**ES202 Student Technology Needs Survey**

**Winter Term 2024, Western Oregon University**

**Instructor: Dr. Steve Taylor, Professor of Geology**

As we are aware, there is an evolving Public Health conversation with Covid.  As such, this course will be taught in a "in-person", synchronous format for the duration of the class session in Winter 2024.

We will engage internet software tools, email, ES202 class web page, ES202 Class Canvas Shell, and weekly in-person lab meetings. We will cultivate an online collaborative / interactive learning community.  It will be an adventure and a work in progress throughout the session.

**ES202 Fall term class formally begins Monday, Jan. 8, 2024.  Our first ES202 class will meet in person on Monday Jan. 8, 2:00-3:50 PM.**

The very first step in the online-learning process involves a simple homework question for the class:

**Do we collectively have the resources and ability to communicate effectively as a team from remote locations using internet technology?**

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I will be using up to 5 possible modes of remote communication for this term, either separately or together in combination, these include:

(1) Personal one-on-one mobile device interactions including direct phone calls as needed + mobile text messaging + what's app, etc.     Taylor Cell  541-760-9216

(2) WOU email         [taylors@wou.edu](mailto:taylors@wou.edu)

(3) The Taylor Faculty Web Page / Class Web Site:

[https://people.wou.edu/~taylors](https://people.wou.edu/~taylors%20)

(4) The WOU standard ES202 Class Canvas Site via the WOU Portal:

https://www.wou.edu/portal

(5) In-Person Lecture / Lab Time

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**To better assess our individual situations and formulate a plan of action, the first homework assignment for you is to complete the short survey below, and return it to me via email attachment immediately as soon as possible, after you receive this:**

**Student Name:**

**Student ID / V No:**

**Email you check frequently:**

**Cell phone / text no.:**

**U.S. Postal Service Mailing Address Where You Live This Term?**

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A. Do you have a mobile device and cell phone service?  If so, what type of hardware Apple or Android?  Who is your cell phone carrier (Verizon, sprint, t-mobile... carrier pigeon?).  Provide explanation as needed.

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B. Do you have a remote internet connection, hard-wired or wireless for use with a laptop, desktop, ipad or other device?  What type of internet connection is being used?   Mobile hotspot? If so, what type of machine / operating system will you be using? Windows vs. Apple IOS?  Provide explanation as needed.

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C. Do you have a remote internet connection with enough speed to stream videos (for example from Netflix, Hulu, etc.)?  Do you have a glitchy, slow or limited connection at your remote location? Or is your internet speedy and functional?  Provide explanation as needed.

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D. Do you have remote access to a document scanning device (examples included desktop scanner, scan-printer combo, ipad camera, mobile phone camera)?  Provide explanation as needed.

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E. Do you have remote access and ability to use Microsoft Office or similar / alternative products (specifically Word, Excel, and Powerpoint)?  Provide explanation as needed. If you use Apple Products, do you have the ability to Scan and convert documents to a MS Word \*.docx or Adobe PDF format? All assignments will be scanned and/or digitally submitted via Canvas in a word document or adobe PDF Format. If you don’t have the ability to do this, let me know, and I will find help for you.

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F. Have you ever used WOU VDI system?  Have you ever used WOU VPN system? are you aware of the availability of these options?   Provide explanation as needed.

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G.  **Are you available for two in-person lab class meetings per week, as shown on the class schedule, Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:00-3:50 PM for the entirety of the winter term?**

*Note: if you are not available due to scheduling conflicts on any given week, not a problem, we will come up with a plan B alternative for you.*

Provide explanation / alternative meeting-scheduling needs below:

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H.  Please briefly list any other topics of interest, questions or concerns you have about this class. I am here to help you be successful and get the job done effectively and efficiently:

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1. What is your preferred class modality, in general (circle all that apply):
   1. In-Person: Synchronous
      1. Meet one day per week
      2. Meet two days per week
      3. Meet three days per week
   2. Online: Asynchronous
   3. Online: Synchronous
   4. Hybrid: mix of in-person synchronous and online asynchronous
   5. Other (please explain):

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**Check your WOU email frequently (daily at least), I will be using it as a primary means of getting the class started, making class announcements and directing you to the appropriate internet resources to be successful in the class.**

Cheers to a successful term. I’m here to help… Dr. Taylor.