

University of Toronto-Scarborough
Department of Physical and Environmental Sciences

EESC19H3 Mineralogy - Fall 2014

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Lectures: Thursdays, 8 am – 10 am (Room PO 101)

Labs: Lab Section 1: Thursdays, 4 pm – 6 pm (Room SW 313)

Lab Section 2: Thursdays, 1 pm – 3 pm (Room SW 313)

Overview:

In this course you will learn about minerals, the smallest and most basic building blocks of our planet. These minerals, which can vary in specimen size from microscopic to a macroscopic scale of meters, form aggregates (rocks), fill cavities and caves, form natural resources (e.g. gold, iron-minerals, rock salt), and are often used in our daily life, for example in form of specifically developed concrete mixtures, without being recognized as such. This course will help you to better understand mineral growth, their distinct structure and chemical composition, how they associate with one another, how minerals aggregate to form rocks and what applications minerals are used for.

We will start with an introduction to the study of crystallography, as it is an important tool of Earth and material sciences. This will include the delineation of specific crystal symmetries and morphologies, as well as basic classification of minerals by crystal classes. Furthermore, we will study the mineralogy, including physical and chemical properties, of the most important mineral groups, in which mineral assemblages they occur in form of rocks, and how these are used in our daily life.

To allow us to move through the material in an efficient way, please review the following topics in your chemistry notes of the prerequisite:

- Elements, atoms and atomic structure (nucleus, electrons, atomic orbitals)
- Cations and anions
- Periodic table of the elements (groups of periodic table, metallic, non-metallic and metalloids; sizes of atoms and ions)
- Basic chemical bonding (ionic, covalent and molecular bonds; van der Waals and hydrogen bonds)

Important:

Important point: our lab exercises are held in a space classified as a *laboratory* – this means that we all **should be dressed in lab coats – please bring them for tutorials (labs) and wear them at all times.** Another consequence: **there is no eating or drinking in the lab.** There is also a desk in front of SW313 where you can leave your snacks and drinks.

Readings:

Required text: Introduction to Mineralogy, W. D. Nesse, 2nd edition, 2011

Complimentary reading: Mineral Science, C. Klein & B. Dutrow, 32nd edition – available in the library

Lecture & Lab Schedule - Subject to change:

Week	Date	Lecture	Lab	Notes
1	Sept. 4	Introduction	No lab	
2	Sept. 11	Crystallography	Lab ass. 1: Crystallography	
3	Sept. 18	Crystallography		Last day to add
4	Sept. 25	Crystal morphology	Lab ass. 2: Crystallography	
5	Oct. 2	Chemical composition, crystal structures and growth, bonds	Lab ass. 3: Crystal morphology	Quiz 1
6	Oct. 9	In-class Midterm	Introduction to Mineral ID techniques	
7	Oct. 16	Thanksgiving – Reading Week		
8	Oct. 23	- Mineral groups, physical properties - (Ortho-/Di-) Silicates	Lab ass. 4: Respective minerals	
9	Oct. 30	(Ring-/chain-/double chain-) Silicates	Lab ass. 5: Respective minerals	Quiz 2
10	Nov. 6	(Sheet-/framework-) Silicates	Lab ass. 6: Respective minerals	
11	Nov. 13	Carbonates, sulphates, phosphates	Lab ass. 7: Respective minerals	Quiz 3
12	Nov. 20	Halides, oxides, hydroxides	Lab ass. 8: Respective minerals	Last day to drop
13	Nov. 27	Native elements, ore deposits, use of minerals	Review - Questions	
14	Dec. 4	Study Break		
15	Dec. 11	Final Exams	Final Exam	
16	Dec. 18	Final Exams		
17	Dec. 25	Christmas Break Starts		

Marking Scheme:

8 Lab assignments (each 4%)	32%
3 Online Quizzes (each 6%)	18%
Midterm	20%
Final Exam	30%
Total	100%

Lectures and Lab exercises:

ALL students are expected to attend ALL lectures. *It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that notes are obtained for any classes missed.*

Labs are mandatory for all students and the respective assignments are graded. During tutorials you will have a chance to work more independently in order to strengthen your knowledge; during the lectures you'll receive more guidance throughout the material. The knowledge acquired during the laboratory exercises can also be tested in the 3 Online Quizzes.

Required lab materials:

- A drafting compass (for drawing cycles and arcs)
- A drafting ruler, small scissors, pencils, eraser
- A notebook for tutorials and practice (having some simple drafting paper, without lines or squares, is very useful for this course)

Study Questions:

I will post a set of study questions on each course topic, which should help you to identify the important course information, study for the quizzes and exams, prepare you for the field trip and to keep on top of the material.

Missed academic work:

If you know that you will miss a deadline then please let me know in advance, as we might be able to work something out. Should you miss a deadline for any term work you will be automatically penalized **10% per day (including weekends)** if you do not follow the following procedure and receive consideration. Within **one week** of the missed deadline you must submit a completed **University of Toronto medical certificate** (available on BB

in Course Documents) as well as a **letter from you** describing when you fell ill, how it prevented you from making the deadline and when you returned to school as well as your name and student number and the course code. Submit the certificate and the letter to the secretary in SW 644; Mon-Fri 9-5 (lunch 1-2) jterakita@utsc.utoronto.ca. Joanne Terakita collects these, but will not make a decision on the cases. Carefully following this process will allow us to properly consider you for consideration regarding your late/missed work for EESB15.

Final Examination:

The final examination is cumulative and will be scheduled by the University and held during the December examination period. The exam will contain multiple choice, true and false and short answer questions. Figures, movies and animations are examinable, as are in-class participation/lab type exercises. The exam will be more heavily focused on post-midterm material. The assigned readings are examinable, the material covered in lecture is weighted more heavily than the readings.

Library Service:

Research Help: University of Toronto Scarborough Library

Staff at the UTSC Library will be happy to help you find the resources you need for your assignments, and learn the research skills you will need for success at university.

Research help is available by phone, e-mail, chat, or in-person in the Library.

For more information, please see the Library's Help Guide for UTSC

Students: http://guides.library.utoronto.ca/utsc_help

Need in-depth or department specific assistance? Contact Sarah Forbes, Liaison Librarian for Physical and Environmental Sciences: <http://uoft.me/smforbes>

Blackboard:

Lecture and lab material will be posted on and Online Quizzes will be done through blackboard. Please check daily for updates.

Blackboard: <https://portal.utoronto.ca>

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- To include false, misleading or concocted **citations** in their work.
- To obtain **unauthorized assistance** on any assignment.
- To provide **unauthorized assistance** to another student. This includes showing another student completed work.
- To submit their own work for credit in **more than one course** without the permission of the instructor.
- To falsify or alter any **documentation** required by the University. This includes, but is not limited to, doctor's notes.
- To use or possess an **unauthorized aid** in any test or exam.

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Accessibility Needs:

The University of Toronto is committed to accessibility. If you require accommodations for a disability, or have any accessibility concerns about the course, the classroom or course materials, please contact Accessibility Services as soon as possible: UTSC campus AccessAbility <http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/~ability/> or St. George Campus DisAbility disability.services@utoronto.ca or <http://studentlife.utoronto.ca/accessibility>.