

COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO

COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE TITLE Oceanography Laboratory/Field Study DEPT./NUMBER OCEN 101

UNITS OF CREDIT 1 LEC. HOURS/WEEK \_\_\_\_\_ COURSE LENGTH Semester

DEGREE APPLICABLE X LAB. HOURS/WEEK 3

NON-DEGREE APPLICABLE \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER HOURS/WEEK \_\_\_\_\_

1. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Three lab hours per week. Prerequisite: Completion of or concurrent enrollment in OCEN 100. Introduction exercises in ocean currents, sedimentation, marine life forms, materials of the oceanic crust and sea floor, physical and chemical properties of sea water, and plate tectonics. Field trips included.

2. CLASS SCHEDULE DESCRIPTION

Lab exercises in ocean currents, sedimentation, marine life forms, and physical and chemical properties of sea water. Prereq: See #1 above.

3. PREREQUISITES AND COMPETENCY LEVELS REQUIRED

See #1 above.

4. COURSE OBJECTIVES

Study and laboratory materials and work exercises are presented to demonstrate and give practice in the methodology and techniques which support and clarify principles, theories and larger ideas. Such laboratory experiences force students through the inductive steps by which one reaches larger conclusions.

5. RECOMMENDED TEXT MATERIALS

Pipkin et al, Laboratory Manual: Lab Exercises in Oceanography, 2nd edition, W. H. Freeman & Co.

6. SUPPLIES NEEDED

Felt pens, ruler

7. SCOPE OF THE COURSE

- A. Geography of the major water bodies.
- B. Geography of the sea floor.
- C. Circulation patterns within the seas.
- D. Patterns of oceanic sedimentation.
- E. Sediment types.
- F. Life in the sea.
  - 1) Microscopic
  - 2) Megascopic
- G. Geology of the coastal margins.
- H. Geology of the sea floor.
- I. Physical and chemical properties of sea water.
- J. Processes at the margins of tectonic plates.
  - 1) Mid-ocean ridges.
  - 2) Deep-sea trenches.
  - 3) Great shear zones (transform faults).

8. EVALUATION

Based on written reports, exercises, oral responses, and written exams.

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