Geology Maps Lab







EOSC105 Laboratory

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Some General Geologic Terms of Structure

Outcrop: Exposure of bedrock at earths surface



Formation: mappable body of rock with definite age, lithology, and external boundaries (contacts)



Contact: Boundary between adjacent rock bodies or structural elements



Some General Geologic Terms of Structure

Fold: Layered rock units that are bent



Fault: A planer disruption between adjacent blockd of rock with

Contact: Boundary between adjacent rock bodies or structural elements



Origin and Nature of Rock Deformation

A. Stress Leads to Strain

- ✓ Stress is an applied force over an area
- ✓ Strain is the deformation of a solid body

B. Different Types of Stress

- ✓ Tensional = pulling apart forces
- Compressional = pushing together forces
- ✓ Shear = grinding past each other force

C. Different Types of Strain

- ✓ Brittle = breaking into pieces
- \checkmark Ductile = changing shape without breaking
- Elastic = deformed body returns to normal shape after stress released
- Plastic = deformed body remains deformed after stress released







Resultant Rock Strain from Specific Stresses

A. Undeformed Strata

✓ Original Horizontal layering

B. Compressional Stresses

- ✓ Shorten horizontally
- ✓ Thicken vertically
- ✓ Folding and Reverse Faulting

C. Tensional Stresses

- ✓ Lengthen horizontally
- ✓ Thin vertically
- ✓ Tilting and Normal Faulting

D. Shear Stresses

- Lateral displacement
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Geologic Structures



Rock Layering



Tilted Rock Layers







Faulted Rock Layers

Folds and Faults



General Geologic Terms of Folds

Folds: Buckled layers of rock formed by compressive stresses



Anticline: Upwards-buckled fold with oldest rock at center and outward-dipping limbs

Syncline: Downwards-buckled fold with oldest rock at center and outward-dipping limbs

Fold Basics









Fold Basics





Fault Terminology







Types of Faults







Thrust Fault

Normal Fault

Reverse Fault



Strike-Slip Fault

What is a Geology Map

- 1) A map that displays the types of rocks and sediment exposed at the surface
- 2) Displays the spatial orientation of rock units and rock structures like folds and faults.
- 3) Geology information is typically overlain on a topographic base map



Geology Map Key or Explanation

1) The map key lists and explains the geologic rock formations and the structural symbols

- ✓ Rock Names
- ✓ Rock Types
- ✓ Rock Ages
- ✓ Contacts
- ✓ Strike and Dip
- ✓ Faults and Folds

2) Each rock unit has a unique letter symbol and is color-coded

MAP KEY

af - Antificial Fill (Historic)		Contact
ař - Articial Leves Fil (Historic)		Contact, approximately located
		Contact, inferred
Ghaf - Alluvial Fan Deposits (Holocene)		Contact, concealed
Ghtp - Floodplain Deposits (Holocene)		Feut
Qhb - Flood Basin Deposits (Holocene)		Fault, approximately located
Chibs - Salt Affected Rood Basin Deposits (Holocene)		Fault, interned
	?	Feut, uncertain
Chi - Natural Levee Deposits (hotocene)		Fault, concealed
Opaf - Alluvial Fan Deposits (Pleistocene)	?	Fault, concealed and uncertain
Opoat - Older Alluvial Fan Deposits (Pleistocene)		Oblique fault with thrust or reverse component
Tv - Unnamed volcanic rocks (Miccone)		Oblique fault with thrust or reverse component, approximately located
Tor - Orinda conglomerate (Miccane)		
Tbr - Briones sandstone (Miccene)	- ** -	Oblique fault with thrust or reverse component, inferred
Tt - Tice shale (Miccene)	- - -? - -	Oblique fault with thrust or reverse component, uncertain
Tos - Claremont shale (Miccene)		
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3) Map key is vital to understanding the accompanying geology map

Geologic Maps – Devil's Fence Quad



Rock Formations and Geologic Time

- 1) All geologic rock formations have a specific assigned age
- 2) All geologic rock formations have a specific range of lithology
- 3) Rock formations are listed in a temporally-ordered sequence in the "explanation" of a geologic map
- 4) Each rock formations has an assigned geologic period
- Geologic period assignments of formations are further divided into lower (older), middle, and upper (younger)



Rock Formations and Contacts on a Geologic Map

1) Rock formations, contacts and structural elements are illustrated in a geologic map and cross sections

2) A geology map depicts the types of rock that crop out at the earth's surface over a given area of the earth, including the type of contact between adjacent rock formations.

3) Contacts types include depositional, erosional, intrusion, and tectonic/fault



A Complete Geologic Map





Usefulness of Geology Maps

1) Geology maps have many vital uses:

- ✓ Mineral Prospecting
- ✓ Engineering
- ✓ Faullting/Earthquakes
- ✓ Natural Hazards
- ✓ Historical geology
- ✓ Landform studies
- 2) Geology maps are even useful when buying a home. Why?



Geologic Maps of California



post-Cretaceous sedimentary rocks
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Cretaceous
105-120 ma gabbroic and granitic rocks
98-93 ma granitic rocks
Triassic (?) Julian Schist

Generalized Geologic Map of San Diego County



UBMARINE CONTOUR INTERVALS 500 1000 FEET, DATUM IS SEA LEVEL 1966

SCALE 1:2 500 000

Geologic Maps – Artwork?



Union County Geology

The map below is a scan from the Geologic Map of Pennsylvania (1980) focusing on Union County. The location of Bucknell University is represented by the green circle located along the eastern portion of the map. Descriptions for the rock types have been modified from the original map to more accurately describe the geology of the Union County area (from mapping by Dr. Richard P. Nickelsen, Bucknell University).

EXPLANATION FOR THE ROCK TYPES IN THE LEWISBURG AREA

- Dh Hamilton Group Gray, brown and olive shale, siltstone; marine fossils; char. by coarsening upward cycles. Black carbonaceous shale with Tioga Bentonite at base.
- Doo Onondaga and Old Port Formations Gray calcareous shale; argiliaceous limestone; marine fossils. Dark gray chert interbedded with calcareous shale and limestone; very fossiliferous.
- Dskt Keyser and Tonoloway Formations Gray coarse-grained limestone; highly fossiliferous. Gray, fine-grained platy limestone; poorly fossiliferous.
- Swc Wills Creek Formation Greenish gray shale, mudstone and minor limy beds; all rock types limy; unfossiliferous.
- Sbm Bloomsburg and Mlifflintown Formations Red sandstone, shale and mudstone. Gray shaly fossilferous limestone; dark gray shale; coarse calcareous sandstone.
- Sc Clinton Group (mostly Rose Hill Fm.) Greenish gray shale with interbeds of It, gray sandstone; highly fossiliferous in places. Includes ferruginous sandstone.

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St Tuscarora Formation Light gray to white, fine to medium-grained sandstone; prominent ridge-maker.

- Juniata Formation Grayish-red siltstone, shale, and fine to medium-grained crossbedded sandstone.
- Obe Bald Eagle Formation

Gray to olive gray, and grayish red, fine to coarse-grained crossbedded sandstone; some conglomerate.