**G 652 FLUVIAL GEOMORPHOLOGY FALL 2018**

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**Syllabus**

week of

1. *Introduction* 20 Aug

scope of course

historical background of geomorphology

philosophies of approach

geomorphic transport laws

six degrees of connection

2. *Drainage Basins* 27 Aug, 3 Sep

channel initiation and slope processes

hydrographs & flood frequency analysis

hyporheic processes

network evolution & analysis

3. *Channel processes* 10, 17, 24 Sep

flow mechanics: flow states, velocity, resistance, energy, power

sediment processes: entrainment, erosion of cohesive beds, bank erosion,

sediment transport

instream wood dynamics

**POUDRE FIELDTRIP SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29**

4. *Channel patterns* 1, 8, 15 Oct

channel classifications

controls on channel adjustment: hydraulic geometry, equilibrium,

extremal hypotheses, dominant discharge, bed configuration,

channel form – meandering & braided, biotic influences on channel form,

channel gradient

**MIDTERM EXAM 12 OCT**

**PAWNEE BUTTES FIELDTRIP SATURDAY OCTOBER 20**

5. *Fluvial Landforms*  22, 29 Oct

floodplains

terraces

alluvial fans and deltas

6. *Paleohydrology* 5, 12 Nov

channel changes through time - complex response, equifinality

paleoflood indicators – regime-based, paleocompetence, botanical, paleostage indicators

7. *Management Applications - Case Studies* 26 Nov

floods: Tucson 1983, Front Range

Los Angeles River

gullies

sand & gravel mining

instream, channel-maintenance and environmental flows

river rehabilitation/restoration

8. *Future Directions* 3 Dec

headwaters

large rivers & floodplains

anthropogenic changes

landscape evolution modeling

restoration of large rivers

**FINAL EXAM 3-10 December**

**Course requirements**

*Exams*: The midterm exam will consist of short, in-class essay questions on topics which you will be given ahead of time. The final exam will be a take-home essay exam covering all of the class material (both lectures and outside readings).

*Fieldtrips*: There will be two fieldtrips, for which you will be expected to turn in group reports.

*Homework:* You will receive short problem sets and will have a week to complete each.

**Grading:**

Exams, 25% each 50%

Homework 20%

Fieldtrip exercises 25%

Class participation\* 5%

\* Class meetings will include discussions. One of the strengths of this course is that it includes people from diverse backgrounds. I always appreciate willingness to share experience in classroom discussions.

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**Suggested readings**

1. **Introduction**

Wohl, chapter 1

2. **Drainage basins**

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3. **Channel processes**

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5. **Fluvial landforms**

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