



**Collected learning goals for EOSC 1xx and 2xx courses, taken from course home pages, May 9, 2011.**

See also Dep't level "service course" learning goals (<http://www.eos.ubc.ca/courses/ServiceCoursesGoals.html>)

#	Course	Learning Goals from course home page.
1	EOSC110	<p>By the end of this course, students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe the dynamic processes that form Earth's materials, produce its internal structure, and shape its surface features</li> <li>2. Appreciate the influence of geologic time on the processes that shape our planet</li> <li>3. Apply their knowledge of geoscience to environmental, socio-economic, and political concerns</li> </ol> <p>The instructors' goal in teaching this course is to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Excite students about our fascinating, dynamic planet.</li> </ol>
2	EOSC111	<p>By the end of this course, students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Make interpretations and draw conclusions based on observations and evidence in an earth system science context</li> <li>2. Apply qualitative and quantitative approaches to earth system data and samples</li> <li>3. Appreciate that earth systems science is exciting and relevant to society and our lives</li> <li>4. Recognize the interconnectedness of earth system science</li> </ol>
3	EOSC112	<p>By the end of this course, students will be able to...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. DESCRIBE Earth as an integrated system consisting of interacting components driven by a continuous supply of energy</li> <li>2. EXPLAIN how interactions within the Earth system control climate on Earth.</li> <li>3. APPLY this knowledge to explain the long-term evolution of Earth's environment and climate.</li> <li>4. APPLY this knowledge to explain shorter term climatic variability in the modern world.</li> <li>5. Critically EVALUATE public information on present global environmental changes and the effect of natural variability versus anthropogenic forcing.</li> <li>6. CONTRIBUTE TO informed social and political debates over global climate, and local environmental issues.</li> </ol>
4	EOSC114	<p>A. For earthquakes, volcanoes, landslides, storms, waves, and meteor impacts, you will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Learn how they work.</li> <li>2. Locate the dangerous places where they've often occurred.</li> <li>3. Learn ways to observe and monitor them.</li> <li>4. Find out why it's hard to forecast them.</li> <li>5. Learn what you and your community can do to prepare for them.</li> </ol> <p>B. We will strive to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Empower you to be a survivor.</li> <li>2. Enable you to approach new challenges insightfully.</li> <li>3. Sharpen your observations of nature.</li> <li>4. Stimulate your excitement in our planet.</li> </ol>
5	EOSC116	<p>By the end of this course, students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe the dynamic processes that operate in the Earth system including those in the atmosphere, hydrosphere and the lithosphere.</li> </ol>



		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Appreciate the influence of geologic time on the processes that shape our planet with a particular focus on the development of the biosphere.</li> <li>3. Apply their knowledge of geoscience to enable the study and elucidation of Earth history with an emphasis on the Mesozoic.</li> </ol>
6	EOSC118	<p>"Earth's Treasures: Gold &amp; Gems" (EOSC118) aims to enable students to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be able to recognize valuable gems &amp; metals.</li> <li>2. Be able to apply this knowledge in their personal gem &amp; metal investments.</li> <li>3. Appreciate the processes needed to discover, mine, add value (facet and polish), and market these gems and metals.</li> <li>4. Understand the gem industry in BC, Canada, &amp; world.</li> <li>5. Relate economic and social development in BC to past gold rushes &amp; future discoveries.</li> <li>6. Sharpen observations of natural materials.</li> <li>7. Make connections between science &amp; everyday life.</li> </ol>
7	EOSC210	<p>By the end of this course you will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recognize and differentiate the adverse effects that earth processes can have on site conditions, engineering designs and vice versa.</li> <li>2. Use case histories to demonstrate how unrecognized geologic factors have led to failed engineering designs, cost overruns, fatalities, and environmental problems, and how we have learned from these past mistakes.</li> <li>3. Relate the effects that large scale and long term geologic processes can have on specific site conditions.</li> <li>4. Distinguish various rock and soil types, their mechanical and hydrologic properties, and their significance to different types of engineering projects.</li> <li>5. Explain how rock and soil properties can vary with space and time and how this makes them difficult to characterize and carry out designs for.</li> <li>6. Communicate confidently with geoscientists when working together on a project.</li> <li>7. Observe our planet from a more enthusiastic and informed perspective to aid in the process of becoming a responsible professional.</li> </ol> <p>Lab goals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Practice geologic diagnostic and observation skills.</li> <li>2. Use geologic maps to extract information relevant to engineering projects.</li> <li>3. Solve problems for a variety of real world geotechnical and environmental cases.</li> </ol>
8	EOSC211	<p>Students will write computer programs to model and analyze data in the solid earth, atmospheric, and oceanographic sciences.</p> <p>This requires</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Breaking problems into logical steps using flowcharts and pseudocode to specify algorithms.</li> <li>2. Writing and debugging MATLAB computer programs to correctly implement algorithms.</li> <li>3. Modifying existing MATLAB computer programs, using the elements of good programming style, to make it more efficient, readable, and documented for future reuse.</li> <li>4. creating scientifically informative and visually appealing plots (scatterplots, time series, contours, multiple subplots, legends).</li> </ol>
9	EOSC212	<p>Goals related to working in Earth and Ocean Sciences</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Concepts and topics: Describe the essential Earth science concepts that underlie each topic; Identify core concepts and elements of scientific controversy</li> <li>2. Models versus measurements: For each topic, characterize the relationship between measurements and models.</li> </ol>



		<p>3. Using skills to work with scientific information: Use first-year math and analytic skills to analyze &amp; interpret data sets similar to those encountered in readings.</p> <p>4. Enthusiasm for and knowledge of EOS: Enthusiasm for all Earth and planetary sciences should grow, as well as awareness of research and expertise within the EOS Department.</p> <p>Goals related to thinking as scientists do</p> <p>5. Using science articles: Recognizing the principle questions, measurements, data sets, interpretations and uncertainties in assigned readings.</p> <p>6. Communicating: Presenting, debating and asking insightful (and precise) questions about scientific ideas in assigned and self selected readings.</p> <p>7. Awareness of science learning: Articulating both what has been learned and what is perceived as missing in your own understanding.</p>
10	EOSC217	<b>NONE</b>
11	EOSC220	<p>By the end of this course, students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use atomic structure and crystallography to identify and explain the properties and groupings of common minerals.</li> <li>2. Explain correlations between relevant chemical concepts (e.g., substitution and solid solution) and the parts of chemical formulas that control the properties and groupings of common minerals.</li> <li>3. Describe and explain the processes and environments that lead to common associations of minerals in rocks.</li> <li>4. Observe, describe, and measure properties of mineral hand specimens to identify minerals and place them in groups.</li> <li>5. Develop interpersonal and practical skills useful in future careers, such as working in groups to make decisions and preparing individual laboratory term projects.</li> <li>6. Apply mineralogy concepts and skills learned in lecture and lab to geological, materials science, environmental, and economic topics.</li> <li>7. Appreciate the rarity, beauty, and usefulness of Earth's minerals.</li> </ol>
12	EOSC221	<p>Students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Classify (assign complete names to) rocks, using published schemes employed by professionals.</li> <li>2. Describe rock-forming processes.</li> <li>3. Use fundamental petrographic observations to identify minerals and rock textures in thin section.</li> <li>4. Describe the modal mineralogy and texture of a rock.</li> <li>5. Evaluate the petrogenesis of rocks and rock associations in a plate tectonic context.</li> <li>6. * Assess or evaluate how petrology transfers to other fields of study.</li> </ol>
13	EOSC222	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe Earth history using stratigraphic principles, paleontology and radioactive decay.</li> <li>2. Apply an understanding of sedimentary rocks and fossils in the interpretation of geological features.</li> <li>3. Describe how the biosphere has adapted to exploit various environments in the Earth's oceans over time.</li> </ol>
14	EOSC223	<p>By the end of this course, students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create geologic maps and cross sections from their own field data.</li> <li>2. Exhibit safe, courteous, ethical, and environmentally sustainable behaviour in the field.</li> <li>3. Interpret the geology and geologic history of an area from reading a geologic map.</li> <li>4. Transfer knowledge gained from geologic maps to other fields (e.g. natural hazards, land use planning, resource extraction).</li> </ol>
15	EOSC250	<b>NONE</b>
16	EOSC252	By the end of this course, students will be able to ...



		<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Discuss qualitatively the ways in which important factors affect quantitative values of volumetric, mechanical and electrical properties of rocks and soils.</li><li>2. Apply appropriate mathematical relationships to estimate bulk property values based on constituent components, or vice-versa.</li><li>3. Employ fundamental principles of non-uniqueness, cause-and-effect, and simplification to recognize where theories are incomplete.</li><li>4. Provide bounding values on physical properties when specific answers are not possible.</li><li>5. Develop analytical and laboratory skills by making quantitative measurements on rocks, including assessment and propagation of measurement uncertainties.</li><li>6. Recommend which physical property(ies) is(are) most likely to help distinguishing between two rock or soil units by identifying how constituent components will likely affect bulk physical property values.</li></ol>
17	EOSC256	<b>NONE</b>
18	EOSC270	Students are expected to; <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. acquire a knowledge of marine ecosystem diversity,</li><li>2. identify ecological, physical and chemical processes and interactions that define ecosystems,</li><li>3. compare and contrast habitat, prevalent ecological processes and trophic dynamics between any number of marine ecosystems described here,</li><li>4. develop an appreciation how inherent characteristics of an ecosystem make it resilient or susceptible to anthropogenic threats,</li><li>5. understand how ecosystems are tied together by large scale processes, such as global circulation, biogeochemical cycling, etc.</li></ol>
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