

Eighth-Grade Science, Part 2 (GSCI-037-S003)

Syllabus

Course Learning Outcomes

There are four main areas that you should master during this course:

- Describe the theories accounting for the history of the earth.
- Explain the air, weather, and water patterns of Earth.
- Describe the movement of Earth's continents and the origin of volcanoes and earthquakes.
- Distinguish between rocks and minerals and describe how both are formed.

Course Materials

- There is no textbook that goes along with this course; it is a self-contained course. All of the information you need can be found in the units throughout this course.
- If you have access to a physical science or life science (primarily physical science) textbook, you should consult it from time to time and try some practice problems. The more practice you get, the more logical and intuitive eighth-grade science will become to you.

Assignments

You will complete these assignments during the course.

You will be responsible for submitting six unit quizzes corresponding to the six units, plus two review quizzes. There are Self Check questions throughout each unit that are good practice questions, and they are not graded.

Exams

You will complete one proctored final exam for this course. See the Exam Preparation page for details.

This course has a final exam with 58 multiple-choice questions.

Grading

Your grade in this course will be based on these assignments and exams:

Assignment or Exam	Grading	Percent of Total Grade
6 Unit Quizzes	Computer	60%
2 Review Quizzes	Computer	10%
1 Proctored Final Exam*	Computer	30%

* You must pass the final exam with at least a 60% to earn credit for the course.

Grade Scale

Your letter grade is calculated according to these percentages.

A	100% – 93%
A–	92% – 90%
B+	89% – 86%
B	85% – 83%
B–	82% – 80%
C+	79% – 76%
C	75% – 73%
C–	72% – 70%
D+	69% – 66%
D	65% – 63%

D–	62% – 60%
E (fail)	59% – 0%