

Lecture: Mon-Wed 10:00-11:15AM; MPE 233

Lab Sections: Tues 2:30-5:15PM, or Thurs 2:30-5:15PM in LFG 202

Required Textbook: *Introduction to Mineralogy 2nd Edition* by William D. Nesse

Course Description: Minerals are the fundamental building blocks of the Earth. A basic understanding of mineral chemistry, mineral occurrence, and mineral identification is a fundamental skill required by all geoscience disciplines. This course focuses on the classification, chemistry, physical properties, and crystallography of minerals forming rocks, ore deposits and soils, and on mineral growth processes.

Major Learning Outcomes: Students will be capable of

1. defining a mineral and discuss the relationships among chemical composition, mineral structure and mineral properties;
2. describing the symmetry of the six crystal classes and basic crystal forms associated with them;
3. describing rock forming minerals (include ore minerals) covered in the course in terms of chemistry, mineral structure and physical properties;
4. identifying a set of major rock and ore forming minerals in hand sample and using the polarizing optical microscope;
5. describing mineral associations found in igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks;
6. discuss mineral growth processes in selected geologic settings.

Grades:

Pre-Labs	3%	Mineral Report	5%
Weekly Labs	10%	Exam I	10%
Lab Final Exam	12%	Exam II	25%
Exercises & quizzes	5%	Course Final Exam	30%

Attendance: Attendance to both lecture and lab are required. We understand that at times absences are necessary. We will make accommodations for reasonable absences (illness for example) but may request documentation. Please let us know as soon as possible that you will be missing a class and particularly a lab, preferably beforehand via email. **Three unexcused lab absences will result in a failing grade for the course.**

Cell Phones: Please refrain from using cell phones during lecture or lab unless absolutely necessary. Place your phone on silent ring (vibrate), if you must accept or make a call please leave the room. **Cell phones must be turned off and stored during exams.**

Makeup Labs and Exams, and Late Assignments: Makeup labs for an *excused absence* will need to be completed by a deadline set by the instructor. We will make the materials available but will not run a separate make up lab session (with TA present). When an *excused absence* is granted and a due date set, you may do your make up work during a scheduled lab time; we will set you up in the back of the room and provide help during the lab time.

Make up exams are not automatically given, and will only be granted for reasonable and documented excuses.

Other Lab Policies:

- (1) Pre-labs and labs must be submitted as a paper copies (no email electronic copies accepted).
- (2) Pre-labs are due in the first 5 minutes of lab, please place them in the space provided at the front of the lab as you arrive. Credit will not be given for pre-labs handed in late (except for excused absences).
- (3) Completed labs from the previous week are due in the first 5 minutes of lab, please place them in the space provided at the front of the lab as you arrive. Late labs will receive 75% of the score if turned in within 24 hours, a lab more than 24 hours late will receive 0% (except for excused absences).
- (4) **Labs must be completed in pencil** (no ink); labs handed-in in ink will not be graded.
- (5) Students are required to stay for the full 2 hours and 45 minutes of the lab. **If you leave lab early your lab will be considered late if you do not turn it in when you leave.**

Rationale for Absence, Makeup and Late Assignment Policies: Faculty and Graduate Teaching Assistants (TAs) have varied and significant workloads and schedules. Your TAs are paid for 20 hours per week for teaching related duties, including preparation, time spent in the classroom, office hours, and grading. Your TA is also a graduate student taking one to three graduate level classes during a semester, and they are conducting an independent research project that requires a written research proposal, significant time in the field and/or laboratory, time for data analysis, presentations at professional meetings, and the writing of a final thesis (reviewed by faculty committee, often with multiple revisions). Faculty workloads include teaching (~40% - preparation, meeting classes, grading, and meeting students outside of class), research (~40% - field/lab work, reading literature, writing proposals and papers) and service (~20% - university committees/administration, professional societies, community engagement, reviewers for journals and funding agencies). In short, there are a lot of time demands on faculty and TAs, so part of the rationale for these policies is allow us to efficiently manage our workloads.

Academic Misconduct—Academic integrity is a legitimate concern for every member of the campus community; all share in upholding the fundamental values of honesty, trust, respect, fairness, responsibility and professionalism. By choosing to join the UNLV community, students accept the expectations of the Student Academic Misconduct Policy and are encouraged when faced with choices to always take the ethical path. Students enrolling in UNLV assume the obligation to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with UNLV's function as an educational institution. An example of academic misconduct is plagiarism. Plagiarism is using the words or ideas of another, from the Internet or any source, without proper citation of the sources. See the *Student Academic Misconduct Policy* (approved December 9, 2005) located at: <https://www.unlv.edu/studentconduct/student-conduct>.

A student found to be responsible for academic dishonesty (including but not limited to plagiarism) in this course will face disciplinary actions up to and including failure of the course (grade of F) and referral to the Office of Student Conduct.

Course Schedule

Week	Date	Lecture	Lab
Week 1	M 29 Aug	Introduction	<i>Physical Properties: How do we classify minerals?</i>
	W 31 Aug	Basics of Symmetry: Six Crystal Classes	
Week 2	M 5 Sept	Labor Day – no class	<i>Symmetry, Six Crystal Classes and Miller Indices</i>
	W 7 Aug	Mineral Identification and Analysis	
Week 3	M 12 Sept	Elements and Chemical Bonds; Crystal Structures & Systematic Mineralogy	<i>Symmetry, Six Crystal Classes and Miller Indices</i>
	W 14 Sept	Framework silicates	
Week 4	M 19 Sept	Framework silicates	<i>Framework silicates/sheet silicates</i>
	W 21 Sept	Sheet Silicates	
Week 5	M 26 Sept	EXAM I	<i>Chain Silicates</i>
	W 28 Sept	Sheet Silicates	
Week 6	M 3 Oct	Single chain silicates	<i>Disilicates, Ring Silicates & Orthosilicates</i>
	W 5 Oct	Double chain silicates	
Week 7	M 10 Oct	Disilicates, Ring Silicates & Orthosilicates	<i>Carbonates, sulfates and phosphates</i>
	W 12 Oct	Carbonates, sulfates, phosphates & borates	
Week 8	M 17 Oct	Oxides, hydroxides, halides	<i>Oxides, hydroxides, halides & borates</i>
	W 19 Oct	No Class – Presidential Debate Day	
Week 9	M 24 Oct	Sulfides & Native Elements	<i>Sulfides, tungstate and native elements</i>
	W 26 Oct	Optical Mineralogy	
Week 10	M 31 Oct	Optical Mineralogy	<i>Optical Microscope 1</i>
	W 2 Nov	EXAM II	
Week 11	M 7 Nov	Mineral Stability - Equilibrium	PRACTICE MINERAL EXAM
	W 9 Nov	Mineral Stability - Equilibrium	
Week 12	M 14 Nov	Mineral Stability - Equilibrium	<i>Optical Microscope 2</i>
	W 16 Nov	Nucleation and Growth - Kinetics	
Week 13	M 21 Nov	Nucleation and Growth - Kinetics	No Lab – Thanksgiving Week
	W 23 Nov	Mineral Zoning, Exsolution & Structural Defects	
Week 14	M 28 Nov	Minerals and Petrogenesis (reports)	<i>Optical Microscope 3</i>
	W 30 Nov	Minerals and Petrogenesis (reports)	
Week 15	M 3 Dec	Minerals and Petrogenesis (reports)	LAB FINAL EXAM
	W 5 Dec	Minerals and Petrogenesis (reports)	
Week 16	M 12 Dec	FINAL EXAM: 10:10-12:10AM	

Course Readings

Week	Date	Lecture	Lab
Week 1	M 29 Aug	Chapter 1 (p.1-10)	Chapter 1 (p.1-10)
	W 31 Aug	Chapter 2 (p.11-20, 25-36)	
Week 2	M 5 Sept	Labor Day – no class	Chapter 2 (p.11-20, 25-36)
	W 7 Aug	Chapter 7 (p. 136); Chapter (p. 184-187); Chapter 9 (p. 194-196, 198-200)	
Week 3	M 12 Sept	Chapters 3 & 4; Chapter 11 (p. 211-214)	Chapter 2 (p.11-20, 25-36)
	W 14 Sept	Chapter 12	
Week 4	M 19 Sept	Chapter 12	Chapter 12 & 13
	W 21 Sept	Chapter 13	
Week 5	M 26 Sept	EXAM I	Chapter 14
	W 28 Sept	Chapter 13	
Week 6	M 3 Oct	Chapter 14 (p. 294-310)	Chapters 15 & 16
	W 5 Oct	Chapter 14 (p. 310-322)	
Week 7	M 10 Oct	Chapters 15 & 16	Chapter 17
	W 12 Oct	Chapter 17	
Week 8	M 17 Oct	Chapter 18	Chapter 18
	W 19 Oct	No Class – Presidential Debate Day	
Week 9	M 24 Oct	Chapters 19 & 20	Chapters 19 & 20
	W 26 Oct	Chapter 7	
Week 10	M 31 Oct	Chapter 7	Chapter 7
	W 2 Nov	EXAM II	
Week 11	M 7 Nov	Chapter 5 (p. 85-92)	PRACTICE MINERAL EXAM
	W 9 Nov	Chapter 5 (p. 85-92)	
Week 12	M 14 Nov	Chapter 5 (p. 85-92)	Chapter 7
	W 16 Nov	Chapter 5 (p. 93-97)	
Week 13	M 21 Nov	Chapter 5 (p. 93-97)	No Lab – Thanksgiving Week
	W 23 Nov	Chapter 5 (p. 97-110)	
Week 14	M 28 Nov	Chapters 11 (p. 214-229) & 19 (p. 414-420)	Chapter 7
	W 30 Nov	Minerals and Petrogenesis	
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