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**Office Hours:**

Geiss:	Tue 14:00 – 15:00	
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Gourley:	Tue 09:00 – 11:00	
	Wed 09:00 – 11:00	– or by appointment

yes, there is a good chance that you can come and see us whenever you want to, but we would appreciate it if you called ahead if you have more than just an ultra short question

**Textbook:** The Earth System, by Kump, Kasting and Crane, Prentice Hall, 2004, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.

**Grading:**

2 in-class exams @ 25% each:	50%
homework, assignments and other stuff:	20%
lab grade	30%

We will not have a final exam, but we expect you to present some of your results from the lab at the Science Symposium on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Homework:** Homework will consist of doing the assigned reading, homework problems, some graphing exercises, some Excel problems, or some extra reading so you are prepared for class discussions.

**Academic Honesty:** I expect you to do your own work. Some of your assignments can be done in groups, for others I expect you to work on your own. In any case, I expect you to understand the entire assignment. For example, if a group assignment consists of two parts it is perfectly OK if you all work together to solve both problems. However, it is not OK if you do part A and your partner does part B. In the end YOU have to write your own assignment. For writing assignments I expect you to properly cite your sources and adhere to a common citation style. That citation style will be posted on the class website. If you are unclear about **plagiarism** read the appropriate paragraphs in the student handbook or ask me.

**Finally:**

1. Deadlines are firm - I will not accept any late submissions unless a) I screwed up or b) you have a really, really, really good reason (this generally involves loss of life or limb at a minimum). If you know that you cannot meet a deadline for some good reason, let me know far in advance and we might be able to work something out.
2. This class is already enough work, so I am no great fan of extra work for folks who don't do their work in the first place. There might be a few extra credit opportunities, but I won't read an additional term paper!
3. If you are eligible for special considerations during quizzes, lectures etc. let me know as soon as possible. I am happy to accommodate you, but it won't happen if you show up the day of the exam and announce that you get quintuple time, a private room where you can work in quiet and your own Coke (oops Pepsi) machine because you have a clinical tendency of nodding off during an exam...
4. no blackboard - all you have to know is at:  
[http://www.trincoll.edu/~cgeiss/GEOS\\_204/geos\\_204\\_index.htm](http://www.trincoll.edu/~cgeiss/GEOS_204/geos_204_index.htm)