

Announcements

- Today we will only be going over the course outline and discuss what type of topics this course will cover
-not much else.



Natural Disasters

EARTH SC 2GG3

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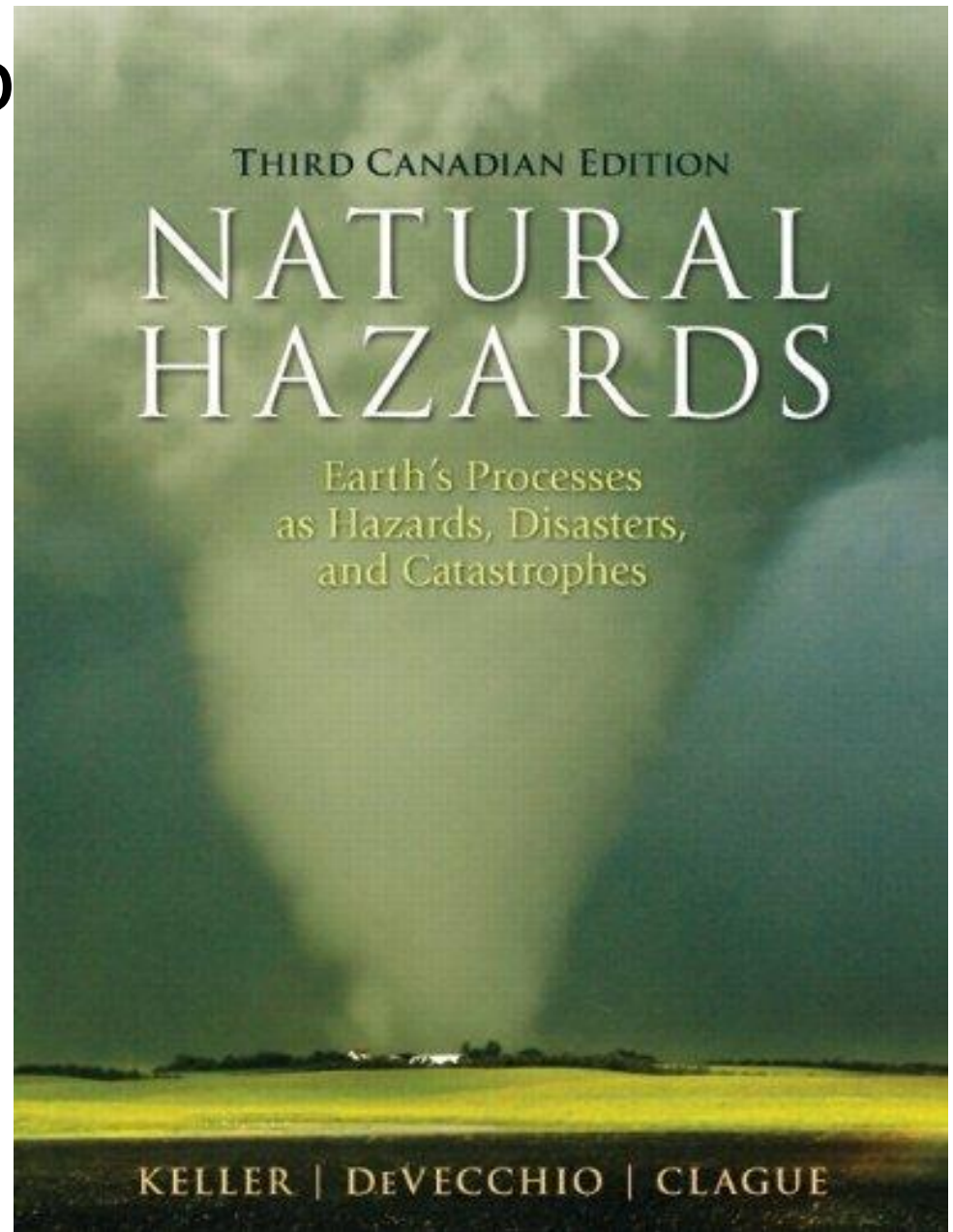


What materials do I need for this CO

Textbook:

Natural Disasters

Do I need to buy this?



How is the class organized?

- Quizzes, midterms and a final exam
 - STUDENT Responsibility Quiz (0.5%)
 - MC Quizzes (5 @ 4% each) – 20% of final grade
 - Midterm #1 – 17%
 - Midterm #2 – 17%
 - Final exam – 46.5%

Starting next week incomplete lectures will be on Avenue. They will be posted the day before class when possible.

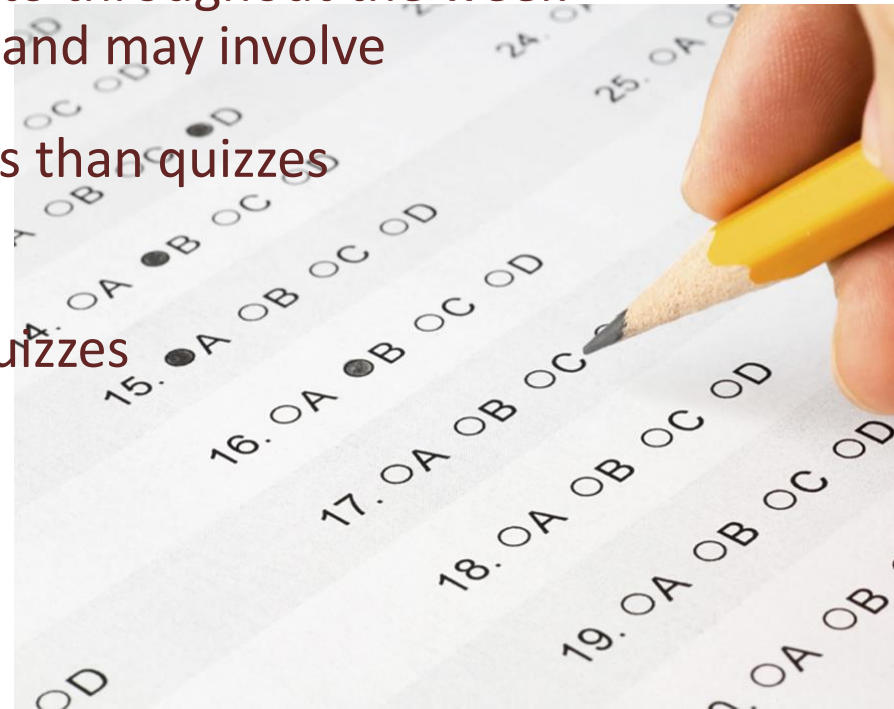
How are the quizzes organized?

Quiz format:

- 20-40 question Online Avenue quizzes
- Quiz schedule to be posted on Avenue Calendar
- Multiple choice
- You have two attempts with the highest grade counting
- You will receive questions from a question pool (not all quizzes will have the same questions)
- Quizzes can be started and returned to throughout the week
- Questions will cover course material and may involve additional research
- They are much more like assignments than quizzes

Missed Test:

- You may not use an MSAF form on quizzes
- Open for almost a full week
- there are no make-up tests/quizzes



How are the exams organized?

All exams are multiple choice

Midterm #1 and midterm #2 are NOT cumulative

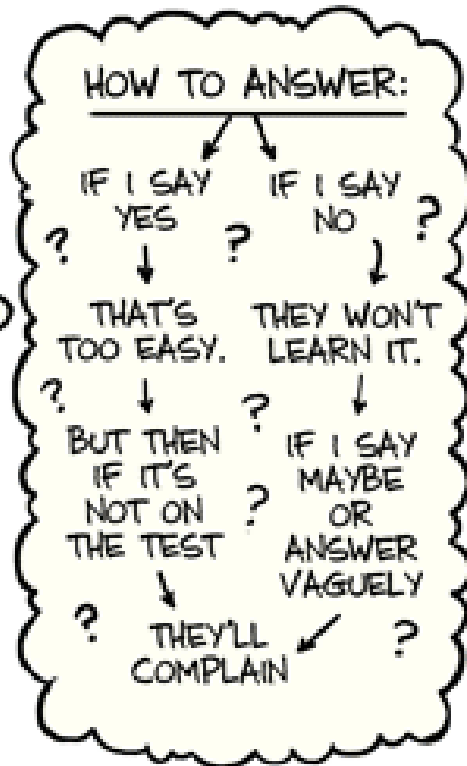
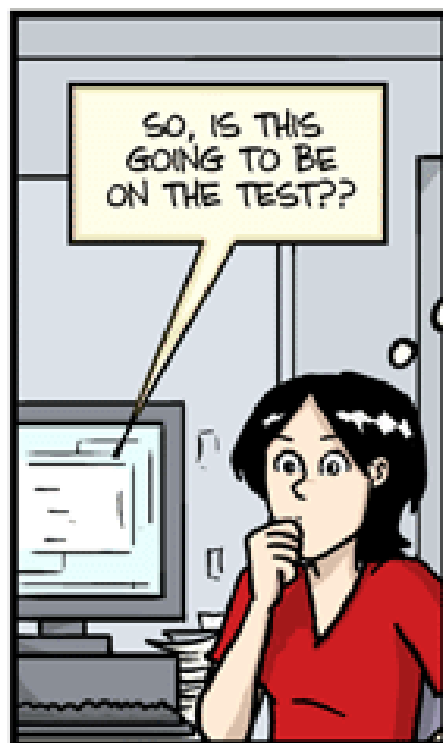
The final exam is cumulative with a roughly even split of information from through the semester

Final Exam:

Scheduled by the registrars office

The deferred exam will not be the same format

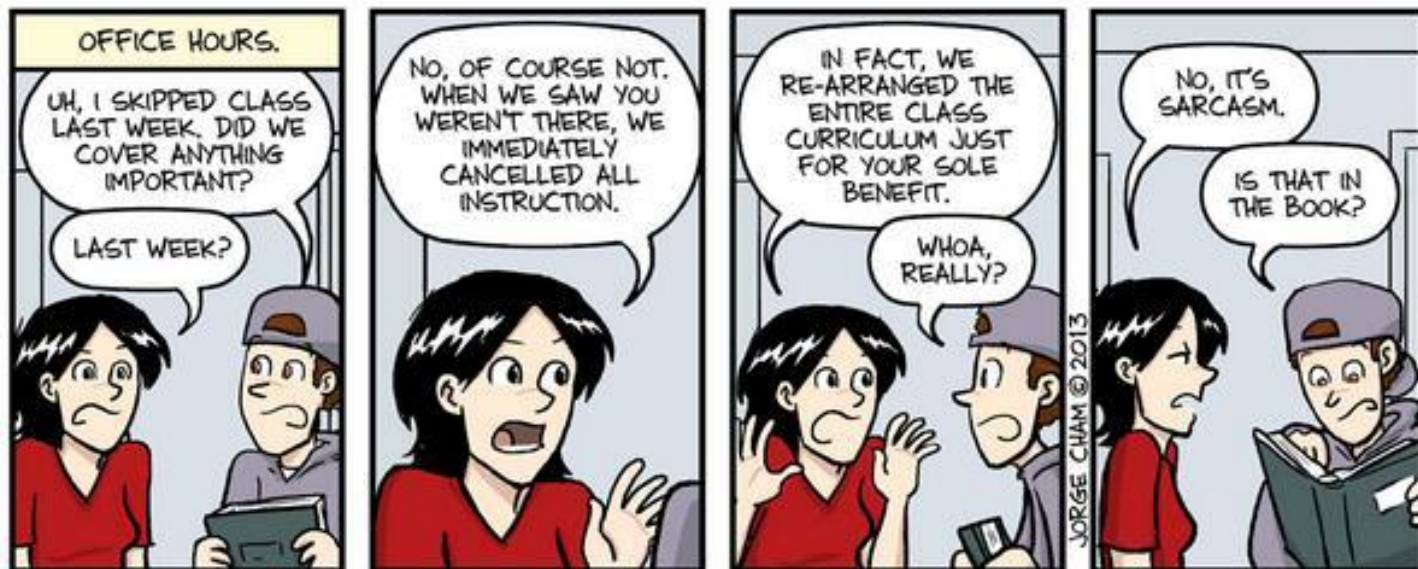




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Who do I get help from?

- if about class material ask the instructor after class or over e-mail
- ask a question on the Avenue discussion board
- If you miss class ask someone in the class for notes
- There is no time to go over entire lectures



Avenue will be used

- Check Avenue for updates about the course
- Check a few times a week for any updates
- use the discussion board to ask questions when possible. If you have a question, it is likely many others have the same question

What are we going to be doing?

- Discussion of numerous types of disasters
- The human impact
- The science behind the Natural Disasters
- How many things may change moving forward
-and more

WORLD -- The global [insurance industry](#) covered \$21bn (£12.7bn) of losses from disasters in the first half of 2014 as fewer natural catastrophes kept claims below their long-term average.

The total economic cost of disasters in the first six months was \$44bn of which natural events made up \$41bn, figures from Swiss Re, the world's second-biggest reinsurer, showed. More than 4,700 people were killed by natural disasters during the period.

The figure for overall economic costs was down from \$59bn a year ago and was less than half the first-half average of \$94bn in the last decade.

<http://www.theguardian.com/business/2014/aug/27/global-insurance-industry-covers-21bn-losses>

I want to you think about things



To Do

- Look through the first three chapters of the textbook