

# Course Expectations Letter

**Subject:** Physical Geology GEOL 150

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**Catalog Course Description:**

Physical Geology, which fulfills the physical science general education requirement, is the study of the materials that our beautiful Earth is made out of, as well as the processes and systems operating within the planet and on its surface. Earthquakes, volcanoes, oil, beaches, tsunamis, rocks, rivers, glaciers, plate tectonics, minerals, continent and mountain building are among the many diverse topics that will be explored. The direct effect of geology on society and our history, as well as the impact humans are having on our earth system will also be examined.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completion of this class students should be able to:

1. Explain the formation of a wide variety of landscapes. (For example, given photos of Yosemite, students will be able to identify major glacial landforms.)
2. Identify common rock forming minerals, the different rock types, and the most common rocks.
3. Explain plate tectonics and the evolution of the earth
4. Describe the anatomy of the earth.
5. Be able to recognize the geologic hazards of an area.
6. Explain the scientific method.
7. Explain the direct relationship between geology, history, the individual and society and how humans are altering the earth.

By logging into Canvas you affirm that you are the student who enrolled in the course(s) and are the person who will complete the assigned work. Furthermore, you agree to follow the regulations regarding academic integrity, personal identification and the use of student information as described in [BP 5500 \(Standards of Conduct\)](#) and [AP 5520 \(Student Conduct Procedures\)](#) which are the Rio Hondo College student conduct codes that govern student rights and responsibilities. You acknowledge that failure to abide by the regulations set forth in BP 5500 and AP 5520 may result in disciplinary action, including expulsion from the college.

This is **NOT** a self-paced course. There are firm deadlines in this class. There are assignments due on a regular basis. Please plan your time carefully!

**Textbook:** Please consult the Bookstore for information at (562) 463-7345 or go to

[Rio Hondo College Online Bookstore](#)

**This course will include regular instructor student contact. Methods of regular instructor student contact include:**

- email: [mforrest@riohondo.edu](mailto:mforrest@riohondo.edu)
- Canvas e-mail
- phone: 562.463.7510
- Canvas announcements and discussion board

- live chats via cccconfer.org
- live office hours

***The instructor may drop you for non-participation.***

There will be a one to three business day delay after an add code is used before a student may be able to log on to Canvas.

For students new to online classes, it is highly recommended that you take the Online Orientation through our Online Education website. This will help explain what online classes are like and familiarize you with how the class is laid out. The orientation can be found at: <http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation//>

Email Responses: Instructors will make every attempt to respond to students in a timely fashion. Responses can take up to 48 hours before a response is received, excluding weekends and holidays.

Disability: A Student with a verified disability may be entitled to appropriate academic accommodations. Please contact your instructor and/or the [Disabled Students & Programs](#) office at 562-908-3420 for more information.

*Modifications and Disclaimer: The instructor reserves the right to modify the content of the course or any course procedure. It is the responsibility of the student to keep apprised of all changes. If the student wishes to drop the class he/she is responsible for initiating the drop. Do not take it for granted that you will be dropped. If you stop working and do not drop the course, you may get an undesirable grade.*