Blended GEOL1401 Earth Science

*with Professor Paul Manganelli*

Are you considering enrolling in the Blended GEOL1401 Earth Science course at Collin College? It’s a great way to take the course if your schedule does not allow for frequent trips to campus!

This blended course has two components:

(1) an online lecture requirement; AND

(2) a weekly on-campus lab course at Preston Ridge Campus in Frisco.

To be sure your learning style will lead to success in an online course, you are invited to take the SmarterMeasure learning readiness indicator, available for free [here](https://www.collin.edu/academics/ecollin/eLC_smartermeasure.html) on the eCollin Learning Center’s webpage.

To give you an idea of the course structure, some basic information has been provided below. *Please note that this document is an informational resource only and does not substitute for the course syllabus or any other document.* Please email [Professor Paul Manganelli](mailto:pmanganelli@collin.edu?subject=more%20information%20about%20Blended%20Earth%20Science) for clarification of any topics found here.

**Assignments:**

Assignments are due weekly, always on Saturdays at midnight.

*(Please note, if you are enrolling in the course during the Summer I, Summer II, or other accelerated semesters, the due dates are more frequent.)*

Each weekly assignment includes 4 components:

1) Reading the appropriate chapters in the textbook

2) Writing a summary of an online video pertaining to the subject being covered

3) Participating in a discussion topic

4) Taking an online quiz over the material

**Exams:**

There are 5 exams in the course which are administered by the [Testing Center](http://www.collin.edu/studentresources/testing/) at the Preston Ridge Campus. Exams are available for several days, including a Saturday, to allow you to find time in your schedule to take them.

**Due dates:**

A schedule of assignments and exams is provided to you on the first day you log in to the course. Unless the college is closed unexpectedly due to inclement weather, there will be no changes to the schedule of assignments once the semester begins. All of the assignments in the course are available on the first day of the semester - this means you can work ahead at your own pace, or choose to complete one assignment per week as they are due.

*It is imperative that you keep careful track of the due dates of the assignments as well as the dates the exams are available in the testing center, as there are no "make-ups" for assignments or exams (except due to extreme circumstances).*

**Contacting the Professor:**

During the semester, I will be as available for consultation to my online students as I am to my on-campus students.

You will be able to contact me in several ways:

1) email  
2) telephone  
3) on campus during my office hours, or at a scheduled time outside of my office hours  
4) in the chat rooms available within the course

If you have any additional questions about the course after reading this webpage, please do not hesitate to contact me at [pmanganelli@collin.edu](mailto:pmanganelli@collin.edu).  I look forward to having you in class!

-Professor Manganelli