Petroleum Engineering 663  
*Formation Evaluation and the Analysis of Reservoir Performance*

Tentative Syllabus and Administrative Procedures  
Summer 2014

**Course Instructor/Supervisor:** (Classroom: RICH 313)  
*Modules 1&2:* T/Th 12:00-13:50  
*Module 3:* M/W/F 12:15-13:45

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**Text Materials:**

- **Petroleum Geosciences** (Ayers)  
  - All assigned reading will be provided as .pdf files

- **Formation Evaluation** (Schechter) (.pdf version will be provided)  

- **Analysis of Reservoir Performance** (Blasingame)  
  - Most (if not all) assigned reading will be provided as .pdf files

**Reference Materials:** Will be handed out or placed on an accessible website as needed.

1. Reference notes.  
2. Journal articles.  
3. Presentation materials.

**Basis for Grade:** (components given as percentage of total grade average)  

- Geology: Hwk/Quizzes/Projects (13.3333 percent), Exam 1 (20 percent)........33.33 percent  
- Formation Evaluation: Hwk/Quizzes/Projects (13.3333 percent), Exam 2 (20 percent)........33.33 percent  
- Reservoir Performance: Hwk/Quizzes/Projects (33.3333 percent).......................... 33.33 percent  
Total = 100.00 percent

**Grade Cutoffs:** (Percentages)  
A: < 90  B: 89.99 to 80  C: 79.99 to 70  D: 69.99 to 60  F: < 59.99

**Policies and Procedures:**

1. Students are expected to attend class **every session**.  
2. **Always** bring your textbook, notes, homework problems, and calculator to class.  
3. Homework and other assignments will be given at the lecture session. All work shall be done in an acceptable engineering manner; work done shall be as complete as possible. Assignments are due as stated. Late assignments will receive a grade of zero.  
4. Policy on Grading  
   a. It shall be the general policy for this class that homework and exams shall be graded on the basis of answers only — partial credit, if given, is given solely at the discretion of the instructor.  
   b. All work requiring calculations shall be properly and completely documented for credit.  
   c. All grading shall be done by the instructor, or under his supervision, and the decision of the instructor is final.  
5. Policy on Regrading  
   a. Only in very rare cases will exams be considered for regrading; *e.g.*, when the total number of points deducted is not consistent with the assigned grade. Partial credit (if any) is *not* subject to appeal.  
   b. Work which, while correct, cannot be followed, will be considered incorrect — and will not be considered for a grade change.  
   c. Grades assigned to homework problems will not be considered for regrading.  
   d. If regrading is necessary, the student is to submit a letter to the instructor explaining the situation that requires consideration for regrading and the material to be regraded must be attached to this letter. The letter and attached material must be received within one week from the date returned.
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6. The grade for a late assignment is zero. Homework will be considered late if it is not turned in at the start of class on the due date. If a student comes to class after homework has been turned in and after class has begun, the student's homework will be considered late and given a grade of zero. Late or not, all assignments must be turned in. A course grade of Incomplete will be given if any assignment is missing, and this grade will be changed only after all required work has been submitted.

7. Each student should review the University Regulations concerning attendance, grades, and scholastic dishonesty. In particular, anyone caught cheating on an examination or collaborating on an assignment where collaboration is not specifically allowed will be removed from the class roster and given an F (failure grade) in the course. Specifically, you are NOT AUTHORIZED to collaborate any individual assignment, exam, quiz, etc.; this includes discussions, sharing materials, etc. You are expressly FORBIDDEN from such actions on any and all assignments. You are only permitted to collaborate on assignments if the instructor specifically authorizes such collaborations, and then only for the assignment where such collaboration is authorized. Failure to abide by this guideline will invoke an F (failure grade) in the course or on the assignment, at the discretion of the instructor, based on the severity of the infraction.

Course Description

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with a working knowledge of the current methodologies used in geological description/analysis, formation evaluation (the analysis/interpretation of well log data), and the analysis of well performance data (the design/analysis/interpretation of well test and production data). The overall course objective is to provide the student with the ability to assess field performance and to optimize hydrocarbon recovery by analyzing/interpreting/integrating geologic, well log, and well performance data.

Course Objectives

The student should be able to perform the tasks given below for each course module.

Course Module 1: Petroleum Geosciences (Ayers)

- Identify components of a petroleum system; name and describe the organic sources of hydrocarbons.
- Describe the processes of thermal maturation, primary and secondary migration, and hydrocarbon trapping; name and describe 2 types of self-sourcing reservoirs.
- Describe the origin and significance of structural features, including folds, fractures, and traps; describe unconformities; describe the methods and tools used for structural evaluations and modeling.
- Explain and give examples of in-situ stress effects on absolute permeability and permeability anisotropy.
- Characterize clastic and carbonate reservoirs by describing the geometry, orientation, and continuity of sedimentary facies and their relations to flow units and reservoir quality.
- List examples of diagenetic effects on clastic and carbonate reservoir quality.
- Describe porosity-permeability relations in clastic and carbonate reservoirs; give examples of scalar effects on permeability determination.
- Explain/describe stratigraphic traps.
- Describe the methods, tools, and workflow for developing a reservoir model.

Course Module 2: Formation Evaluation (Schechter)

- Describe and explain the following operational aspects of open-hole logging:
  - Logging operations surface and downhole equipment.
  - Describe logging operation procedures.
  - Explain how to read a basic open-hole log from a standard triple combo tool.
  - Calculate volumetric estimate of original fluids in place

- Explain and apply the principles of operation and interpretation of the following logs:
  - Gamma Ray: demonstrate calculation of V_shale, determine gamma ray response for common rocks
  - Spontaneous Potential: demonstrate calculation of V_shale, calculation of formation water resistivity
  - Sonic: calculate sonic porosity, describe R_w technique
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- Neutron Density: describe gas and shale effect, determine neutron density crossplot porosity, determine lithology from neutron-density cross plot  
- Resistivity: describe resistivity measurements in terms of invasion diameter

- Apply the following techniques to calculate water saturation:  
  - Archie’s law  
  - Pickett plot  
  - Hingle plot  
  - Shaly sand analysis

**Course Module 3: Analysis of Reservoir Performance (Blasingame)**

- **Pressure Transient Analysis: (PTA)**  
  - Derive and apply the analysis and interpretation methodologies for pressure drawdown and pressure buildup tests — for liquid, gas, and multiphase flow systems (i.e., “conventional” plots and type curve analysis)  
  - Apply dimensionless solutions (“type curves”) and field variable solutions (“specialized plots”) for the following cases:  
    - Unfractured and fractured wells in infinite and finite-acting, homogeneous and dual porosity reservoirs.  
    - Variable-rate convolution (specialized plots).  
    - Pseudopressure and pseudotime concepts for the analysis of well test data for dry gas reservoir systems.

- **Production Analysis: (PA)**  
  - (Time-Rate) Perform “Decline Curve Analysis” (DCA) to estimate reserves and predict future performance.  
  - (Time-Rate-Pressure) Perform “model-based analysis” to estimate reservoir properties and reserves.

- Demonstrate the capability to integrate, analyze, and interpret well test and production data to characterize a reservoir in terms of reservoir properties and performance potential (field study project).

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**Module 1: Petroleum Geosciences (Ayers) Assignments, homework and reading materials will be posted in elearning**

June 03 T (Geol) Introduction; petrol. systems; source rocks; therm. mature; HC migration  
05 Th (Geol) Geologic time and principles, trapping mech; seals; struct. styles and features  
10 T (Geol) Structural assessment and traps; folds and fractures; unconformities  
12 Th (Geol) Geophysical methods in petroleum evaluation

June 17 T (Geol) Res. Characterization; stratigraphic analysis; classic and carbonate depositional systems; stratigraphic traps

19 Th (Geol) Reservoir properties and diagenesis

June 19 Th (Online examination assigned; due date 11 p.m., 22 June)

**Module 2: Formation Evaluation (Schechter)**

June 24 T (FrmEval) Logging procedures and format; Basic lithology measurements: SP and GR  
26 Th (FrmEval) Nuclear tools and interpretation basics; Acoustic tools

July 01 T (FrmEval) Crossplots I — Lithology-related functions  
03 Th (FrmEval) Resistivity methods I — Principles  
08 T FrmEval Resistivity methods II — Advanced measurements; Crossplots II — Saturation-related functions

July 10 T (FrmEval) Shaly-sand evaluation — Causes and effects; interpretation

**July 15 T Examination — Formation Evaluation?**

**Module 3: Analysis of Reservoir Performance (Blasingame)**

July 28 M (ResPrf) Analysis/Interpretation of Well Test Data — “Conventional” Analyses  
30 W (ResPrf) Analysis/Interpretation of Well Test Data — “Type Curve” Analyses

August 01 F (ResPrf) Analysis/Interpretation of Well Test Data — Design/Integration/Analysis

August 04 M (ResPrf) Analysis/Interpretation of Production Data — “Decline” Analyses

August 06 W (ResPrf) Analysis/Interpretation of Production Data — “Type Curve” Analyses

August 08 F (ResPrf) Analysis/Interpretation of Production Data — Integration/Forecasting

**August 11 M Examination — Analysis of Reservoir Performance**

There is no comprehensive final examination for this course — the timeslot for the final examination will be used as the final due date for assignments related to the Analysis of Reservoir Performance (Module 3).
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