Marine Geology Laboratory
2nd Sem. 2019-2020
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Course Objectives: Examine the structure, stratigraphy and evolution of the ocean basins and adjacent continental margins. Students should leave this course with a thorough understanding of the geology of ocean basins and of the many roles it plays in shaping the surface of our planet. We will discuss the challenges and rewards of oceanographic research. We will explore the origin and history of the ocean basins, the tectonic forces that shape them, and the rocks and minerals that make up the ocean floor. We will study the ocean's control of global and regional climate and how these changes are preserved through geological processes.

Text: The Sea Floor: An Introduction to Marine Geology
Authors: Eugen Seibold and Wolfgang Berger
ISBN-10: 3319514113
Publishing Company: Springer Textbooks in Earth Sciences, Geography and Environment
Hardcover: 268 pages
Language: English

Other Resources:
1. http://geology.uprm.edu/MorelockSite/morelockonline/index.html
2. Readings from Peer Reviewed Journals will be assigned
3. Supplementary Books (for example ID Textbooks) will be available in the laboratory

Exams: Laboratories will be diverse and will include teaching videos, conferences, student presentations, laboratory exercises, and Field Trips. Some of the material will be associated with the class (for example marine sediments) but some topics will be exclusive for the laboratory (for reefs and beaches). Some field trips will include sample collection for later laboratory work and analyses that will be discussed in student oral presentations. The presentations will be given during the laboratory hours. There will be one final laboratory examination on Tuesday, May 12, 2020.