

# GEO 009 Oceanography

## Discussion Sections 028, 031, & 035

Syllabus Addendum

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## DISCUSSION SECTIONS

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**Section 028:** Mondays, 6:00 to 6:50 PM — 1127 Olmsted Hall

**Section 031:** Thursdays, 11:00 to 11:50 AM — 172 Skye Hall

**Section 035:** Fridays, 4:00 to 4:50 PM — 1222 Spieth Hall

**Office Hours:** Tuesdays, 11:00 to 11:50 AM — 1278B Geology Building

Please refer to the schedule on the next page for information regarding planned changes to when and where your discussion section will be held. Some sections will take place in different classrooms throughout the quarter.

By default, my office hours will be held in person in my office. However, please email me to schedule an appointment if you need a different time to meet with me. Please also reach out if you would like to meet over Zoom, including during normal office hours. You are also welcome to attend the office hours of other teaching assistants (for questions related to class content) in addition to Prof. Brounce. See the main syllabus for their office hours and locations.

## CONTENT

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During a typical section meeting, expect to follow the following itinerary:

- › **Introductory Exercise [10 min.]:** A case study, demonstration, news article, video, etc. that expands on course content interactively.
- › **Review of Previous Lectures [30 min.]:** A brief review of the most important or most difficult concepts from the previous week.
- › **Quiz [10 min.]:** A five-question quiz takes place most weeks via Top Hat.

Quizzes will take place through the online software Top Hat, which is also used for the main lecture. This software can be accessed through computers, tablets, smartphones, and SMS.

Seven five-question quizzes will be assigned throughout the quarter, both during discussion sections and online. Each quiz will be graded half on participation and half on correctness. These quizzes make up 25% of the final grade of the course. Take-home quizzes will be assigned during the week of each midterm. These quizzes are due by the time each midterm begins. Quizzes are closed-book and closed-notes. Your two lowest quiz scores will be dropped (thus, the best five of seven quizzes will count). Grades will be posted within your discussion section's eLearn (Canvas) site.

If you cannot attend your assigned discussion section during a particular week, you may arrange to attend a different section. To do so, you must email your assigned TA and the TA whose section you would like to attend in advance.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Students may use devices to record audio from lectures and discussions for personal use. Thus, students are not required to participate orally in discussion if they are not comfortable. Students are not entitled to share, distribute, or post recordings of class content, as this would infringe on the intellectual property rights of the instructor.

Under federal and California law, as well as university policy, instructors, and teaching assistants are mandated reporters. They are required to report sexual assault, harassment, threats of violence, and specific other crimes to the university and local authorities as soon as they become aware, as described at [compliance.ucr.edu](http://compliance.ucr.edu). Confidential resources for students can be found through the Campus Advocacy, Resources, and Education (CARE) office at [care.ucr.edu](http://care.ucr.edu) or through the Office of the Ombuds at [ombuds.ucr.edu](http://ombuds.ucr.edu).

If you have a disability or believe you may have one, you can arrange for accommodations by contacting the Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC) [sdrc.ucr.edu]. Students needing academic accommodations are required to register with the SDRC and provide the required disability-related documentation. Similarly, if you have a pre-existing medical condition that affects your ability to participate in required class activities, you are responsible for informing the instructor within the first two weeks of the course beginning.

## SCHEDULE

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<b>Week 0:</b> No Discussion Sections	<i>Sept. 25 - 29</i>
<b>Week 1:</b> Introductions and Course Overview	<i>Oct. 2 - 6</i>
<b>Week 2:</b> Quiz 1 (Why Oceans Matter, Ocean Origins, and Ocean Basins)	<i>Oct. 9 - 13</i>
<b>Week 3:</b> Quiz 2 (Ocean Sediments and Water)	<i>Oct. 16 - 20</i>
> Section 028: Meet in Olmsted 1212, Class merged with Section 027	
<b>Week 4:</b> No Discussion Sections, Quiz 3 due Oct. 26 (Ocean Chemistry)	<i>Oct. 23 - 27</i>
> Midterm I: In-class Oct. 26	
<b>Week 5:</b> Quiz 4 (Atmospheric Circulation)	<i>Oct. 30 - Nov. 3</i>
<b>Week 6:</b> Quiz 5 (Ocean Circulation and Waves)	<i>Nov. 6 - 10</i>
> Section 035: Observed Veterans Day, No Class. Quiz 5 due Nov. 12	
<b>Week 7:</b> No Discussion Sections, Quiz 6 due Nov. 16 (Tides and Coasts)	<i>Nov. 13 - 17</i>
> Midterm II: In-class Nov. 16	
<b>Week 8:</b> No Discussion Sections: Thanksgiving Break	<i>Nov. 20 - 24</i>
> Office Hours: Will be rescheduled	
<b>Week 9:</b> Final Exam Review Part I, Quiz 7 (Review)	<i>Nov. 27 - Dec. 1</i>
> Section 028: Meet in Olmsted 1212, Class merged with Section 027	
<b>Week 10:</b> Final Exam Review Part II	<i>Dec. 4 - 8</i>
> Section 028: Meet in Olmsted 1212, Class merged with Section 027	
<b>Week 11:</b> No Discussion Sections: Week of Final Exam	<i>Dec. 11 - 15</i>
> Final Exam: Dec. 14, 3 - 6 PM, University Lecture Hall 1000	
> Office Hours: Will be rescheduled	