



## Our Room

- You may purchase a book light and clipboard to use for exams.
- It is easy to fall asleep in such comfortable chairs...

## Attending College

Learning “how to go to college”

The unit concept:

*For every 1 unit, you should spend 2-3 hours outside of the classroom*

## Attending College

Transferable

- \* UC, CSU

GE courses

- \* *You won't like every one you have to take...*



## Preparing

A note on studying...

- \* Studying **does not** equal memorization
- \* Understanding and putting into your own words

## You should have...

- A desire to be here
- A plan
- Time management
- A willingness to “nerd” it up



## Attendance

**Attendance is necessary, but not sufficient for a good grade**

*You can show up every day and still fail if you aren't taking notes, reading the book, asking questions...*

**Tardiness**

## Electronics

### Electronics should not bother me or your neighbors

- \* Cell phones off, laptops muted, etc.

## Get engaged

- Feel free to ask questions or have me repeat stuff
- Don't waste tax payer dollars!
  - \* *Taxes are funding your education whether you're on financial aid or not*

## Communication

- Office hours
- E-mail
  - \* MUST BE FORMATTED PROPERLY IF YOU WANT A RESPONSE!
- Utilize your classmates!

## Office Hours

- T**
  - \* 2:00-3:30pm
- W**
  - \* 11:00am-2:00pm
- R**
  - \* 9:00-9:30am



## This Class

The class will be broken down into five sections

- \* *Introduction to Geography*
- \* *Earth's Atmosphere*
- \* *Earth's Changing Landscapes*
- \* *Shaping Earth's Surface*
- \* *The Living Earth*

## This Class

- At the end of each section you will have an **exam** worth 100 pts.
  - \* Each will have the same structure
    - \* Once you take the first, you know what to expect on the next four.
    - \* *If you fail the first, change your study habits!*

## Grading

- Quizzes: 100 pts
- Exam 01: 100 pts
- Exam 02: 100 pts
- Exam 03: 100 pts
- Exam 04: 100 pts
- Exam 05: 100 pts

*The lowest score from Exams 01-04 will be dropped*

**500 points total**

*(A = 90-100%; B = 80-89%; C = 70-79%; D = 60-69%; F = 0-59%)*

## Success in GEOG 101

- Attend every time, on time
- Don't rely on my PowerPoint slides
  - \* Take notes
- Don't ignore visuals!

## Your first assignment

<http://avconline.avc.edu/mpesses/geog101.html>

- \* Find the **class schedule**
- \* Find out when our **first exam** is taking place
- \* Send the date to me in an e-mail  
([mpesses@avc.edu](mailto:mpesses@avc.edu)) by the end of Friday,  
September 2, 2016 & I'll give you 5 points
- \* **Only properly written emails will be accepted!**