Bossier Parish Community College  
Master Syllabus

Course Prefix and Number: GPHY 101  
Credit hours: 3

Course Title: Physical Geography

Course Prerequisites: None

Textbook(s): Reynolds, *Exploring Physical Geography*. (Connect Card Only) McGraw-Hill Publishing. (For the exact textbook requirement, please refer to your instructor’s course information syllabus.)

Course Description: Physical geography includes the spatial dimension of the earth's dynamic systems – its energy, air, water, weather, climate, tectonics, landforms, rocks, soils, plants, ecosystems, and biomes.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course, the student will:

A. define physical geography; the earth's axis, rotation and revolution;
B. define the concept of temperature scales and controls; air pressure and winds;
C. define the earth's atmospheric moisture, weather and global climatic types;
D. define the earth's geologic cycle, tectonic plates and crustal formation processes;
E. define the earth's weathering processes of erosion and deposition; it’s fluvial, eolian, coastal, karst and glacial processes;
F. define the earth's biosphere through the relationship of its air, water and land.

To achieve the learning outcomes, the student will:

1. demonstrate knowledge of the major and minor components of the physical geography realm; (A)
2. analyze current physical earth characteristics of the air, water, and land and how they relate to environmental problems today; (B), (C), (D), and (E)
3. exhibit an interest in physical geography to continue formal and informal study of geography for the purpose of self-satisfaction and better general education; (F)
4. relate and understand the importance of physical geography to their lives and the world today. (B) and (C)

Course Requirements: The following are intended to help the learner meet the stated learning outcomes of the course: attendance; participation; taking assessments when scheduled.
In addition to requirements stated herein, each instructor will communicate additional requirements unique to his/her section via the instructor’s section syllabus.

Course Grading Scale:

- A 90-100%
- B 80-89%
- C 70-79%
- D 60-69%
- F 59% or below

Attendance Policy: The college attendance policy is available at http://www.bpcc.edu/catalog/current/academicpolicies.html

Course Fees: None

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