Physical Geology Laboratory 1303: Earth & Space Science (Dual Credit)
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Course Description:
Laboratory activities designed to accompany Geology 1303. The laboratory includes experiments over topics such as Earth materials, structure, landforms, mineral resources, and plate tectonics.

Course Approach and Expectations:
Students are expected to attend all classes, be on time, bring all necessary materials (laptop, paper, pens/pencils, notebook, etc.), and be ready to work. We will have fun, but we will work hard so your participation and focus will be necessary for your success!
Labs will be part of your daily work thus counting toward 60% of your grade. Participation may include individual, or group work and all safety procedures will be followed at all times. You will learn about rocks and minerals that make up Earth and the sometimes subtle and often destructive processes that shape it. You will learn and test fundamental concepts about meteorite impacts, volcanoes, earthquakes, river flooding, oil and gas resources, groundwater, and plate tectonics. Many examples will be from West Texas and western North America. Problem-solving techniques that you will learn and practice:
• Use multiple working hypotheses
• Be skeptical: look for ways to test hypotheses
• Make sketches: they help in visualizing the world in three dimensions
• Quantify events and processes when possible
• Apply the Principle of Uniformitarianism
• Study and work together
• Get as much practice or experience as you can
• Carefully defend your thinking when answering questions.
• Learning outcomes will be evaluated by exams and class assignments

Grading:
90 – 100 = A
80 – 89 = B
70 – 79 = C
69 and below = F
Daily Work – 60%
Assessments – 40%
*Final* - All students are required to take the final during the week of December 6th which will average in toward your final grade. Exact date to be announced.
Late work will be accepted within a reasonable amount of time however, you will lose 5 points each day it is late and you forfeit your ability to make corrections or redo the assignment.

**Attendance Policy:**
Students are required to attend all classes. We will follow FHS attendance policy and procedure. It is your responsibility to ask a classmate about what you missed and make time to come in if necessary to make up assignments. All assignments will be posted in Schoology!

**Field Trips:**
I am planning two field trips, one each semester. More info to come! Class dues of $10 will be required before students can attend the trip. It is not mandatory to attend the trip, but class dues must be paid in order to attend. Palo Duro Canyon – Investigate the local geology and identify rocks and minerals using the skills learned in class and during lab investigations.

**Course Content:**

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Director of Student Disability Services
325-942-2047
dallas.swafford@angelo.edu
Houston Harte University Center

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Director of Title IX Compliance
Michelle.boone@angelo.edu
325-486-6357
Mayer Administration Building 204

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