absent, a “0” grade will be recorded (no make-ups.) The lowest quiz grade will be dropped at the end of the semester.

Projects (20%):
- Individual Research Project
- Star Watch

Mid-Term Exam (20%), Final Exam (20%): Will cover material from lecture including discussions, demonstrations, hands-on activities, and any other assignments made. Labs will be discussed in lecture, expect questions about the labs on exams.

Laboratory (25%): A student must pass the laboratory with a 59.9% or better in order to pass the course.

MAKE-UPS: Students are responsible for taking exams as scheduled. NO MAKE-UP EXAMS OR QUIZZES WILL BE GIVEN.

DROPPING WITHOUT PENALTY: The University specifies deadlines for dropping a course. Student may drop a course with no record assigned until Friday, Sept. 8 and with an automatic "W" until Sept. 12th. After that date and until Nov. 20, a W will be given if a student is passing the course at the time the course is dropped and an F will be given if the student is failing at the time the course is dropped. See me BEFORE you drop to ascertain the grade that will be recorded.

INCOMPLETES: Incomplete (I) grades can only be given if one requirement of the course has not been completed (ex: missing the final examination due to hospitalization). Students receiving an incomplete grade must complete the requirement by the end of the next semester or receive an F grade in the course.

HONOR CODE
The University policies regarding academic dishonesty, including definitions and disciplinary actions, can be found at [http://www.txstate.edu/effective/upps/upps-07-10-01.html](http://www.txstate.edu/effective/upps/upps-07-10-01.html). Students involved in academic dishonesty will be reported to the Office of Teacher Education and Field Experience.

DISABILITY
If you are a student with a disability who will require an accommodation(s) to participate in this course, please contact me within the first two weeks of the semester. You will be asked to provide documentation from the Office of Disability Services. Failure to contact me in a timely manner may delay your accommodations.