

GEOSCIENCES 214: PETROLOGY

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Class meetings: Lecture Monday & Wednesday, 11:45-12:45 (NSci 235)

Lab Monday/Wednesday, 2:15-5:15 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. (NSci 237)

MK Office Hours: Monday 9:30-10:30; Tuesday 3-4.

LECTURES

READING ASSIGNMENTS

January	17	Structure and composition of the earth, general characteristics of igneous rocks	Blatt, pp.xvii-10, 136-149.
	22	Mineralogical classification of igneous rocks	Blatt, 20-64.
	24	Field characteristics of igneous rocks	Blatt, 10-18, 71-90.
	29	Phase rule and phase diagrams	Blatt, 92-103.
	31	Binary systems & fractional crystallization	Blatt, 116-120.
February	5	Ternary systems & Bowen's Reaction Series	Blatt, 103-115.
	7	Dealing with a more complex system: the real world	Blatt, 120-135.
	12	Chemical classification of igneous rocks	Blatt, 65-69, 465-470. 14
		Geochemical clues: isotopes and trace elements	
	19	Basalts, tectonics, and ophiolites	Blatt, 151-167.
	21	Continental volcanism	Blatt, 190-211.
	26	Subduction and volcanism	Blatt, 168-180.
	28	Granites and batholiths	Blatt, 180-189.
March	5	Very cool and cutting edge topics in igneous petrology	Guest lecturer
	7	Igneous Petrology Exam	
		** SPRING BREAK **	
	19	Metamorphic Processes	Blatt, 359-379.
	21	Facies and Facies Series	Blatt, 339-357, Miyashiro 19-31.
	26	Graphical Methods for Metamorphism	Blatt, 381-394; Best 401-408.
	28	-as above-	
April	2	Metamorphic Reactions	Blatt, 396-409.
	4	Quantitative Metamorphic Petrology	Blatt, 471-480.
	9	Contact Metamorphism and Low P/T Facies Series	Blatt, 439-440, 447-462.
	11	-as above-	
	16	Regional Metamorphism: Mod P/T Facies Series	Blatt, 411-425, 427-439.
	18	- as above -	
	23	High P/T Facies Series: Blueschists & Eclogites	Blatt, 440-444.
	25	Ocean-floor and Geothermal Metamorphism	
	30	Isotopes & Trace Elements in Metamorphic Systems	Blatt, 482-497.
May	2	Petrotectonics	Hyndman, 657-664.
	7	Review and Overview of Metamorphism	

FINAL EXAM: Friday, May 11 - 10:15-12:15

READING ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE CLASS FOR WHICH THEY ARE ASSIGNED!

GRADING: The course is divided into two units: the first section dealing with igneous rocks, then metamorphic rocks will be covered. The homework assignments and lecture exams will constitute about 60% of your final grade. The laboratory grade is worth approximately 40% of the final grade.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK:

Blatt, Tracy, & Owens (2006) Petrology (3rd Ed.) W.H. Freeman and Co., New York.

TEXTS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY READING ASSIGNMENTS:

Best, M.G. (1982) Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology. W.H. Freeman, San Francisco.

Hyndman, D.W. (1985) Petrology of Igneous and Metamorphic Rocks. McGraw-Hill, N.Y.

Miyashiro, A. (1972) Metamorphism and Metamorphic Belts. John Wiley, New York.

Assigned reading from books other than Blatt, Tracy, & Owens will be xeroxed and made available in the classroom (235).

LAB SCHEDULE FOR IGNEOUS AND METAMORPHIC ROCKS

January	22	Review of Optical Mineralogy		
	24	Minerals in Thin Section		
	29	Igneous minerals and textures		
	31	Igneous minerals and the microscope		
February	5	M&M lab exercise, thin section preparation and the electron microprobe	7	Plutonic rocks I
	12	Plutonic rocks and microscopes I		
	14	Plutonic rocks II		
	19	Plutonic rocks and microscopes II		
	21	Volcanic rocks in hand specimen		
	26	Volcanic rocks and microscopes		
	28	Pyroclastic rocks and volcano movies		
March	5	- continuation of pyroclastic rocks -		
	7	Unusual igneous rocks in hand sample and thin section		
		** SPRING BREAK **		
	19	-no lab-		
	21	Metamorphic Minerals		
	26	Regional Metamorphic Rocks I - pelitic & carbonate rocks		
	28	Regional Metamorphic Rocks I - microscopic features		
April	2	Regional Metamorphic Rocks II - mafic & ultramafic rocks		
	4	Regional Metamorphic Rocks II - microscopic features		
	9	Contact Metamorphism and Unfoliated Metamorphic Rocks		
	11	-as above-		
	16	Metamorphic Facies		
	18	-as above-		
	23	Igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks		
	25	Metamorphic review		
	30	Field Trip		
May	2	Igneous and Metamorphic Rock Lab Exam		