

G161/G207 – Fee Proposal

Proposed Fee: \$222.30/student

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Abstract:

G161 - Landscape Evolution is a new field-based geology course currently making its way through the curriculum process. The anticipated first offering of this course is Summer Term 2021. However, we will be offering G207 (which is already on the books) as a “place-holder” for Summer 2020. We are anticipating a similar itinerary, so the fee should be similar. G161/207 is based on a 10-day field trip in the Central Oregon Cascades. Field locations will include Crater Lake National Park! We will camp at Broken Arrow Group Campground to reduce driving time and expense, and to enhance the immersive experience.

As a veteran of numerous field courses, this “total immersion” may be the most significant educational benefit – in just 10 days, students emerge thinking (and perhaps looking and smelling) like geologists. There is no more effective way to deliver this experience than a 24/7 immersion.

There will be two paid instructors (myself and a part-time faculty member), and two volunteers to help with cooking, driving and field safety. With an enrollment cap at 20 students, this will total 24 people. We will use three COCC vehicles. The third vehicle will allow staff to run errands, or if necessary to transport a student back to Bend, all without impacting the ability of the remaining students to access the field. Food will be prepared and eaten communally (with deference to dietary restrictions) to reduce costs, complexity and transportation, and for again enhancing the shared experience of camp life. Staff food costs will be subsidized by student fee.

Fee Justification:

- Camping costs for 9 nights at Broken Arrow Group Site (\$70/night) = \$630 = \$31.50/student
- Food costs for 9 full days (27 meals) = \$12.50/person/day = \$2700
 - Staff food costs subsidized by students: \$2700/20 = \$135.00/student
- COCC Van Transportation [(~454 miles x 3 vehicles x \$0.82/mile)/20 students] = \$55.80/student
- Precedent: Forestry field courses (e.g., FOR 126) that incorporate significant travel and lodging costs charge a course fee.

Total per student = \$222.30