

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
Charles E. Schmidt College of Science
Department of Geosciences

GEO 4920: Geosciences Honors Colloquium, 1 credit hour

Pre-requisites: Admission to the Geography Honors Track.

Course Description: This course is designed to help outstanding geography students develop an awareness of and an appreciation for the multiple research perspectives/approaches that can be brought to studies in geosciences. It is organized around presentations in the department's colloquium series, which showcases geoscience-related research by faculty and graduate students in and outside the department. *Grading: S/U*

Intended Audience: The Geosciences colloquium series is designed to give outstanding geography students the opportunity to interact with faculty and outside scholars/practitioners and to share research and work experience in a somewhat formal setting. Additionally, all members of the University community are welcome to attend.

Strategy: This course meets face-to-face each week for presentations and uses FAU's Blackboard distance learning system (<http://blackboard.fau.edu>) for communication and graded assignments. Students must access Blackboard on a weekly basis to submit their presentation reports.

Electronic mail: This course conforms to the FAU student email policy. All course-related email will be sent to your FAU email account. If you want to forward your FAU email to a different account, you can set this up within your myFAU account. All students must regularly access their electronic mail accounts, as well as Blackboard for announcements and scheduling information! You can normally expect all emails to the instructor to be replied to within 48 hours.

Required text: none

Course Objectives:

Students will:

- Reflect upon a variety of geosciences research and practices and how these impact their own college experience
- Develop a deeper sense of connection to each other, the university community and outside agencies through involvement with presenters
- Enhance oral, written, or other communication skills through participation in presentations and the associated dialogue.
- Enhance their development of analytical, creative and/or practical skills as related to critical thinking through written and oral interactions.

Course Requirements: Students are required to attend all presentations, actively participate in follow-up discussions and submit thoughtful presentation reports.

Assessment:

Students will be graded on a **Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory** basis. The grade will be determined by **attendance and presentation reports.**

