

**OCEANOGRAPHY**  
**GEOSCIENCES 3401**  
**SPRING 2006**

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Office Hours: MW (3:30-5:00 or by appointment)

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Lectures: T & Th, 2:00 - 3:15

Laboratory: T & Th, 12:30 - 1:45 or

T & Th, 3:30 - 4:45

Texts: Invitation to Oceanography, 3rd edition, Pinet

Laboratory Exercises in Oceanography, 3rd Ed., Pipkin et al.

Environmental Issues in Oceanography, 2nd Ed., Abel & McConnell

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**Objectives:** Oceanography is the study of the oceans, the major feature of Planet Earth ("The Blue Planet"). This course is designed to give you an overview of the important aspects of the oceans and ocean basins and the importance of the oceans to the planet and to the creatures living in the ocean and on the land. The course will also emphasize environmental issues relating to the oceans.

**Major Tests:** There will be five tests, each of equal value, on the dates indicated on the lecture schedule. The lowest grade from the first four tests will be dropped. The remaining four highest grades will be averaged in determining the course grade. These test grades will not be curved. No make-up tests will be given without a prior excused absence.

**Extra Credit:** Several unannounced short quizzes will be given during the semester. These "pop" quizzes will be for extra credit and will add as much as 10 points to your overall test average. Make-up quizzes will not be given. Regular class attendance is the only way to maximize your extra credit points.

laboratory: The laboratory is an important part of the course. The exercises will give you an opportunity to apply principles covered in the lectures and to become familiar with some topics beyond the scope of the lectures. Some exercises will require you to access internet resources outside of class time.

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