**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 that 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 22/WI Instructor Rodbell, Donald Location & Meeting Time Olin Building-306+ T/TH 10:55AM-12:40PM LEC Credits 1.00 Capacity 15 **Total Students** 13 Additional Information http://www.union.edu/Geology Common Curriculum SCLB Science w/Lab Interdisciplinary Programs Environmental Science & Policy Academic Department Geosciences Field Of Study Geosciences (GEO)