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Calumet College of St. Joseph is a Catholic institution of higher learning dedicated to the academic, spiritual and ethical development of undergraduate and graduate students. Informed by the values of its founding religious community, the Missionaries of the Precious Blood (C.P.P.S.), the College promotes the inherent dignity of all people, social justice, an ethic of service, student empowerment, opportunity, and lifelong learning.

We are committed to the Five Pillars of a CCSJ Education: The CCSJ graduate will be Open to Growth, Intellectually Competent, Religious, Loving, and Committed to Doing Justice. This class, as outlined below, will help you to achieve those goals.

COURSE SYLLABUS, Fall 2020

Course: GEOL 110 – Earth & Space Science - Lab

Instructor Information:	
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Instructor Background: B.S. in Biochemistry from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Ph.D. in Chemistry (focus in Physical Chemistry) from University of Illinois at Chicago. Research interest: Structures Elucidation of Biomolecule via Optical Spectroscopy (IR, UV-Vis, VCD, ECD, etc.)	

Course Information:	
Course Delivery Method:	Traditional: This course will be delivered in the traditional fashion, face-to-face on campus during its scheduled day and time
Course Time:	Traditional Lab: Monday 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Classroom:	Room 332
Prerequisites:	Must be concurrently enrolled in GEOL 110
Required Books and Materials:	1) You will need a scientific calculator. The calculator on your phone does not count. The calculator does not to be expensive. For example, a Texas Instrument TI-30X II will suffice (\$10)

Learning Outcomes/ Competencies:

Students in this course will:

- Explain how scientific explanations are formulated, tested, and modified or validated.
- Distinguish between scientific and non-scientific evidence and explanations.
- Apply foundational knowledge and discipline-specific concepts to address issues or solve problems.
- Apply basic observational, quantitative, or technological methods to gather data and generate evidence based conclusions.
- Use current models and theories to describe, explain, or predict natural phenomena.
- Locate reliable sources of scientific evidence to construct arguments related to real world issues.

This course meets the following learning objectives for the Biomedical Science program:

- **Scientific Knowledge and Critical Thinking:**
 - Students will demonstrate substantial and up to date core knowledge of broad areas in basic biomedical, translational, or clinical research.
 - Students will demonstrate the ability to accurately and critically evaluate their own scientific work and work of others.
- **Research Skills and Problem Solving Ability:**
 - Students will demonstrate advanced understanding of a range of technical and conceptual approaches used in biomedical research.
 - Students can design, carry out, and interpret research projects that generate new knowledge that advances the biomedical science and human health.
- **Specific Expertise:**
 - Students can articulate the significance of their own work to their chosen research area in both historical and forward-looking contexts.
 - Students will demonstrate mastery of a range of technical and conceptual approaches used in their selected research area.
- **Communication:**
 - Students will demonstrate the oral, written and media communication skills required to be effective communicants, teachers and mentors of peers, future scientist and scientifically literate citizens.
- **Ethics and Advocacy:**
 - Students will apply highest standards of ethics to their research (data managements, research subjects, stewardship of research funds)
 - Students will improve their confidence and interactions with colleagues and the public.
 - Students will be able to advocate for the role of science in medicine and society.
- **Career Preparation:**
 - Students can articulate an appropriate set of desire potential career paths, and are aware of the preparation and initiative required to pursue these paths

The course also meets the following General Education Program objectives:

- Students will read analytically, synthetically, and critically in a variety of genres.
- Students will write in a variety of forms using valid logic, persuasive rhetoric, and correct grammar, usage, and punctuation.

- Students will represent, apply, analyze, and evaluate relevant qualitative and quantitative mathematical and scientific evidence (i.e. equations, graphs, diagrams, tables, words) to support or refute an argument.
- Students will be able to apply ethical standards to social issues and analyze their own core beliefs and the origin of these beliefs.

Course Description: Earth and Space Science lab allows for hands on experience and theories explained through demonstrations focusing on the study of the Earth's lithosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, and its celestial environment. Students enrolled in this course analyze and describe Earth's interconnected systems and how they are changing due to natural processes and human influence.

Learning Strategies: following experiential learning activities are used in this class: problem-based learning, and project-based learning activities.

Experiential Learning Opportunities: following experiential learning activities are used in this class: problem-based learning, and project-based learning activities.

Assessments:

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	PERCENT
Lab Reports:	9 labs will be performed.	90%
Lab Practical:	To test basic skills to acquire throughout the semester with respect to hands on skills	10%
Total	Total Percent	100%
Grading Scale:		
100% – 92%: A	91% – 90%: A-	
89% – 88%: B+	87% – 82%: B	81% – 80%: B-
79% – 78%: C+	77% – 72%: C	71% – 70%: C-
69% – 68%: D+	67% – 62%: D	61% – 60%: D-
59% and below:	F	

Lab Schedule:

Week	Topic	Chapter
1	Introduction/Measurements	1
2	Lab 1: Place and Time	15
3	Lab 2: The Solar System	16
4	Lab 3: Moons and Small Bodies	17
5	Exam 1	
6	Lab 4: The Universe	18
7	Lab 5: The Atmosphere	19
8	Lab 6: Atmospheric Effects	20
9	Lab 7: Plate Tectonics	21
10	Exam 2	
11	Lab 8: Minerals, Rocks, Volcanoes	22
12	Lab 9: Surface Processes	23
13	Make up labs	
14	Thanksgiving break from 23 to 28	

15	Review for Final exam	
16	Final Exam	

I reserve the right to change this schedule to meet the needs of the class.

Student Responsibilities	
Safety Measures	<p>The safety of our College Family in this unprecedented time is our primary concern. Following guidelines presented by the Centers of Disease Control (CDC), the Indiana Health Department, and best practices among other institutions of higher education, we are requiring the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face coverings over the mouth and nose in all indoor public spaces, including classrooms, the library, the Tutoring Center, and faculty offices. • Because face coverings are in use, no eating or drinking in the classroom. Plan to meet your needs between classes using appropriate social distancing. • Daily self-monitoring. If you have a temperature of 100.4 or higher, or any symptoms of COVID-19 – fever or chills, a cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, or nausea or vomiting – stay home and consult the class policy for staying on track. • Disinfecting your personal space using the materials provided when you enter the classroom. • Maintaining physical distancing of at least six feet within classrooms and other common spaces. <p>Please note: To accommodate students who may not be able to attend class in person, this class may be taped and posted to the course Blackboard site. Tapes will not be used for any other purpose outside of class.</p>
What to Do in Case of Illness	<p>If you are exposed to COVID 19, become ill, or are otherwise unable to attend classes as required, notify the College by sending an email to illness@ccsj.edu. The message that you are unable to attend class will be relayed to your faculty. The College will contact you with expectations regarding next steps and follow-up.</p>
Attending Class	<p>You cannot succeed in this class if you do not attend. We believe that intellectual growth and success in higher education occur through interaction in the classroom and laboratories. Being absent doesn't excuse you from doing class work; you have more responsibilities to keep up and meet the objectives of this course.</p> <p>Attendance Attendance is counted as being present from the first 10 minutes of class until the end of lecture/lab. Anyone missing after the first 10 minutes of class will be marked late. If you are still missing after the first 15 minutes of class, you will be marked absent unless a written excuse is provided within 24 hours of the occurrence. Similarly, anyone leaving early without a written excuse will be counted as absent.</p> <p>General Absences You are responsible for all material presented in class and all in-class announcements and assignments. If for whatever reason you have to miss class, please approach your fellow students</p>

	<p>for the notes you missed, and take advantage of the class materials that will be posted on Blackboard http://class.ccsj.edu</p> <p>ALL planned and unplanned absences must be communicated to your instructor via email (Subject: Last name, First name, "CHEM 310 Absent", Date) with a brief explanation.</p> <p>Intellectual growth and success in college is reinforced through interaction in the classroom. Students reach personal goals and course outcomes through regular and prompt attendance. Therefore, three (3) unexcused absences will result in an administrative withdrawal from the course. Furthermore, excessive tardiness (every 2 late arrivals) will result in 1 absence. The student may be subjected to a grade of F or FW per the policy stated under the Withdrawal from Classes section on this syllabus.</p> <p>Absence due to college events We do not want to penalize students for participating in college-sponsored events. When you miss class because of a college event, you must give notice of your absence 24 hours in advance according to the communication guidelines above, and you are responsible for all missed work. Being absent doesn't excuse you from doing class work; you have more responsibilities to keep up and meet the objectives of this course.</p> <p>MAKE-UP Labs: Make-up lab will not be given except upon the discretion of the instructor. Athletic competition that interferes with lab will require documentation to be presented to the instructor by the end of the first week of classes. Extension requests for extenuating circumstances can be submitted via email to the instructor. In the event the instructor approves the extension; a make-up lab will be scheduled within 2 days of the original lab date.</p> <p>Note: If Zoom class sessions have been scheduled for this course, students should prepare to have both video and audio activated during each session. This means you should be visibly present and actively engaged during the session, not just audibly present with a picture or name as your screen. All zoom class sessions will occur at your class's originally scheduled day and time. For example, if your class was to meet on M/W from 12p to 1:30p, the zoom class session will meet at some point during this time. Scheduled Zoom class session dates and times can be found in the "Course Schedule" section of this syllabus.</p>
<p>Turning In Your Work</p>	<p>You cannot succeed in this class if you do not turn in all your work when due. Homework will not be accepted after the due date. Extension requests for extenuating circumstances can be submitted via email to the instructor. Decisions on make-up work are left to the discretion of the instructor.</p>
<p>Meeting Standards for Classroom Behavior</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use all the class time. Come to class on time and stay in class until the end. Coming late, leaving early, and getting up during class disrupts the class and disrespects others. • Come prepared. Bring your texts, be prepared to take notes, and be able to demonstrate that you have completed the assignments for the day through your participation in class. • Respect others. Listen when your classmates and the instructor are speaking. Think about their contributions. Respond appropriately. • Use electronic devices only for class purposes. Engage with your classmates and the instructor without technological distractions.

Electronic devices can only be used in class for course-related purposes. If you text or access the Internet for other purposes, you may be asked to leave, in which case you will be marked absent.

No social media chatting/texting will be allowed to be used during lecture or lab times unless otherwise directed by the instructor. No videotaping or recording of lecture without discretion of the instructor. The instructor reserves the right to ask you to leave the room if you interrupt the class.

The science faculty will address electronic device uses as follows:

Occurrence

1st – Students is given a verbal warning

2nd – Students is instructed to leave the classroom

The student cannot return to class until they have met with the professor.

3rd – Student is instructed to leave the classroom

The student cannot return to class until they have met with V.P. of Academic Affairs.

Laboratory Rules: If you fail to adhere to the safety rules delineated below you will not allowed to remain in lab. Behavior that is deemed by the instructor to be unsafe to yourself or to others will results in your dismissal from that week's experiment. You will not be allowed to finish the lab later.

- The use of cell phone in the laboratory is strictly forbidden. Your cell phone must be turned off for the duration of the laboratory period.
- If you are pregnant, you must obtain a letter from you obstetrician that states that it is safe for you to conduct experiments during the quarter and you much submit this letter to your lab instructor
- Safety glasses /goggles much be worn always in the lab.
- Open-toes shoes, shorts, skirts, short-sleeved shirts, tank-tops, and excessively loose or flowing clothes are forbidden in the lab. You must adhere to the lab attire rules or you will be asked to leave the lab.
- Long hair must be tied back
- Gloves must be worn when handling chemicals. You must remove your gloves before exiting the laboratory. Always wash your hands after each lab
- Never use your mouth to pipette a liquid; use a pipette bulb
- Neve leave experiments unattended
- Never return excess chemicals to the stock bottle
- Dispose of waste in the appropriately-labeled containers ONLY.
- Always return equipment in its original condition and to its original location.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know the locations of the safety shower, eye wash stations, and first aid kit in the lab. • Report all personal injuries to the instructor who will assess the wound and summon professional help if necessary. • Assume the chemicals are dangerous unless you are told otherwise. • Work only with clean equipment and glassware (dry) on a clean bench top. • Use the right chemicals – pay attention to the names of the chemicals you plan to use. You could cause a serious accident if you mix the wrong chemicals • Manage your time wisely so that you do not rush or take short cuts • Record all data in ink in your laboratory notebook while you work! Do not write data, even temporarily, on scraps or other pieces of paper. Make sure your data is complete. Make sure to record the date or the unknown number, if any. • If you do not know or are unsure about any aspect of your experiment, ask the instructor.
CCSJ Student Honor Code	<p>This course asks students to reaffirm the CCSJ Student Honor Code:</p> <p>I, as a student member of the Calumet College academic community, in accordance with the college's mission and in a spirit of mutual respect, pledge to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuously embrace honesty and curiosity in the pursuit of my educational goals; • Avoid all behaviors that could impede or distract from the academic progress of myself or other members of my community; • Do my own work with integrity at all times, in accordance with syllabi, and without giving or receiving inappropriate aid; • Do my utmost to act with commitment, inside and outside of class, to the goals and mission of Calumet College of St. Joseph.
Doing Your Own Work	<p>If you turn in work that is not your own, you will be subject to judicial review by the Faculty-Student Grievance Committee. These procedures can be found in the Student Planner. The maximum penalty for any form of academic dishonesty is dismissal from the College.</p> <p>Using standard citation guidelines to document sources avoids plagiarism. You'll find guides to the major citation methods at the CCSJ Specker Library Web page at http://www.ccsj.edu/library/subjectsplus/subjects/guide.php?subject=cite</p> <p>You'll also find a comprehensive guide to understanding what constitutes plagiarism, "What Is Plagiarism," on the Specker Library Web page at https://www.ccsj.edu/library/What%20is%20Plagiarism.pdf This guide comes from Plagiarism.com, and covers many ways in which plagiarism can occur. Be sure to review this important source!</p>

	Please note: All papers may be electronically checked for plagiarism.
Sharing Your Class Experience	Your voice matters! At the end of the term, you will have the opportunity to evaluate your classroom experience. These confidential surveys are essential to our ongoing efforts to ensure that you have a great experience that leaves you well prepared for your future. Take the time to complete your course evaluations – we value your feedback!
Withdrawing from Class	After the last day established for class changes has passed (see the College calendar in the CCSJ Course Catalog), you may withdraw from a course by following the policy outlined in the Course Catalog.

Resources	
CCSJ Book Rental Program	The CCSJ Book Program ensures that everyone has the right course materials on the first day of class to be successful. You pay a book rental fee each semester, and in return, receive all the materials for all your classes prior to the beginning of classes. At the end of the semester, simply return the books. For traditional students, the Book Rental Program is conveniently located in the library, where students can pick up and return their books. For students in accelerated programs and graduate programs, books will be delivered to their homes and they can return them by mail. For more information, see http://www.ccsj.edu/bookstore . All books must be returned at the end of the semester or you will incur additional fees, which will be charged to your student account.
Student Success Center	The Student Success Center provides faculty tutors at all levels to help you master specific subjects and develop effective learning skills. It is open to all students at no charge. You can contact the Student Success Center at 219 473-4287 or stop by the Library. In addition, you can access online tutoring at Tutor.com. See the link within the Blackboard course.
Disability Services	Disability Services strives to meet the needs of all students by providing academic services in accordance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines. If you believe that you need a “reasonable accommodation” because of a disability, contact the Disability Services Coordinator at 219-473-4349.
Student Assistance Program	Through a partnership with Crown Counseling , Calumet College of St. Joseph provides a free Student Assistance Program (SAP) to current students. The SAP is a confidential counseling service provided to students for personal and school concerns which may be interfering with academic performance and/or quality of life. The SAP counselor is available on campus once a week and off-site at the Crown Counseling offices in Crown Point or Hammond. For more information, contact Kerry Knowles SAP Counselor , at 219-663-6353 (office), 219-413-3702 (cell), or kerryk@crowncounseling.org .
CCSJ Alerts	Calumet College of St. Joseph’s emergency communications system will tell you about emergencies, weather-related closings, or other incidents via text, email, or voice messages. Please sign up for this important service annually on the College’s website at: http://www.ccsj.edu/alerts/index.html .