

APPLIED SCIENCE AND MANAGMENT DIVISION
Sedimentary Stratigraphy
3 Credit Course
Fall, 2014

SEDIMENTARY STRATIGRAPHY

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DATES: September 3 – December 19, 2014

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course focuses on sedimentary depositional environments, stratigraphy and facies analysis, as well as the controls of sedimentary environments on the development of hydrocarbon and coal resources. Topics include sequence stratigraphy and correlation, facies analysis, international and North American stratigraphic codes, tectonic development of sedimentary basins, and hydrocarbon generation. A central focus of the course will be on the subsurface characterization of basins within Yukon and Western Canada. The sedimentology of Yukon placer and coal deposits will also be discussed. In laboratory sections, students will identify characteristics of common sedimentary facies, map and correlate sedimentary units, create stratigraphic sections and use stratigraphic understanding to assess hydrocarbon, coal, and placer gold resources. This course will also provide an introduction to the acquisition, analysis, and presentation of open-hole log and test data.

PREREQUISITES

Mathematics 12 (OR Yukon College equivalent, MATH 060) and GEOL 105 OR permission from the course instructor.

EQUIVALENCY OR TRANSFERABILITY

In progress

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, students will have demonstrated the ability to

- properly classify and describe sedimentary rocks in outcrop, hand sample, and thin section; accurately measure and record stratigraphic sections in a field setting
- predict what types of sedimentary processes and depositional environments would characterize a particular tectonic setting and what their stratigraphic signature would be
- interpret changes in a depositional environment through time (stratigraphic change) at a variety of spatial and temporal scales based on data from sedimentary rocks and successions
- demonstrate an understanding of the origins, compositions, and occurrences of fossil fuels as well as the technologies used to produce them
- utilize different analysis methods and datasets (lithostratigraphy, chronostratigraphy, chemostratigraphy, magnetostratigraphy, etc.) to build a stratigraphic section
- construct cross sections, isopach maps, and preliminary basin models based on publically-available well log data

DELIVERY METHODS

This course consists of two 90-minute lectures and one three-hour lab period per week. The schedule included in this course outline details the major topics covered and when those topics will be presented throughout the course. Lab exercises will be conducted in classroom, computer lab and field settings.

ASSESSMENTS

Attendance

Students are strongly encouraged to attend all lectures and laboratory exercises. Lab exercises can be completed only during lab periods and materials may not be available outside these hours. Off-campus field exercises must be completed during the allocated time with the instructor present.

Assignments

Weekly lab exercises (10) will be due at the start of the following lab session unless otherwise

indicated by the lab instructor. Two lab exercises will require a formal report-style write-up, with requirements clearly outlined during the laboratory period. Four additional take-home lecture assignments will be assigned at regular intervals over the course of the semester.

Tests

There will be three exams in this course: a midterm lecture exam, a final lab exam and a final lecture exam. Students must pass the lecture final exam to achieve an overall passing grade.

EVALUATION

<i>Tests and Assignments</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Weekly Lab Assignments	35% (8 labs @ 3%, 2 labs @ 5.5%)	Due at the start of each subsequent lab exercise.
Midterm Test	15%	During a regular lecture period approximately midway through the course.
Final Lab Exam	20%	During scheduled lab time in the final week of classes.
Final Lecture Exam	20%	During the final exam period.
Lecture Assignments	10% (4 assignments @ 2.5% each)	Due at regular intervals throughout the semester.
Total	100%	

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS AND MATERIALS

Boggs S. 2012. Principles of sedimentology and stratigraphy. 5th ed. Upper Saddle River (NJ): Pearson. 600 p.

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is a serious academic offence. Plagiarism occurs when students present the words of someone else as their own. Plagiarism can be the deliberate use of a whole piece of another person's writing, but more frequently it occurs when students fail to acknowledge and document sources from which they have taken material. Whenever the words, research or ideas of others are directly quoted or paraphrased, they must be documented according to an accepted manuscript style (e.g., APA, CSE, MLA, etc.). Resubmitting a paper which has previously received credit is also considered plagiarism. Students who plagiarize material for assignments will receive a mark of zero (F) on the assignment and may fail the course. Plagiarism may also result in dismissal from a program of study or the College.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

Reasonable accommodations are available for students requiring an academic accommodation to fully participate in this class. These accommodations are available for students with a documented disability, chronic condition or any other grounds specified in section 8.0 of the Yukon College Academic Regulations (available on the Yukon College website). It is the student's responsibility to seek these accommodations. If a student requires an academic accommodation, he/she should contact the Learning Assistance Centre (LAC) at (867) 668-8785 or lassist@yukoncollege.yk.ca.

LECTURE TOPIC OUTLINE

Module	Topics
1	Introduction to stratigraphy and sedimentary structures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course overview : historical development of sedimentary geology, basic concepts, types of stratigraphy • Preliminary classification and analysis: classification schemes, common textures and sedimentary structures, methods of analysis
2	Clastic sedimentary rocks and their depositional environments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of clastic sedimentary rocks and their formation: sandstones, conglomerates, shales, etc.; sediment provenance and diagenesis • Terrestrial depositional environments of clastic sedimentary rocks: fluvial, colluvial, aeolian, lacustrine and glacial environments
3	Continental-marine margins and their depositional environments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marginal-marine environments: deltaic, beach and barrier island, estuarine, lagoonal and tidal-flat environments • Siliciclastic marine environments: physiography and depositional settings of shelves; transport, depositional processes and sediment types in deep-ocean environments
4	Biochemical rocks and their depositional environments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of biochemical sedimentary rocks: chemistry and mineralogy, textures of limestone and dolomite, structures and classification of carbonate rocks, origin and diagenesis of carbonate rocks • Depositional environments of biochemical sedimentary rocks: carbonate shelves, slopes/basins, organic reef environments, mixed carbonate-siliciclastic systems
5	Chemical and non-epiclastic sedimentary rocks and their depositional environments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of chemical and non-epiclastic sedimentary rocks: evaporites, siliceous sedimentary rocks (cherts), iron-bearing sedimentary rocks, sedimentary phosphorites, carbonaceous sedimentary rock (coal, oil shale, bitumens)
6	Organization of stratigraphic record; stratigraphic units and code <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of stratigraphic record, stratigraphic units and code: geologic time, stratigraphic units, International Stratigraphic Guide, North American Stratigraphic Code
7	Geochronology in sedimentary environments (chronostratigraphy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geochronology in sedimentary environments: chronostratigraphy, calibration of the geologic time scale, introduction to radiochronology, event correlation and event stratigraphy

8	<p>Lithostratigraphy and sedimentary facies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lithostratigraphy and sedimentary facies: types and descriptions of lithostratigraphic units, lithostratigraphy and depositional environments, lithocorrelation, facies analysis and facies associations
9	<p>Biostratigraphy and chemostratigraphy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biostratigraphy: History, biostratigraphic units, biostratigraphic zonation, biocorrelation • Chemostratigraphy: Correlation by stable isotopes, detrital zircons, tephrochronology
10	<p>Magnetostratigraphy, seismic and sequence stratigraphy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magnetostratigraphy: general principles, sampling, measuring and displaying remnant magnetism, magnetic polarity time scales, terminology and applications of magnetostratigraphy and paleomagnetic studies • Seismic stratigraphy: principles of reflection seismic methods, application of reflection seismic methods to stratigraphic analysis • Sequence stratigraphy: fundamentals of sequence stratigraphy, methods and applications
11	<p>Tectonics and sedimentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tectonics and sedimentation: plate tectonics and basins, types of sedimentary basins (divergent, intraplate, convergent, transform and hybrid settings)
12	<p>Basin analysis and characterization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basin analysis and characterization: mechanisms of basin formation, techniques and applications of basin analysis
13	<p>Hydrocarbon development and extraction techniques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrocarbon development and extraction techniques: source rocks, formation, transport and traps for petroleum; conventional and unconventional extraction techniques
14	<p>Western Canada case studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geology of the Western Canada Sedimentary Basin: geologic setting and history, oil, gas and bitumen resources of the WCSB • Hydrocarbon resources in the Yukon: geologic setting and history of Yukon basins; oil and gas resources in the Yukon. • Sedimentology of Yukon placer gold deposits: depositional history , sedimentary stratigraphy of the Klondike district; gold remobilization and transport