

Tips for Successful Learning in Introduction to Physical Geography

To successfully meet the objectives of Introduction to Physical Geography, it is crucial that students actively partake in the following:

1. Take good notes during lecture.
2. After **each** lecture, review notes and **GENERATE QUESTIONS** about the topics that might be confusing to you or that need more clarification/explanation.
3. Bring questions from #2 to class and ask them during the QnA session at the first 5 minutes of each class.
4. Read the assigned sections of your book at the assigned times in the class schedule and **generate questions** from your reading. Bring those questions to class as well and ask them during the QnA session.
5. Obtain and answer the review questions from the class website each week. If you are having trouble with one or more of the questions, get help right away.
6. Review the supplemental content on the class website (In the section titled, “*This Week in Physical Geography*”) daily to augment your learning of topics discussed in lecture. In addition, review each handout from the handout packet after we discuss them. **Generate questions** from these reviews.
7. Thoroughly examine the Exam study guide online to insure that you have a solid understanding of all topics within. **Generate questions** from those topics you are uncertain about.
8. For all of the questions that you generate from above, **utilize as many of the following resources as necessary** to get answers to your questions and to insure that your level of understanding meets the objectives of the course:
 - A. Use the QnA session (First 5 minutes of class).
 - B. Ask questions during lecture as topics are being discussed.
 - C. Use the online class discussion forum.
 - D. Send questions via email to instructor.
 - E. Ask questions via phone/voicemail.
 - F. Utilize instructor office hours to ask questions and get clarification.
 - G. Make an appointment with a tutor in the Tutoring Center for additional help. (Geography Tutor = Dalene Early) (Available M-Th, 11am to 3pm)
 - H. Use the lecture notes, book, handouts, and class website as a source of answers to your questions.

Resources:

Class Website: <http://www.grossmont.edu/judd.curran>

Class Discussion Forum: <http://www.grossmont.edu/judd.curran/forum120.asp>

Instructor Email: judd.curran@gcccd.edu

Instructor Phone: (619)644-7343

Instructor Office Hours: Tues 1300-1400, Wed 0930-1030 and 1530-1630, Thurs 1300-1500

Tutoring Center: (619)644-7387