



Syllabus for Lab in Oceanography

Course Information

Semester & Year: Fall 2022

Course ID & Section #: OCEAN-10-E3583 and E3584

Instructor's name: Emily Wright

Day/Time of required meetings: Thursday 10:00 am – 1:10 pm

Location: Humanities Building, room 125

Course units: 3

Instructor Contact Information

Office location: HU 125A

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Catalog Description

An exploration of the conceptual material presented in OCEAN 10. Students will acquire practical laboratory and field experience using oceanographic skills, tests, and procedures. Laboratory exercises focus on chart reading, measurements of seafloor movement, seawater chemistry, wave celerity, and microscopic analysis. Field experience includes examination of coastal geology, wave and beach processes, habitats and marine organisms. Note: This course includes field trips to various marine and coastal areas. The College does not provide transportation.

Course Student Learning Outcomes

1. Use the formal methodology of the scientific method as an inquiry-based tool to critically evaluate oceanic phenomena.
2. Demonstrate the skills necessary to utilize basic instruments, tools, and tests used in oceanography.
3. Apply classification systems to organize and identify marine features and organisms.

Prerequisites/co-requisites

Students must be either concurrently enrolled in, or have previously completed OCEAN 10 Introduction to Oceanography.

Accessibility

College of the Redwoods is committed to making reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. If you have a disability or believe you might benefit from disability-related services and accommodations, please contact your instructor or [Disability Services and Programs for Students \(DSPS\)](#). Students may make requests for alternative media by contacting DSPS based on their campus location:

- Eureka: 707-476-4280, student services building, 1st floor
- Del Norte: 707-465-2324, main building near library

- Klamath-Trinity: 530-625-4821 Ext 103

If you are taking online classes DSPS will email approved accommodations for distance education classes to your instructor. In the case of face-to-face instruction, please present your written accommodation request to your instructor at least one week before the needed accommodation so that necessary arrangements can be made. Last minute arrangements or post-test adjustments usually cannot be accommodated.

Student Support

Good information and clear communication about your needs will help you be successful. Please let your instructor know about any specific challenges or technology limitations that might affect your participation in class. College of the Redwoods wants every student to be successful.

Evaluation & Grading Policy

This course uses a **weighted grading system**. Letter grades will be assigned according to the CR grade scheme, after grade weighting is applied:

A	100 %	to 94.0%
A-	< 94.0 %	to 90.0%
B+	< 90.0 %	to 87.0%
B	< 87.0 %	to 84.0%
B-	< 84.0 %	to 80.0%
C+	< 80.0 %	to 77.0%
C	< 77.0 %	to 70.0%
D	< 70.0 %	to 60.0%
F	< 60.0 %	

The table below shows the categories, their weights, and any special rules for that category.

Category	Weight	Frequency	# dropped	Attempts and Scoring	Late Policy
Lab Pre-work	5%	1 most weeks	none	Unlimited attempts/highest score or complete/incomplete	Not accepted late
Lab Assignments	20%	1 most weeks	none	Complete/incomplete	Accepted late with no penalty
Field Journal	10%	1 most weeks	3 dropped	Complete/incomplete	2 week grace period, then not accepted.
Field data collection	10%	See details	NA	Complete/incomplete	NA
Lab Discussions	10%	1 most weeks	3 dropped	Complete/incomplete	Accepted late with penalty. See rubric.
Lab Quizzes	45%	7 per semester	2 dropped	3 attempts/average score	Accepted late with no penalty

Dropped Scores

In some categories, your lowest score will be dropped from the grade calculation. For journal entries and discussions, this means you can choose three to skip. For quizzes, this means that only your top 6 (of 8 total) scores count toward your final grade.

Missed Class and Late Work

If you must miss one or more lab meetings for any reason, please let me know. There may be alternate assignments available for the activities you will miss, or it may be possible for you to arrange another time to make-up the lab. If appropriate, I will also grant extensions for pre-work and discussions.

Assignment Category Descriptions

Lab Pre-work

This category includes homework assignments designed to prepare you for lab. These are due at the start of our lab meeting. Because these assignments are critical to your lab preparation, they are not accepted late!

In some cases, pre-lab assignments may also be assignments for OCEAN 10 (lecture). In this case, students enrolled concurrently will complete the assignment within the OCEAN 10 Canvas page. The due date will still be the start of lab, but the late policy will be OCEAN 10 late policy and the assignment will count toward your OCEAN 10 grade, not your OCEAN 10L grade.

Lab Assignments

Typically, these assignments will be distributed as worksheets. Work will often require in-class materials. You will have the option to either complete them by hand, on paper, or typed on your personal laptop or tablet. If completed on paper, you must submit clear, legible photos of your work to Canvas. Some assignments might require a computer. Any work that you do not complete during lab, either because you ran out of time or because you did not bring a computer, will be homework.

Field Journal

You are required to keep a field journal for this class. I recommend a weatherproof journal (see the welcome letter for more information). Each week that we are in the field, you must submit, clear, legible photographs of your field journal entry.

Field Data Collection

During the semester, you will need to demonstrate mastery of approximately ten different data collection techniques. We will use these techniques regularly throughout the semester, so you will have many opportunities to learn and demonstrate each technique. When you are ready to demonstrate the technique, let me know and I will check you off in my records. You need to demonstrate each technique once.

Lab Discussions

Lab worksheets will often include "Discussion Questions." These questions will also be repeated in a Canvas discussion forum. After discussing the questions in-person with your classmates during lab, you will then type up your response in a discussion post, which will be due before the next lab. After reading other students' posts, you will write a second reflection post. This second post will be due two weeks after the original lab.

Lab Quizzes

In most cases, lab quizzes will be take-home quizzes. They will review content and skills learned in the lab activities, but unlike lab activities they will be closed to peer discussion. You will have three attempts at each quiz, but the **average of all attempts** will count as your grade!

Field Trips

We will spend at least part of most lab meeting times in the field. Usually, our field location will be Hookton Slough, but there may be other field trips as well. You are responsible for arranging your own transportation to and from field trips. Field meeting times will account for travel time from the CR Eureka Campus and thus field trips will not interfere with your classes scheduled before or after this class.

There may be an opportunity for you to attend a weekend oceanography cruise on Cal Poly Humboldt's research vessel, the Coral Sea. Expect more information later.

COVID-19 and Other Health Precautions

Humboldt County and CR have lifted mask mandates and therefore it is your choice to mask or not in the classroom and in the field. We must understand however, that this policy is subject to change according to guidance from health professionals.

There are a couple of important things we can do to keep each other healthy and to keep class running in-person. The first is to make sure that we are all vaccinated and are receiving booster shots and seasonal flu shots as recommend. The second is to stay home if you feel sick, if you test positive for COVID-19, or if you have had a significant exposure to someone who is sick or has tested positive. Staying home when you feel sick will help protect our community from not only COVID-19 and flu, but also other illnesses! There will always be an alternate option for you to complete any work that you miss on account of illness.

Class Participation and Attendance Policy

School policy allows me to initiate a withdrawal for a student who has "excessive absences" prior to the *Last day for faculty-initiated W* deadline. For this online course "excessive absences" will be defined as missing two or more consecutive lab meetings **with no communication with the instructor**. I typically reach out to students prior to dropping them from the course. It is your responsibility to participate in this course on a regular basis and to let me know if you need to miss class. If you intend to withdraw from the class, it is also your responsibility to do so through Web Advisor before the deadline. Do not assume that I will initiate the drop.

Contacting Your Instructor

You are welcome to catch me before and after lab or during self-paced work time to ask a quick question or establish a meeting time for a longer discussion. You may also contact me through Pronto or Canvas messages. See the OCEAN 10 syllabus for more details.

For longer one-on-one meetings, or lab make-ups, I am often available after lab time and can be available before lab if arranged in advance.

Admissions Deadlines & Enrollment Policies

Fall 2022 Dates

- *Classes begin: 8/20/22*
- *Last day to add a class: 8/26/22*
- *Last day to drop without a W and receive a refund: 9/02/22*
- *Labor Day Holiday (all campuses closed): 09/05/22*
- *Census date: 9/06/22 or 20% into class duration*
- *Last day to petition to file P/NP option: 09/16/22*
- *Last day to petition to graduate or apply for certificate: 10/27/22*
- *Last day for student-initiated W (no refund): 10/28/22*
- *Last day for faculty-initiated W (no refund): 10/28/22*
- *Veteran's Day (all campuses closed): 11/11/22*
- *Fall Break (no classes): 11/21/22 – 11/25/22*
- *Thanksgiving Holiday (all campuses closed): 11/23/22 – 11/25/22*
- *Final examinations: 12/10/22 – 12/16/22*
- *Semester ends: 12/16/22*
- *Grades available for transcript release: approximately 01/06/23*

Academic Dishonesty

In the academic community, the high value placed on truth implies a corresponding intolerance of scholastic dishonesty. In cases involving academic dishonesty, determination of the grade and of the student's status in the course is left primarily to the discretion of the faculty member. In such cases, where the instructor determines that a student has demonstrated academic dishonesty, the student may receive a failing grade for the assignment and/or exam and may be reported to the Chief Student Services Officer or designee. The Student Code of Conduct ([AP 5500](#)) is available on the College of the Redwoods website. Additional information about the rights and responsibilities of students, Board policies, and administrative procedures is located in the [College Catalog](#) and on the [College of the Redwoods website](#).

Disruptive Behavior

Student behavior or speech that disrupts the instructional setting will not be tolerated. Disruptive conduct may include, but is not limited to: unwarranted interruptions; failure to adhere to instructor's directions; vulgar or obscene language; slurs or other forms of intimidation; and physically or verbally abusive behavior. In such cases where the instructor determines that a student has disrupted the educational process, a disruptive student may be temporarily removed from class. In addition, the student may be reported to the Chief Student Services Officer or designee. The Student Code of Conduct ([AP 5500](#)) is available on the College of the Redwoods website. Additional information about the rights and responsibilities of students, Board policies, and administrative procedures is located in the [College Catalog](#) and on the [College of the Redwoods website](#).

Setting Your Preferred Name and Pronouns in Canvas

Students have the ability to have an alternate first name and pronouns to appear in Canvas. Contact [Admissions & Records](#) to request a change to your preferred first name and pronoun. Your Preferred Name will only be listed in Canvas. This does not change your legal name in our records. See the [Student Information Update form](#).

You can set your pronouns in Canvas in your account settings. If you haven't already, please do, it's very helpful for online classes!

Canvas Information

"Canvas" by Instructure is the online home for this class, where you will access course materials. This lab class is listed separately from the lecture section in Canvas, so be sure that you are checking both classes regularly if you are concurrently enrolled.

Log into Canvas at <https://redwoods.instructure.com>

Password is your 8 digit birth date

For tech help, email its@redwoods.edu or call 707-476-4160

Canvas Help for students: <https://webapps.redwoods.edu/tutorial/>

Canvas online orientation workshop: [Canvas Student Orientation Course \(instructure.com\)](#)

Community College Student Health and Wellness

Resources, tools, and trainings regarding health, mental health, wellness, basic needs and more designed for California community college students, faculty and staff are available on the California Community Colleges [Health & Wellness website](#).

[Wellness Central](#) is a free online health and wellness resource that is available 24/7 in your space at your pace.

Students seeking to request a counseling appointment for academic advising or general counseling can email counseling@redwoods.edu.

Emergency procedures / Everbridge

College of the Redwoods has implemented an emergency alert system called Everbridge. In the event of an emergency on campus you will receive an alert through your personal email and/or phones.

Registration is not necessary in order to receive emergency alerts. Check to make sure your contact information is up-to-date by logging into WebAdvisor <https://webadvisor.redwoods.edu> and selecting 'Students' then 'Academic Profile' then 'Current Information Update.'

Please contact Public Safety at 707-476-4112 or security@redwoods.edu if you have any questions. For more information see the [Redwoods Public Safety Page](#).

In an emergency that requires an evacuation of the building anywhere in the District:

- Be aware of all marked exits from your area and building
- Once outside, move to the nearest evacuation point outside your building
- Keep streets and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and personnel

Do not leave campus, unless it has been deemed safe by the campus authorities.

Eureka Campus Emergency Procedures

Please review the [campus emergency map](#) for evacuation sites, including the closest site to this classroom (posted by the exit of each room). For more information on Public Safety go to the [CR Police Department-](#)

[Public Safety](#) It is the responsibility of College of the Redwoods to protect life and property from the effects of emergencies within its own jurisdiction.

In the event of an emergency:

1. Evaluate the impact the emergency has on your activity/operation and take appropriate action.
2. Dial 911, to notify local agency support such as law enforcement or fire services.
3. Notify Public Safety 707-476-4111 and inform them of the situation, with as much relevant information as possible.
4. Public Safety shall relay threat information, warnings, and alerts through the Everbridge emergency alert system, Public address system, and when possible, updates on the college website, to ensure the school community is notified.
5. Follow established procedures for the specific emergency as outlined in the College of the Redwoods Emergency Procedure Booklet, (evacuation to a safe zone, shelter in place, lockdown, assist others if possible, cooperate with First Responders, etc.).
6. If safe to do so, notify key administrators, departments, and personnel.
7. Do not leave campus, unless it is necessary to preserve life and/or has been deemed safe by the person in command.

Student Support Services

The following online resources are available to support your success as a student:

- [CR-Online](#) (Comprehensive information for online students)
- [Library Articles & Databases](#)
- [Canvas help and tutorials](#)
- [Online Student Handbook](#)

[Counseling](#) offers assistance to students in need of professional counseling services such as crisis counseling.

Learning Resource Center includes the following resources for students

- [Academic Support Center](#) for instructional support, tutoring, learning resources, and proctored exams. Includes the Math Lab & Drop-in Writing Center
- [Library Services](#) to promote information literacy and provide organized information resources.
- [Multicultural & Diversity Center](#)

Special programs are also available for eligible students include

- [Extended Opportunity Programs & Services \(EOPS\)](#) provides services to eligible income disadvantaged students including: textbook award, career academic and personal counseling, school supplies, transportation assistance, tutoring, laptop, calculator and textbook loans, priority registration, graduation cap and gown, workshops, and more!
- The TRiO Student Success Program provides eligible students with a variety of services including trips to 4-year universities, career assessments, and peer mentoring. Students can apply for the program in [Eureka](#) or in [Del Norte](#)
- The [Veteran's Resource Center](#) supports and facilitates academic success for Active Duty Military, Veterans and Dependents attending CR through relational advising, mentorship, transitional assistance, and coordination of military and Veteran-specific resources.
- Klamath-Trinity students can contact the CR KT Office for specific information about student support services at 530-625-4821

Tentative Schedule

Week	Date	Lab topics/activities	Quizzes
1	Aug 25	Nautical Charts	
2	Sep 1	Intro to Hookton Slough Beach Survey Techniques (or pond survey - TBD)	
3	Sep 8	Beach survey (or pond survey - TBD)	Lab Quiz 1
4	Sep 15	Construct Beach Profile Collect Field Data at Hookton Slough	
5	Sep 22	Tectonics Hookton Data	Lab Quiz 2
6	Sep 29	Water Mass Lab Hookton Data	
7	Oct 6	Hookton Data Plankton Microscope Observation	Lab Quiz 3
8	Oct 13	Hookton Data collection and Analysis	
9	Oct 20	Climate proxies lab Hookton Data	Lab Quiz 4
10	Oct 27	Wave tank lab Hookton Data	
11	Nov 3	Waves lab cont. Tides lab Hookton Data	Lab Quiz 5
12	Nov 10	Tides lab cont. Hookton Data	
13	Nov 17	Ocean sediments Hookton Data	Lab Quiz 6

Week	Date	Lab topics/activities	Quizzes
14	Dec 1	Beach profile 2 (if time) Hookton Data	
15	Dec 8	Construct Beach profile – compare Hookton Data	Lab Quiz 7
Finals		TBA	

This schedule is tentative and **highly** subject to change. Please see the most current schedule in the “Modules” tab in Canvas.