WELCOME TO GEOLOGY 118
Natural Disasters
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Department of Geology
GEOL 118 - Class Web Site
http://classes.geology.illinois.edu/16FallClass/geo118/
Key Features
- Lecture Powerpoints
- Routine questions answered in FAQ file
- Announcements
- Current Disasters, Web links

GEOL 118 Illinois Compass 2g Web Site
* https://compass2g.illinois.edu/ *
Key Features
- Grades
- Web Exercises
- Old Exams

GEOL 118 - Textbook
- Natural Hazards (4th ed.) by Keller and DeVecchio (2014) currently published by Taylor & Francis, before 2016 published by Pearson
- Class Web site lists ways to purchase, rent, use for free
- Do assigned reading before class, if possible
- Two copies on reserve in Grainger Library

GEOL 118 - Hazard City software
- Online access: Hazard City in MasteringGeology Web site (5th ed.)
- Used in homework, beginning Sept. 14
- Instructions to register for HC in MG on Class Web site
- Options for Accessing Software
- Redeem access code that came with new textbook published by Pearson only OR
- Purchase access to HC in MG only ($15) OR
- Use one of 3 copies of Hazard City CD (3rd ed.) on reserve in Grainger Library (covers most but not all homework questions)
Getting Started with i>clicker - Purpose and Policy

- Helps me understand what you know, gives everyone a chance to participate in class, not an attendance tool
- i>clicker questions begin Aug. 29, 3-5 per class
- For EXTRA CREDIT ONLY
- 0.1% point added to total % score if you answer all or all but 1 of the i>clicker questions per class AND 0.1% point if you get at least two correct.
- No credit if student does not attend class, has i>clicker malfunction, arrives late, leaves early.

Getting Started with i>clicker - Registration

Registering Your Remote

Go to GEOL 118 Illinois Compass 2g Web site and register your i>clicker before Aug. 29
- Click on i>clicker registration link on left.
- Enter the 8-character code from your remote.
- Do NOT register your i>clicker on the iclicker.com Web site.
- Any model i>clicker is okay
- Mobile application, REEF Polling by i>clicker is NOT used in GEOL 118

Don’t bring another student’s i>clicker to class and vote for them; both students lose ALL i>clicker points, possible added disciplinary action.

GEOL 118 - Grading and Exams

- Three exams (60% of grade), last exam non-cumulative
- Six Web Exercises (30%)
- Writing assignment (10%)

Extra Credit: i>clicker questions (7.6%), bonus exam questions
- Exams: multiple choice, true/false, matching from Lecture
- Make-up exams with valid excuse, short-answer format
- Question/answer sessions before each exam

GEOL 118 - Web Exercises

- 6 online homework assignments (on Compass)
- 1 week to finish; 2-point penalty each late day (5 day maximum)
- Due Dates (always 1 pm):
  - Sept. 9 (Population Growth)
  - Sept. 21 (Earthquakes)
  - Oct. 10 (Volcanoes)
  - Oct. 21 (Landslides)
  - Oct. 31 (Severe Weather)
  - Dec. 2 (Floods)

GEOL 118 - Writing Assignment

- Essay on natural disaster that affected or frightens you
- Due by 1:00 pm on Nov. 7; one week to finish
- Seven Essay reviews
- Due by 1:00 pm on Nov. 16; one week to finish
- No extensions unless verified major illness or emergency

GEOL 118 - Honors Credit

- See me ASAP IF you are Honors student AND want to take GEOL 118 for Honors credit
- Geology field trip to Starved Rock Park; Details on Class Web site