Course Number GEO-209-01 **Course Description** Climate is fundamentally relevant to modern and ancient societies. Global warming is occurring today, and whether it is driven by human activities (e.g., CO2, CH4 emissions) or by natural climate cycles can only be determined by understanding natural climatic variability. Fortunately, there are many tools, and natural climatic records, which can provide us with information on past climate (e.g. tree rings, ice cores from glaciers, and sediment cores from lakes and oceans). Obtaining, documenting and interpreting these records is the field of paleoclimatology, and it is the focus of this course. Past climate variability is used to highlight possible scenarios of future climate change. Academic Term 20/FA Instructor Rodbell, Donald Location & Meeting Time Synchronous Online-ONLI M/W/F 12:20PM-01:25PM LEC Petition Y Credits 1.00 Capacity 11 **Total Students** 8 Additional Information http://www.union.edu/Geology Interdisciplinary Programs **Environmental Science & Policy** Academic Department Geology Field Of Study Geology (GEO)