Syllabus

Introduction to Physical Geography

GPHY 111

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Office Hours: Mondays and Fridays: 9-11, and of course by appointment.

Class meets in the Science Auditorium Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30-12:00 pm

Required Texts:


Geologic Map of Montana

At times there may also be other handouts and readings

Grading:

Homework 15%
Exams: 3 midterms + Final 80%
Class Participation 5%

Homework is ungraded, i.e., you either get credit or you don't. However, I may ask you to redo an assignment if I think it is not up to snuff. Homework will generally be short (sometimes mindless) exercises intended to reinforce basic knowledge and ideas. Some of these will involve reproducing 'visual overviews' found at the beginning of many of our textbook's chapters. Homework may include a Physical Map of the World, Mountain ranges of the world, Maps of Climate Zones, Land Use, Wind Patterns, Ocean Currents, factors affecting Climate Change etc.

It would probably be a good idea to get some colored pencils or pens for the homework. These will also be helpful in the labs.

Lectures will generally posted in the morning at:
http://www.msubillings.edu/sciencefaculty/Spring%202010%20handouts.htm
These can be printed out at no charge at several MSU-B facilities

For learning basic geographic facts and names check out: http://www.ilike2learn.com/