

North Hennepin Community College

GEOL 1150: Boundary Waters Field Geology

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 4

Lecture Hours/Week: *.*

Lab Hours/Week: *.*

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 03 - Natural Science, Goal 10 - People/Environment

This lecture, lab & field-based course is designed for people interested in learning about basic principles of astronomy, geology, and meteorology in an applied setting. This course will be offered as a component of our Outdoor Education Program, usually during summer session. Topics include: rock and mineral identification, geologic history of the area, geologic time, plate tectonics, topographic maps, surficial processes, physical processes of weather and astronomical features. Students will participate in an 8-9 day mandatory field trip to BWCA-Quetico Wilderness Area. Course is open to all students. (3 hours lecture, 3 hours lab)

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 04/13/2001 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

None

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

None

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 03 - Natural Science

1. Demonstrate understanding of scientific theories.
2. Formulate and test hypotheses by performing laboratory, simulation, or field experiments in at least two of the natural science disciplines. One of these experimental components should develop, in greater depth, students' laboratory experience in the collection of data, its statistical and graphical analysis, and an appreciation of its sources of error and uncertainty.
3. Communicate their experimental findings, analyses, and interpretations both orally and in writing.
4. Evaluate societal issues from a natural science perspective, ask questions about the evidence presented, and make informed judgments about science-related topics and policies.

Goal 10 - People/Environment

1. Explain the basic structure and function of various natural ecosystems and of human adaptive strategies within those systems.
2. Discern patterns and interrelationships of bio-physical and socio-cultural systems.
3. Evaluate critically environmental and natural resource issues in light of understandings about interrelationships, ecosystems, and institutions.
4. Propose and assess alternative solutions to environmental problems.
5. Articulate and defend the actions they would take on various environmental issues.

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted