

Sedimentary Rocks (GEO 316P)

Spring 2013

Lecture: Meets MWF 10-11 AM, JGB 2.324

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Laboratory: No Labs

Date	Lecturer	Topic	Reading*
14-Jan	DM	Class Intro: Overview of Sedimentary Deposits	B3, B6, B12
16-Jan	DM	Grain Parameters	B3
18-Jan	DM	Sediment Production (Weathering)	B1
23-Jan	DM	Grain Mineralogy	B5
25-Jan	DM	Styles of Sediment Transport	B2
30-Jan	DM	Sedimentary Structures	B4
1-Feb	DM	Controls on Sediment Deposition	
3-Feb	DM	Sandstone Diagenesis	B5
4-Feb	DM	Aeolian Systems	B8.3
6-Feb	DM	Alluvial Fans	B8.2
8-Feb	DM	EXAM 1	B8.2
11-Feb	WF	Rivers	
13-Feb	WF	Deltas 1	B9.2
15-Feb	WF	Deltas 2	B9.2
18-Feb	WF	Lacustrine	
20-Feb	WF	Shorezone and Shelf	B9, B10
22-Feb	WF	Slope 1	B10
25-Feb	WF	Slope 2	B10
27-Feb	WF	Litho -, Bio- & Chrono-Stratigraphy, Facies Models	B12, B14, B15
1-Mar	WF	Seismic Stratigraphy	B13
4-Mar	WF	Sequence Stratigraphy 1	B13, B16
6-Mar	WF	Sequence Stratigraphy 2	B16
8-Mar	WF	EXAM 2	
		March 12–16, Spring Break, No Classes	
18-Mar	DM	Paradox of Drowned Carbonate Platforms 1	
20-Mar	DM	Paradox of Drowned Carbonate Platforms 2	
22-Mar	DM	Chemical Sediments	T&W 1.1 & 2.1
25-Mar	DM	Carbonates Mineralogy and Geochemistry	T&W 1.3
27-Mar	DM	Carbonate Precipitation Modes and Factories	
29-Mar	DM	Carbonate Constituents: Skeletal Grains 1	T&W 1.2
1-Apr	DM	Carbonate Constituents: Skeletal Grains 2	

3-Apr	DM	Carbonate Constituents: Non-skeletal Grains	T&W 1.4 & 1.9
5-Apr	DM	Carbonate Mud & Porosity	T&W 1.7
8-Apr	DM	Carbonate Facies and Classification	B11, T&W 2
10-Apr	DM	EXAM 3	
12-Apr	WF	Modern Carbonates	B1, T&W 3
15-Apr	WF	Near Shore Carbonates	B11, T&W 4
17-Apr	WF	Reefs	B11, T&W 4
19-Apr	WF	Carbonate Slopes	B11, T&W 5
22-Apr	WF	Dolomite, Diagenesis, and Evaporites	B6-7, T&W 7-8
24-Apr	WF	Fundamentals of Reservoirs – Geology and Engineering 1	
26-Apr	WF	Fundamentals of Reservoirs – Geology and Engineering 2	
29-Apr	WF	Clastic Depositional Systems and Clastic Reservoirs	
1-May	WF	Carbonate Depositional Systems and Carbonate Reservoirs	
3-May	WF	EXAM 4	

Final Exam: none

***Required course materials:**

- B: Boggs, *Principles of Sedimentology and Stratigraphy* (4th edition or 5th edition)

***Other texts (library reserve):**

T&W; Tucker, M.E. and Wright, V.P. (1990), *Carbonate Sedimentology*.

S: Wolfgang Schlager, (2005), *Carbonate Sedimentology and Sequence Stratigraphy*

Lecture notes: Lecture notes and readings from other texts can be found on Blackboard (<http://courses.utexas.edu>).

Class policy, procedures and grading: Historically, there is a very strong correlation between exam grades and attendance.

- There will be 4 lecture exams; each will consist of multiple-choice questions and will be worth 100 points and constitute 80% of the final class grade.
 - o There are no make-up lecture exams in this class. If you miss an exam, that exam grade becomes 0. Make-ups are permitted only with physician-certified illness or if posted exam date conflicts with an official religious holiday as determined by the University
- There will be four unannounced in-class quizzes. These short quizzes will consist of multiple-choice questions and each will be worth 100 points. Unannounced in-class quizzes will constitute 20% of the final class grade.
 - o There are no make-up quizzes in this class. If you miss a quiz, the quiz grade becomes 0. Make-ups are permitted only with physician-certified illness or if quiz date conflicts with an official religious holiday as determined by the University.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

• Laptop Use Policy – Classroom Laptop use for taking notes related to this course only. Laptop activities unrelated to this course will lead to dismissal from class. **Repeat offenses will result in a filing of a report of academic problems.**

• **Other Electronic Devices (Cell phone, Blackberry, I-Phone, etc.) Use Policy – All devices must be turned off during class.** Any use of these devices, including texting, web-surfing, etc. will lead to dismissal from class. **Repeat offenses will result in a filing of a report of academic problems.**

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Religious Holidays – Religious holy days sometimes conflict with class and examination schedules. If you miss an examination, work assignment, or other project due to the observance of a religious holy day you will be given an opportunity to complete the work missed within a reasonable time **after** the absence. It is the policy of The University of Texas at Austin that **you must notify each of your instructors at least fourteen days prior to the classes scheduled on dates you will be absent** to observe a religious holy day.

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In this course e-mail will be used as a means of communication with students. You will be responsible for checking your e-mail regularly for class work and announcements. Note: if you are an employee of the University, your e-mail address in Blackboard is your employee address.