

COURSE STATEMENT

SES 4U1

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Welcome to Grade 12 University Preparation Earth and Space Science. This is a summary sheet for parents and students which outlines our course evaluation and expectations.

TEACHER: Mrs. A. Murray

TEXT: McDougal Littell Earth Science
Cost: \$80

Course Name: Earth and Space Science, Grade 12, University Preparation

Course Code: SES 4U

Credit Value: 1 credit

Ministry Document: The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 11 and 12 – Science, 2008

Prerequisite: Science, Grade 10, Academic (SNC 2D1)

Future Courses: University and College Earth and Space Science Courses

Mission Statement:

Teachers at LCCVI are dedicated to providing the following:

- ✓ access for all students
- ✓ a safe learning environment
- ✓ quality educational opportunities
- ✓ high professional standards.

Course Description:

This course develops students' understanding of Earth and its place in the universe. Students will investigate the properties of and forces in the universe and solar system and analyse techniques scientists use to generate knowledge about them. Students will closely examine the materials of Earth, its internal and surficial processes, and its geological history, and will learn how Earth's systems interact and how they have changed over time. Throughout the course, students will learn how these forces, processes, and materials affect their daily lives. The course draws on biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics in its consideration of geological and astronomical processes that can be observed directly or inferred from other evidence.

Overall Curriculum Expectations:

Refer to the Ministry of Education document entitled "The Ontario Curriculum, Grades 11 and 12 - Science" which is available in the main office, from your teacher, or on the Ministry of Education website (<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/secondary/subjects.html>)

Course Content Outline:

Astronomy (Science of the Universe)
Planetary Science (Science of the Solar System)
Recording Earth's Geological History
Earth Materials
Geological Processes
Scientific Investigation Skills and Career Exploration

Assessment and Evaluation Strategies:

There are four achievement categories of knowledge and skills that encompass all the curriculum expectations in the Ontario Curriculum. The four categories and their value for the term are as follows:

Knowledge	30
Thinking	30
Communication	15
Application	25

The breakdown of your mark will be based on your level of achievement as follows:

Term Work – 70%

The above achievement categories will be used to evaluate tests, quizzes, assignments, etc. as part of your term mark.

Final Examination – 30%

All students must participate in the culminating activity sometime during the last two weeks of the semester, where applicable, and / or write a final examination based on the entire semester's work during the end of semester exam period. There are no exemptions for this exam.

Learning Skills

Provincial Report Cards will be marked with each student's performance in the five Learning Skills areas:

- 1. Responsibility 2. Organization 3. Independent Work 4. Collaboration 5. Initiative 6. Self-Regulation**

These Learning Skills will be assessed regularly by your teacher. They are an important statistic to understand how well students perform in the class. These are not considered in the determination of the final grade. For each of the Learning Skills one of the following achievement letters will be given:

E = Excellent G = Good S = Satisfactory N = Needs Improvement

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is vital to the process of learning. When the process and content of learning is disrupted by irregular attendance, both the individual and his/her classmates suffer a loss of experience that cannot be entirely regained. Students who miss class will suffer in the process because their participation and achievement cannot be fully assessed. Students are expected to complete any expectations missed due to absence.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Consequences for Academic Dishonesty on Assignments:

Professional judgment of the teacher is taken into account to determine the degree of academic dishonesty and appropriate consequences.

Grade 12 – A mark of zero will be assigned. There will be no opportunity for the assignment to be re-evaluated.

Consequences for Academic Dishonesty on Tests:

1. Teacher has a conversation with the student about the incident.
2. If cheating has been determined, the student is assigned a mark of zero.
3. Parents are informed if student is under 18 years old.
4. In Grades 9 to 12, administration is informed if situation is not resolved.

Consequences for Academic Dishonesty on Exams:

1. If cheating is suspected during the exam, student is allowed to complete exam.
2. If cheating has been determined during or after the exam there will be a conference involving administration, teacher and the student. A mark of zero will be assigned.
3. Parents are informed if student is under 18 years old.

Appeals Process: Appeals will be requested through the teacher to the administration if the situation is not resolved.

LATE POLICY

The staff and students of LCCVI recognize that deadlines need to be in place to help students develop time management skills and strategies. Where in the teacher's professional judgment it is appropriate to do so, a number of strategies may be used to help prevent and/or address late and missed assignments. After many of these strategies have been implemented and documented the teacher may deduct marks for a late assignment.

Students are expected to submit all assignments within the time frame specified by the teacher. Teachers will consider extenuating circumstances when assignments are late. If an assignment is late, **10% MAY** be deducted per school day, up to a maximum of **50%**. Once assignments have been returned to students, any late submissions **MAY** receive a mark of zero.

Please sign and return this to your teacher by _____. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the teacher at 882-1910.

I have read and understand the handout on course expectations and evaluation policies.

Student Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____