

Walla Walla Valley Academy

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Earth Science

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Course Description:

Earth Science is designed to help students identify the different land forms that occur not only on Earth but also on neighboring planets. We begin the course with distant stars and galaxies and then work our way back to our own Solar System. From there, the Earth's atmosphere is studied before we move on towards the Earth's other features. Students engage in the discovery of plate tectonics, oceanography, and the different ecologies of planet Earth. Evidence is given towards the Theory of Creation but the Evolution theory is also discussed.

Course objectives: Upon completion of this course a student should be able to –

1. Recognize the Creator's wonderful plan of design in the planet we call home.
2. Think independently and scientifically.
3. Understand the different topics of Earth Science such as Meteorology, Geology, Volcanology, Oceanography, and Astronomy.
4. Learn to use resources to one's benefit now and in the future.
5. Use tools such as documentation, memorization, problem solving and to gain an interest in Earth Science.

Tools for Success in Earth Science

The goals for learning are achieved by many different approaches in order to tap into the strengths of each individual student.

- I. Regular worships that point to our Creator God.
- II. Test and quizzes.
- III. Lectures are based upon the given materials as well as those articles found in publications.
- IV. Multimedia software.
- V. Group activities
- VI. Labs
- VII. Video presentations.

Former Students were successful when they applied the following.

- Take an active role in participation
- Absorb the hands on activities that solidify lessons
- Develop a clear method of note taking and the organization of materials
- Complete all assignments and submit these on time
- Use resources such as the instructor, text, classmates, library, models and technology.

Grades

		<u>% Weight</u>
94% - 100 %	A	
90% - 93%	A-	10% Quizzes
88% - 89%	B+	30 % Homework
84% - 87%	B	35 % Chapter tests
80% - 83%	B-	25 % Labs and Projects
78% - 79%	C+	
74% - 77%	C	
70% - 73%	C-	
68% - 69%	D+	
64% - 67%	D	40 % 1 st Quart
60% - 63%	D-	40 % 2 nd Quart
59%	F	20 % Final Semester Exam

Late Work Policy:

In the event a student is absent from class but has it excused, he/she will be given an equal number of consecutive days missed beginning on the day they return to make up the work.

If after this period of grace has expired and the work has still not been turned in, zero credit will be given. Extensions will be granted to those who have been absent from class, due to the loss of a loved one or a personal illness.

Zero credit will automatically be awarded for all assignments missed to those who have an unexcused absence.

Cheating Policy:

In the event that dishonest behavior occurs on quizzes, tests, homework, exams and projects, no (zero) credit will be given as a result followed by a conduct slip. Such action may result in further disciplinary action from the school administration.

Electronics:

The use of electronics is not permissible unless announced otherwise in the classroom. There may be an occasion that I may ask you to take out your cell phones or tablets during class for research, projects and assignments. But unless specified, cell phones are not to be used.

Academic Honesty

Morally and spiritually, Walla Walla Valley Academy is dedicated to a high standard of scholastic integrity. Students at WWVA are expected to maintain this high standard of academic honesty in this course. Examples of dishonest practices include, but are not exclusively limited to:

1. Copying or obtaining answers from someone else's quizzes, exams, laboratory work, electronic devices or any type of written work in which original answers are required.
2. Use of notes or texts as sources of information in writing quizzes, tests, or examinations, unless specifically stated as allowable.
3. Unauthorized collaboration in the writing up of laboratory discussion or conclusions sections. However, collaboration of reporting of RESULTS is permitted if it was a team effort.
4. Written essay answers, for the purpose of this course should be summarized in your own words, unless use citing quotations.

The discovery of dishonest practices within the context of this class will result in a zero for the assignment / assessment and further disciplinary action from the Walla Walla Valley Academy Administration may be taken.

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