

Lecture Introduction to Oceanic Sciences

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Course: [ATOC 182](#)

Section: [1](#)

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Course schedule : [Monday and Wednesday, 13:05-14:25 \(Montreal time\)](#)

Credits: [3](#)

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Learning Outcomes

This course is a general introduction of the different components which make up the ocean sciences and their interlacement. It will provide a basic knowledge and understanding of the various processes involved in the oceans, physical, chemical, geological and biological, and it will demonstrate the interdisciplinary nature of the ocean sciences. It will make you to realise at which point the oceans are crucial to Humanity and its survival. One important goal is to give you the tools to make your own opinion in the raging climate change debate. Another one is to inspire new callings by showing that ocean sciences extend far beyond than hard sciences and venture in the areas of social, economic and political sciences.

Course materials

"Essential of Oceanography" by Tom Garrison or Alan P.Trujillo & Harold V.Thurman. They can be afforded on Amazon. The purchase of a textbook is not mandatory. The material uploaded on Mycourses is very sufficient. No additional material is required.

Instructional method

- For each chapter, a detailed power point presentation will summarize its content. The lectures will focus on the salient points of the chapter.
- The lectures will be held on zoom. During the lectures, students will be invited to participate by polling and answering questions.
- Slides of the lectures and additional material will be made available on myCourses prior to the class.

Course content

Legend: Given/Due

Week 1	2020-09-02	1. Introduction	Assignment1
Week 2	2020-09-07 2020-09-09		
Week 3	2020-09-14 2020-09-16	2. Studying the Oceans	Assignment1 Quiz1
Week 4	2020-09-21 2020-09-23	3. Evolution of the Ocean Floor	Assignment2
Week 5	2020-09-28 2020-09-30	4. Water and Seawater	Assignment2
Week 6	2020-10-05 2020-10-07		Quiz2
Week 7	2020-10-12 2020-10-14	5. Ocean-Atmosphere Interactions	Assignment3
Week 8	2020-10-19 2020-10-21	6. Ocean circulation	Assignment3
Week 9	2020-10-26 2020-10-28	7. Waves	Quiz3
Week 10	2020-11-02 2020-11-04		Assignment4
Week 11	2020-11-09 2020-11-11	8. Tides	Assignment4 Quiz4
Week 12	2020-11-16 2020-11-18	9. Coastal Oceans and Estuaries	Assignment5
Week 13	2020-11-23 2020-11-25	10. Foundations of Life in the Oceans	Assignment5 Quiz5
Week 14	2020-11-30	11. Impacts of Human on the Oceans	
Final exam		To be announced	

Evaluation: Continuous assessment

5 Assignments

- 5% per assignment for a total of 25%.
- Homework.
- [Critical thinking questions.](#)

5 Quizzes

- 5% per quiz for a total of 25%.
- Timed exam, 1 attempt, duration(TBA), opened 24 hours.
- **Explanation or definition of keywords, study questions on previous lectures.**

Mid-term exam (To be announced)

- 20%.
- Timed exam, 1 attempt, 1.5 hours, opened 24 hours.
- **On previous material.**

Final exam (To be announced)

- 30%.
- Timed exam, 1 attempt, 3 hours, opened 72 hours.
- **On all material.**

Homework and exam policy

- Students are strongly encouraged to communicate between them on the Mycourses discussion forum. Assignments can be done individually or in group and must be turned in the date they are due. No grace time will be allowed.

- Closed quizzes cannot be re-opened.

- If the mid-term exam is announced, it is mandatory. Do not take the exam will require extraordinary circumstances and proofs. If approved, the weight of the final exam will increase up to 50%.

McGill Policy Statements

The remote learning context presents new challenges. The instructor will do his best to provide a supportive learning environment. There will be links posted in myCourses to **Student-specific Guidelines for Remote Teaching and Learning and Remote Learning Resources to support the student's learning.**

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