

**Prerequisites:** One of the most important prerequisites is for students to be in good physical condition and be prepared for an intensive, 16 hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week group learning experience. Field-related assignments are due several times a week and writing assignments are due prior to and after the field portion of the course, culminating in a finished, edited report. Applicants should be junior or senior level Geoscience majors. There is some flexibility in the specific course prerequisites but those with Structural Geology, Stratigraphy and Sedimentology, Mineralogy, Petrology, substantial prior field experience and strong writing skills will be given first preference.

**General timing of the course:** We will spend ~2 days in Kingsville which will consist of some training and preparation for the field. We will then travel to Big Bend National Park and the Christmas Mountains where we will be camped for ~11 days at the Terlingua Ranch Lodge. We will return to Kingsville and spend the next ~12 days writing and editing final papers and drafting figures from the Big Bend trip, and begin the background research and writing for the Central Texas portion. We then travel to Central Texas and set up camp at the Buckley Field Station for ~12 days. Returning to Kingsville, students will spend ~6 days writing and drafting figures for the Central Texas field work. There will be a few scheduled days off.

**Writing Intensive Component:** This class fulfills the requirement for a discipline specific writing- intensive course at TAMUK. The final product is a professional, fully cited, edited report based on previous works and interpretations of field data collected by the student.

**Price:** For the 2016 Field Camp, the fee will be approximately $3200\*

This fee covers tuition, student fees, transportation from Kingsville to and from field sites and while in the field, food while in the field, camping fees and on-campus housing (if needed) while in Kingsville. It does not cover personal equipment, snacks, food while stationed in Kingsville and transportation to and from Kingsville. \*Pending acceptance by the University

Non-TAMUK students will also have to apply to Texas A&M University – Kingsville through ApplyTexas.org as a “transient” student which has a university fee of $25 (you need to apply to the university only after you are accepted by the TAMUK field camp faculty).

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| Personal Information: |  |
| Full Name:  | Full Address: |
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| Date of Birth: |  |
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| Phone Number: | Will you need housing at TAMUK for any part  |
|  | of the field school (Yes or No): |
| Email: | If no, where will you be commuting from for  |
|  | the Kingsville portion: |
| Current School: | K# (TAMUK students):  |

**Applications due by April 4, 2016 at noon.**

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| Course Work and Grades: |  |  |  |
|  Course title  | Grade | Course title  | grade |
| Introductory or Physical Geology |  | Paleontology |  |
| Historical Geology |  | Geomorphology/Surficial Processes |  |
| Sedimentology and Stratigraphy |  | Geochemistry |  |
| Structural Geology |  | Remote Sensing |  |
| Mineralogy |  | Others (list) |  |
| Petrology |  |  |  |
| Field Geology |  |  |  |
| GIS or GPS |  | Cumulative GPA |   |

**Personal Statement:** Please summarize the following and attach to this application. (1 – 2 pages maximum)

 Describe your prior field experience in geology.

 Describe any independent research you have completed or are working on.

 What are your educational and professional goals for the next year and for the next five years?

 Why did you apply to the TAMUK Field Camp?

**Emergency Contact Information:**  Please provide emergency contact information including name, phone numbers, address, Email and legal relationship:

List any allergies or special needs:

**Letter of Recommendation:**

Please provide the name and Email of the person writing your letter. Ask them to address your achievement, academics or work quality and field acumen. Please have the letter sent (or Emailed) to Dr. Ford and include the applicant’s name in the subject line.

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Email completed form, recommendation and personal statement to: **Mark.Ford@tamuk.edu**

Please use “TAMUK Field Camp Application – your name” as the subject.

Dates: May 15th – July 3rd

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For an electronic copy of this form or if you have questions please Email Dr. Ford.

 