

Determination of Course Grade/Detailed Grading Formula: The points you earn for this course are the sum of all assignments and assessments. The maximum point total from this calculation is 1000 points.

| Assignment | Number of assignments/assessments | Max points per assignment | Max points possible | % of Final Grade |
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| Syllabus Quiz | 1 | 50 | 50 | 5 |
| Introduction | 1 | 50 | 50 | 5 |
| Discussion Boards | 5 | 50 | 250 | 25 |
| Observation Labs | 5 | 50 | 250 | 25 |
| Assessment Lab | 1 | 50 | 50 | 5 |
| Exams | 5 | 50 | 250 | 25 |
| Final Exam | 1 | 100 | 100 | 10 |
| Totals | 19 | - | 1000 | 100 |

A: 900 total points or greater

B: 800 – 899 total points

C: 700 – 799 total points

D: 600 – 699 total points

F: 599 total points or less

Lab Science Statement: The grade for this course consists of both a lecture and laboratory component. Students must earn 70% or better in the laboratory component to successfully pass the course. Earning less than 70% in the laboratory component will result in an F for the course regardless of the lecture grade. Passing the laboratory component and failing the lecture component will not guarantee a passing grade for the course. Deviations from this policy will be at the sole discretion of the instructor.

Grade Return Policy: All graded work will be returned within one week after the assignment due date.

Late Work, Make-Up, and Extra-Credit Policy: *No late work is accepted.* All assignments and exams must be completed and submitted by specified deadlines. All deadlines appear in the course outline of the syllabus as well as the calendar in the course, and it is the student's responsibility to ensure that all assignments have been submitted by the deadline.

Attendance Policy: Since this is an online class, attending class will be by logging into the class a minimum of 2 times per week and expect to spend 4 to 6 hours each week to review new information, participate in discussions, complete assignments, take exams, and/or other activities listed in the syllabus course outline and calendar as scheduled by the instructor. Full participation in all course activities is required to earn credit for all graded activities.

Communicating with your instructor: ALL electronic communication with the instructor must be through your COM email. Due to FERPA restrictions, faculty cannot share any information about performance in the class through other electronic means.

Course Communication: The best way to contact me is by e-mail in the course. I will respond to e-mails within 24 hours of receiving them, except for weekends, holidays, and unscheduled COM closures.

| Student Learner Outcome | Maps to Core Objective | Assessed via this Assignment |
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| 1. Demonstrate creative thinking, innovation, and the ability to analyze, evaluate, and synthesize information. | Critical Thinking Skills | Properties of the Earth and Moon Assessment Lab |
| 2. Manipulate and analyze observable facts, evidence, or numerical data and arrive at an informed conclusion. | Empirical and Quantitative Skills | Properties of the Earth and Moon Assessment Lab |
| 3. Develop, interpret, and express ideas through written communication. | Communication Skills | Properties of the Earth and Moon Assessment Lab Group Activity |
| 4. Demonstrate the ability to work effectively with others to support and accomplish a shared goal, while recognizing and respecting different viewpoints. | Teamwork | Properties of the Earth and Moon Assessment Lab Group Activity |

Academic Dishonesty: Any incident of academic dishonesty will be dealt with in accordance with college policy and the Student Handbook. Academic dishonesty, such as cheating on exams or plagiarism, is an extremely serious offense and will result in a **grade of zero** on that assignment or exam, and the student will be referred to the Dean of Students for the appropriate disciplinary action.

Student Concerns: If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of this course, please contact me using the contact information previously provided. If, after discussing your concern with me, you continue to have questions, please contact Science and Engineering Department Chair, Prof. Abernathy at (409)933-8330 or sabernathy@com.edu.

Course outline

| Assignment | Preparation | Due Date |
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| Syllabus Quiz | Read over course syllabus. | 7/10/2024 by 11:59pm |
| Introduction | Be prepared to introduce yourself to your classmates in a discussion board | 7/10/2024 by 11:59pm |
| Unit 1 Discussion | Refer to instructions given for discussion board posts and replies. | 7/14/2024 by 11:59pm |
| Unit 1 Observation | Refer to instructions given for the observation lab assignment | 7/14/2024 by 11:59pm |
| Unit 1 Exam | Read and Study Chapters 1 – 3. Prepare: unit study guide and practice test | 7/14/2024 by 11:59pm |
| Unit 2 Discussion | Refer to instructions given for discussion board posts and replies. | 7/21/2024 by 11:59pm |
| Unit 2 Observation | Refer to instructions given for the observation lab assignment | 7/21/2024 by 11:59pm |
| Unit 2 Exam | Read and Study Chapters 4 – 6. Prepare: unit study guide and practice test | 7/21/2024 by 11:59pm |
| Unit 3 Discussion | Refer to instructions given for discussion board posts and replies. | 7/28/2024 by 11:59pm |
| Unit 3 Observation | Refer to instructions given for the observation lab assignment | 7/28/2024 by 11:59pm |
| Unit 3 Exam | Read and Study Chapters 7 – 9. Prepare: unit study guide and practice test | 7/28/2024 by 11:59pm |
| Unit 4 Discussion | Refer to instructions given for discussion board posts and replies. | 8/4/2024 by 11:59pm |
| Unit 4 Observation | Refer to instructions given for the observation lab assignment | 8/4/2024 by 11:59pm |
| Unit 4 Exam | Read and Study Chapters 10 – 12. Prepare: unit study guide and practice test | 8/4/2024 by 11:59pm |
| Unit 5 Discussion | Refer to instructions given for discussion board posts and replies. | 8/9/2024 by 11:59pm |
| Unit 5 Observation | Refer to instructions given for the observation lab assignment | 8/9/2024 by 11:59pm |
| Unit 5 Exam | Read and Study Chapters 13 – 15. Prepare: unit study guide and practice test | 8/9/2024 by 11:59pm |
| Assessment Lab Assignment | Refer to instructions given for the assessment lab assignment | 8/9/2024 by 11:59pm |
| Final Exam | Unit study guides and practice tests | 8/9/2024 by 11:59pm |

Institutional Policies and Guidelines

Grade Appeal Process: Concerns about the accuracy of grades should first be discussed with the instructor. A request for a change of grade is a formal request and must be made within six months of the grade assignment. Directions for filing an appeal can be found in the student handbook https://www.com.edu/student-services/docs/Student_Handbook_2023-2024_v2.pdf. *An appeal will not be considered because of general dissatisfaction with a grade, penalty, or outcome of a course. Disagreement with the instructor's professional judgment of the quality of the student's work and performance is also not an admissible basis for a grade appeal.*

Academic Success & Support Services: College of the Mainland is committed to providing students the necessary support and tools for success in their college careers. Support is offered through our Tutoring Services, Library, Counseling, and through Student Services. Please discuss any concerns with your faculty or an advisor.

ADA Statement: Any student with a documented disability needing academic accommodations is requested to contact:

Kimberly Lachney, Student Accessibility Services Coordinator

Phone: 409-933-8919

Email: AccessibilityServices@com.edu

Location: COM Doyle Family Administration Building, Student Success Center

Textbook Purchasing Statement: A student attending College of the Mainland is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

Withdrawal Policy: Students may withdraw from this course for any reason prior to the last eligible day for a "W" grade. Before withdrawing students should speak with the instructor and consult an advisor. Students are permitted to withdraw only six times during their college career by state law. The last date to withdraw from the 1st 5-week session is July 1. The last date to withdraw from the 10-week session is July 30. The last date to withdraw for the 2nd 5-week session is August 2.

FN Grading: The FN grade is issued in cases of *failure due to a lack of attendance*, as determined by the instructor. The FN grade may be issued for cases in which the student ceases or fails to attend class, submit assignments, or participate in required capacities, and for which the student has failed to withdraw. The issuing of the FN grade is at the discretion of the instructor. The last date of attendance should be documented for submission of an FN grade.

Early Alert Program: The Student Success Center at College of the Mainland has implemented an Early Alert Program because student success and retention are very important to us. I have been asked to refer students to the program throughout the semester if they are having difficulty

completing assignments or have poor attendance. If you are referred to the Early Alert Program, you will be contacted by someone in the Student Success Center who will schedule a meeting with you to see what assistance they can offer in order for you to meet your academic goals.

Resources to Help with Stress:

If you are experiencing stress or anxiety about your daily living needs including food, housing or just feel you could benefit from free resources to help you through a difficult time, please click here <https://www.com.edu/community-resource-center/>. College of the Mainland has partnered with free community resources to help you stay on track with your schoolwork, by addressing life issues that get in the way of doing your best in school. All services are private and confidential. You may also contact the Dean of Students office at deanofstudents@com.edu or communityresources@com.edu.

Nondiscrimination Statement:

The College District prohibits discrimination, including harassment, against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, veteran status, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity and gender expression), or any other basis prohibited by law. Retaliation against anyone involved in the complaint process is a violation of College District policy.