

San José State University
Department of Geography & Urban Planning
GEOG 1, Physical Geography, Section 01, Fall 2024

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Classroom:	Clark 224
Prerequisites:	None
GE/SJSU Studies Category:	B1
Course Fees:	None

Course Format

This course meets twice per week.

Faculty Web Page and MYSJSU Messaging

Course materials such as syllabus, handouts, and grades can be found on the Canvas learning management system course website: <http://www.sjsu.edu/at/ec/canvas/>.

Course Description

Atmospheric, biologic and geologic processes that create the natural environments of the world. Discovery of local, regional and global patterns in the location and distribution of environmental phenomena, and the human modifications of natural environments.

Learning Outcomes and Course Goals

GE Learning Outcomes (GEO)

Objective 1: use the methods of science and knowledge derived from current scientific inquiry in life or physical science to question existing explanations.

Assignment application: Out of class essay assignments and this exam questions (short answer and multiple choice).

Objective 2: demonstrate ways in which science influences and is influenced by complex societies, including political and moral issues.

Assignment application: Out of class essay assignments and this exam questions (short answer and multiple choice).

Objective 3: recognize methods of science, in which quantitative, analytical reasoning techniques are used.

Assignment application: Out of class essay assignments and this exam questions (short answer and multiple choice).

Required Texts/Readings

Title: McKnight's Physical Geography: A Landscape Appreciation

Author: Darrel Hess

ISBN-13: 9780135827147

Edition: 13th

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Subscription to MyLab and Mastering Online: Embedded in Canvas

Course Requirements and Assignments

SJSU classes are designed such that in order to be successful, it is expected that students will spend a minimum of forty-five hours for each unit of credit (normally three hours per unit per week), including preparing for class, participating in course activities, completing assignments, and so on. More details about student workload can be found in [University Policy S12-3](#) at <http://www.sjsu.edu>. SM3

Websites: This course is integrated with the Canvas learning environment and MyLab and Mastering website. These password driven websites allow student access to course material. The subscription to MyLab and Mastering is required and will be an additional cost. Use the link on the course home page in Canvas to set up the MyLab and Mastering account.

Course Structure: The course is organized into 3 **SECTIONS**, each composed of 5 **Modules (15 total)**. Each module extends over one semester week (shorter for Winter, Summer, or late start sessions) and contains four graded components: a discussion, a quiz, a map assignment, and a unit assignment. Each section extends over 5 semester weeks (shorter for Winter, Summer, or late start sessions) and will be accompanied by an exam. **Please note that modules do not correlate with chapters in the text.** The required readings for each unit will be posted on the reading schedule.

Quizzes: There will be 15 quizzes, one for each module. These will be open note and open textbook (not open websites). The quiz may be taken anytime during the allotted time window. Once the quiz is started, you will only have 15 minutes to finish. The questions are: 2 (o) 61/8b (t) T83.7 (e)] s) a (e84 (et)-15.1 (d c)-5.8 (o)t-12.2 (n)u)-3.(y)-15.1 -7 (n)2.8 6.9 (r)3.3 (5)-7

