Class Web
http://ijolite.geology.uiuc.edu/06FallClass/geo432/
Please check the web for general information, announcements, lecture notes, useful links, etc.

Syllabus and Notes
Reading assignments and lecture notes will be posted in Syllabus and Notes.

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Required Textbook
Introduction to Optical Mineralogy, 3rd Edition, by William D. Nesse

Exams
Exam schedule
Exam schedule can be found in Syllabus and Notes.
Exams will take place in the classroom unless otherwise announced.
All grades will be posted on Illinois Compass.

Preparation for exams
The lecture exams will emphasize material covered in lectures. Focus on the topics that are covered in lectures, and spend less time on topics that are mentioned briefly or not at all.

It is very important that you attend lectures and take good notes. A summary of each lecture will be available in Syllabus and Notes. However, this is not a substitute for your personal notes. Taking good notes and studying them on a regular basis is the best way to absorb the material presented in lecture.

The lab exams will be similar to your lab exercises. For your lab exercises, you are allowed to work together with your classmate(s). During the lab exams, you must work independently. To prepare for the lab exams, make sure that you can work out the exercises on your own.
Preliminary Grading Procedure
10%  Homework assignments (5)
30%  Lab exercises (20)
10%  First lecture exam
10%  First lab exam
10%  Second lecture exam
10%  Second lab exam
10%  Final lecture exam
10%  Final lab exam

>95%  A+
90-95%  A
85-89%  A-
80-84%  B+
75-79%  B
70-74%  B-
65-69%  C+
60-64%  C
55-60%  C-
50-54%  D
<50%  F

Conflict and Make-up Exams
Available only if you have valid excuses.
• If you have a valid reason to request a make-up exam, please see the instructor at least one week before the scheduled exam.
• Personal travel or exams or assignments in other course are NOT acceptable excuses except under special circumstances.
• If you have a medical or family emergencies immediately before an exam, please contact the instructor as soon as possible

Extra Credit
Extra credits will be given to those who help the TA set up or clean up the labs. One person is needed at a time. For each lab, you earn 0.5 point toward the final score. The maximum extra credit each person can earn is 2 points.