WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to the Spring 2022 semester! We hope you enjoyed a restful winter break and are excited to be reunited with your CofC family! Please take a moment to review this short e-newsletter with valuable spring semester information.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday, January 10: First day of full semester and Express I classes.
- Wednesday, January 12: Last day of Drop/Add for Express I classes. Last day for students to submit a request to Audit or apply for a Pass/Not Pass grade option for Express I classes.
- Monday, January 17: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, observed. No classes. College closed.
- Tuesday, January 18: Last day of Drop/Add for full semester classes. Last day for students to submit a request to Audit or apply for a Pass/Not Pass grade option for full semester classes.
- Wednesday, January 26: Applications for Individual Enrollment and Bachelor’s Essays due to Ms. White (whitekl@cofc.edu) and Dr. Callahan (callahant@cofc.edu).

SPRING 2022 COURSES

If you need assistance registering for any Spring 2022 Geology courses, now is the time to contact Ms. Kristen White (whitekl@cofc.edu). Registration will be closed during New Student and Transfer Orientation sessions on January 6th and 7th.

Update on Spring courses regarding COVID-19 protocols and policies:

- If you are enrolled in an in-person course, you should plan to attend in-person. Instructors do not have to record class periods or allow students to Zoom in—they can do that if they so choose, but it will not work for every instructor and every course.
- If you must isolate because you have COVID-19, please let your instructors know. They will work to find an accommodation; however, the specific accommodation will depend on the course.
- In some cases, instructors might move an in-person course fully online for a period of time (if many students test positive, or if the instructor does). You will be notified if this happens, and the course will almost certainly return to the classroom at some point.
- You are required to wear a mask in class, and in all indoor campus spaces.

DEPARTMENTAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are currently open for the 2022-2023 academic year, and the application is fast approaching (January 25, 2022)! Applications for departmental scholarships should be completed via the Cougar Scholarship Awarding System (CSAS) and can be accessed via https://cofc.academicworks.com/. Use the CSAS search feature for details on the following departmental scholarships.

- Paleontology Scholarship
• Royal A. Hartenberger Award in Geology (to assist with costs for summer Field Studies courses, GEOL 360, 364, or 366)
• Taylor Family Geology Scholarship

SPRING 2022 UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTS: PRELIMINARY INFORMATION

Teaching assistants are an important part of the Geology & Environmental Geosciences Department at the College of Charleston. They help make classes better in several ways including actively assisting instructing students, serving as peer counselors, being role models for intellectual growth, and helping to improve the efficient use of faculty time. A rich and diverse curriculum requires an active and engaged group of teaching assistants. This is also a fantastic way to review basic introductory concepts and build your resume, both for graduate school and future job applications. To be eligible you must have taken the lab or its equivalent.

An email to all our majors and minors will be sent in the next few weeks inviting students to sign up as undergraduate teaching assistants. If you are interested in signing up, please review the following essential information so that you can be prepared as you plan your return to campus.

As a TA (Teaching Assistant), you are an employee of the College of Charleston, and will have to complete the Career Center and Human Resources' employment authorization process (if you have not been previously employed at the College). You must be able to present original documents listed in this linked I-9 Acceptable Documents list if you wish to sign up for a TA position. These documents must be original (no photocopies). If you do not have these documents, you cannot be authorized to work.

*Dr. Vijay Vulava is seeking a TA for Geochemistry lab Mondays 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm. If interested and available, please contact Dr. Vulava directly (vulavav@cofc.edu) for more information.

ONLINE GEOLOGY RESEARCH GUIDE

Guidance and key resources for doing academic research in Geology are available through Addlestone Library. Visit Geology Research: Home for the library’s subject guide for Geology and the department’s Liaison Librarian’s contact information.

JOB AND OPPORTUNITY BOARD

New opportunities have been added to the Jobs & Opps Board, including summer internships and student poster competitions. Deadlines are approaching, so don’t delay seeing what’s new!

OFFICE HOURS
Staff are available for in-person assistance during the following hours.

**Kristen White, Office Manager**
- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

**Tim Callahan, Department Chair**
- Monday, Tuesday, and Friday: 9:30 – 11:30 am
- Tuesday and Thursday: 1:30 – 5:00 pm

**Jordan James, Student Office Assistant (starting Monday, January 10)**
- Tuesday: 12:30 pm – 5:00 pm
- Thursday: 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm
- Friday: 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Dr. Callahan and Ms. White will continue to be available virtually. To request an appointment with Dr. Callahan, please email callahant@cofc.edu and whitekl@cofc.edu.

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