

Petrologic Systems - 316L

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Time and Place

Lecture: Tuesdays, Thursdays 1:00PM – 2:20PM at ZHS118

Lab: Th, 2:30PM – 4:20PM, ZHS B65

Textbook:

Principles of Igneous and Metamorphic Petrology (2nd edition) John Winter. Prentice Hall, 2009.

Exams:

Exam 1 (Igneous midterm) – March 5, 2.30-4:20 pm

Exam 2 (Metamorphic midterm) – Thursday April 30, 2.30-4:20 pm

Field Trips:

Igneous Rocks: Feb. 21-23, Peninsular Ranges Batholith, we will leave at 9 am.

Metamorphic Rocks: April 9-12, Santa Catalina Island.

Basis of Grade:

Lecture midterms: (total 50%):

 Igneous Midterm 25 %

 Metamorphic Midterm 25 %

Lab (total 50%):

 Lab assignments 30%

 Field trip projects (total 20%):

 Igneous paper on arcs, 10%

 Metamorphic paper on Catalina 10%

Schedule of Lectures

Jan. 14: Class Intro (Reading: Chapter 1)

 Go over course and syllabus.

 Differentiation of solar system+earth, crustal growth, heat sources, and plate tectonics

Igneous Petrology Module

Jan. 16: Magmatism and tectonics, (Readings: Chapters 1, 13-20)

 Sources and styles of magmatism at different plate boundaries

 Sources and styles of magmatism at intraplate settings

Jan. 21: Transcrustal magmatic-volcanic systems (Reading: Chapters 4, 16, 17)

Jan. 23: Introduction to igneous rocks (Reading: Chapters 2, 3, 18)

Review of common rock types and rocks as assemblages of minerals.

Modal and chemical compositions of rocks, common types of variation diagram.

Jan. 28-30: Properties and classifications of igneous rocks, (Readings: Chapter 2, 3, Appendix B)

Information about magmatic processes preserved by textures: Textural based classifications

Quartzofeldspathic, mafic, ultramafic rock classifications

Feb 4: Mantle melts (Readings: Chapter 10)

Feb. 6, 11, 13: Forming compositional diversity in magmas, (Readings: Chapters 4, 5, 6, 7, 11)

Crustal melting, fractional crystallization, magma mixing, assimilation, liquid immiscibility

Phase diagrams.

Case study: Forming compositionally defined magma structures.

Feb. 18: Volcanoes and eruptive processes (Readings: Chapters 4, 6, 7)

Feb. 20: Major, minor, trace and REE elements (Readings: Chapter 8)

Compatible versus incompatible elements

Mass balance equations

Case study 1: Tectonics and use of element ratios

Case study 2: Mineral chemistry and uses.

Feb 21-23: Field trip to Peninsular Ranges Batholith. Leave 9 am Friday.

Feb 25: Stable and radiogenic isotopic behavior (Readings: Chapter 9)

Case study: Temporal evolution of arcs.

Feb 27: Oceanic and Continental magmatism; (Readings: Chapter 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20)

March 3-5: Catch-up lectures and review for midterm.

March 5, 2:30-4:20 pm. Igneous Petrology exam.

Metamorphic Petrology Module.

Introduction to metamorphic petrology

Tuesday March 10

Metamorphism and the concept of metamorphic facies

Controls on metamorphic mineral assemblages by facies and rock composition

An outline of the principle metamorphic facies

Geologic settings of metamorphism and metamorphic facies sequences

Phase changes and metamorphic reactions

Reading: Ch 21, p. 446-458; Ch 22; Ch 25, p. 537-542

Thermodynamic concepts in metamorphic petrology Thursday March 12

Definitions of phase equilibria and thermodynamic variables

Examples of unstable, metastable, and stable conditions

The phase rule and its applications

Reading: Ch 24, p. 518-522 (see also p. 95-98)

Spring Break March 15-22

Progressive metamorphism in pelites Tuesday March 24

The onset of greenschist facies metamorphism

The chlorite isograd

Breakdown of pyrophyllite

The biotite isograd

The garnet isograd

AKF and AFM composition diagrams

Reading: Ch 24, p.522-535; Ch 28, p. 607-614

Progressive metamorphism in pelites continued Thursday March 26

The staurolite isograd and the onset of amphibolite facies metamorphism

The kyanite isograd and the breakdown of staurolite

Breakdown of muscovite and biotite

The first and second sillimanite isograds

Reading: Ch 28, sections 28.2.4, and 28.2.6 through 8.

Progressive metamorphism in metamafic rocks Tuesday March 31

The greenschist - amphibolite transition in metamafic rocks

Comparison of assemblages among different rock types at different grades

ACF composition diagrams

Reading: Ch 25, p. 542-6

Melting, migmatites and granulites Thursday April 2

Fluid-absent and fluid-present melting

Crustal melting and the generation of migmatites

Granulite facies assemblages in metapelitic rocks

Granulite facies assemblages in metamafic rocks

Fluid composition during granulite facies metamorphism

Distribution of granulite facies rocks in space and time.

Reading: Ch 28, sections 28.4 and 28.5

Subduction zone metamorphism Tuesday April 7

Thermal conditions in subduction zone environments

Very low-grade metamorphism in subduction zone environments

Blueschist-facies metamorphism

Eclogite-facies metamorphism

Ultra-high pressure metamorphism

Reading: Ch 25, sections 25.3.4

Contact metamorphism; metamorphism of carbonates

Thursday April 9

Contact aureoles around plutons

Model of conductive heat transfer

Metamorphic grades / facies during contact metamorphism

Metamorphic reactions in carbonate rocks

T-X diagrams

Critical reactions in quartz-calcite-dolomite assemblages

Reading: Ch 6, section 26.4; Ch 29, p. 635-641; Ch 21, sections 21.3.1 and 21.6.5

Field trip to Santa Catalina Island, April 9-12

The field trip will provide an introduction to metamorphic facies in a subduction zone environment; controls on metamorphic mineral assemblages by facies and rock composition; the effect of fluid flow and deformation on metasomatism, metamorphic reaction rates, and grain growth, and styles of ductile deformation in metamorphic environments. Students will be expected to write a full report on the field trip and the accompanying lab project.

Metamorphic processes and textures

Tuesday April 14

Controls on metamorphism

Neomineralization, metasomatism, and grain-growth

Metamorphic textures

Deformational processes during metamorphism

Effect of fluids on metamorphic reactions, rates, and textures

Thermobarometry

Thursday April 16

Motivation for geothermobarometry

Review of thermodynamic principles

Distribution coefficient

Clausius-Clapeyron equation

Geothermometry

Exchange reactions

Solvus thermometry

Geobarometry

Net transfer reactions

Gibbs method

Reading: Ch 27, p. 579-595.

*Application of thermobarometry to a tectonic problem:
the Snake Range metamorphic core complex, Nevada.*

Tuesday April 21

P-T paths during metamorphism

Thursday April 23

The Franciscan Complex

The Alps

The Himalayas

The Betic Cordillera
Exhumation of high-pressure metamorphic rocks

Review Session

Tuesday April 28

Metamorphic petrology mid-term:

Thursday April 30, or by arrangement.

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