Physical Geography Lab Activity #00

Introduction to the class

0.1. Introduction

Welcome to Geography 101L! This class is designed to complement *Geography 101 – Physical Geography: Earth's Surface Landscapes* and gives you hands-on experience with some of the topics you'll cover.

Today, your instructor will assign the lab exercises you will be completing throughout the semester and explain what you can expect in the weeks to come.

0.2. Some basic rules of the geography lab

- 1. **No open-toed shoes.** The lab is full of heavy equipment, large rocks, and glass. Sometimes they fall off the table.
- 2. **Dress appropriately.** Plan to get a little dirty in the lab. You'll be working with old dusty maps and rocks. Some activities will take us out of the lab and out onto campus. You'll be walking quite a bit and exposed to whatever heat, cold, wind, or rain is out there.
- 3. **No food or drink.** This is to keep our lab clean as well as keep you safe. We have toxic materials that could contaminate any food you bring into the lab.
- 4. **Do not write on anything you don't own.** Our maps have been around for a number of years and we'd like to keep using them for a number more.

0.3. Collecting spatial data

Your first lab activity will entail you filling out the following survey. Take your time and make your answers thorough.

1. Reason for taking this class (be honest):

2. What are your plans after Antelope Valley College?

3. How do you currently use geography in your life?

4. Explain as best you can how a magnetic compass can be used to find your way in the wilderness.