

# Geology 314/514: Sedimentology Fall 2008 (3 Credits)

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**Important Dates:** 9/9/08 = Last day to add without instructor signature; 9/30 = last day to add with instructor signature; 10/17 = last day to drop without Late Drop Request or withdraw;

**Thanksgiving Break = November 26-30;**

Semester end = December 12; Graduation December. 13.

## Schedule:

- **Lecture:** Monday and Wednesday 9:10-10:10 AM, Harrington Hall 217.
- **Lab:** Thursday 12:40-4:00 PM, Harrington Hall 313.

**Required for Lab:** 10x-hand lens.

**Grades: Laboratory\*** 25%

**Exam 1** 15%

**Exam 2** 20%

**Report†** 20%

**Final Exam** 20%

\* Laboratory grade includes assignments and quizzes. All lab assignments are due at the end of lab period, unless otherwise stated.

† These will consist of research reports that will be based on field trips and in-lab problems. Your report grade will be based on the written report and presentations and participation in discussions.

[Here are some good resources for writing, properly citing sources, reference styles, and avoiding plagiarism.](#)

**Note:** You must attend and pass both lecture and lab, and turn in acceptable research reports to pass the overall course.

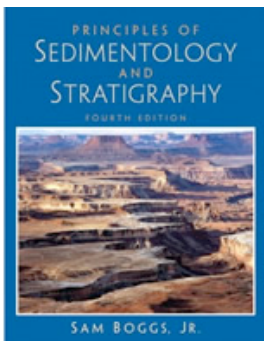
**Grade scale:** 92% and up = A; 87-91 = AB; 82-86 = B; 77-81 = BC; 72-76 = C; 67-71 = CD; 60-66 = D; <60% = F

**Graduate credit:** Students enrolled in 514 (graduate credit) must meet with me to plan, develop and complete an additional research project.



UW-Oshkosh Geology students

examining large-scale cross beds in Bermuda.



**Required text:** Boggs, S., Jr., 2006, Principles of Sedimentology and Stratigraphy, 4th ed.: Prentice Hall.

**Course Objectives:** The purpose of this course is to give you the knowledge and skills necessary to describe, understand, and interpret sediments, sedimentary rocks and sedimentary environments. The history of the earth is to a large degree written in sedimentary rocks. This history includes the story of life, the development of very important economic deposits (including petroleum, coal, and uranium), and the development of a global climate favorable for the development of life as we know it. The ultimate goal of this course is to give you the ability to make careful observations, and from these interpret and understand modern and ancient sedimentary environments and stratigraphic successions.

## Geology 314/514 Lecture Schedule:

Week of:	Topic and reading:	Reading in Text *
Sept. 1	Introduction to sedimentology; sedimentary cycles, weathering processes; sediment production. Read textbook Introduction p. xvii-xix.	chp. 1
Sept. 8	Classification of siliciclastic rocks; sediment maturity; introduction to fluid mechanics; grain transport and deposition.	chps. 2 & 3
Sept. 15	Clastic depositional systems; sedimentary structures.	chp. 4
Sept. 22	Tectonic regimes and terrigenous clastic sediments; facies concepts.	chps. 5 & 8
Sept. 29	Fluvial depositional systems.	chp. 8
Oct. 6	<b>Exam 1</b> ; Eolian depositional systems.	chp. 8
Oct. 13	Marine and deltaic depositional systems; bioturbation.	chp. 9
	<b>Required field trip: All day Saturday, Oct. 18 (Bring hand lens, sack lunch, note book, jacket)</b>	
Oct. 20	Introduction to biochemical and chemical sediments: carbonate rocks and evaporites. Classification of carbonate rocks and depositional environments.	chps. 6 & 11
Oct. 27	Oceanographic controls on sedimentation. Shallow marine environments I: reefs.	chp. 11
Nov. 3	<b>Exam 2.</b> Shallow marine environments II: Shelf and tidal flat depositional environments.	chps. 9 & 11
Nov. 10	Deep water marine environments.	chp. 10
Nov. 12	Petroleum: origin and occurrence.	chp 7, p. 229
Nov. 24	Sedimentary rock diagenesis: porosity, permeability, and hydrologic characteristics; <b>Thanksgiving Break</b> (Nov. 26-30).	chp. 5
Dec. 1	The nature of sedimentation through time: unconformities and other stratigraphic surfaces: introduction to stratigraphy.	chp. 12
Dec. 8	Review, <b>Final Exam</b> (Thursday Dec. 11).	

\* Refers to chapters and pages in: Boggs, S., Jr., 2006, Principles of Sedimentology and Stratigraphy, 4th ed.: Prentice Hall.

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Last day to drop **without Late Drop Appeal**: **October 17**.

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**Last Exam: Wednesday, December 10.**

Last day of classes: December 12.

Graduation: December 13.