GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: WINTER 2010
GEOGRAPHY 205
H(3-0) Area III

Gateway to Geography

Timetable: **M,W,F 10:00-10:50 ST 148**

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Please note: The appropriate emergency evacuation assembly point for classes taught in Science Theatres is Social Science Food Court.

Official Course Description:

The chief aim of this course is to introduce students to the basics of physical and human geography. The discussion will focus on interrelationships between various physical and cultural phenomena, as related to contemporary world affairs and issues. Specific examples and issues will be discussed in a global context.

There will be a number of guest lecturers by specialists in various areas of geography. The exact schedule will be announced in class as it becomes available. Specific topics introduced and discussed in the course will include:

Major topics:

- Essentials of geography
- Location, maps, scale and projections
- Weather
- Water resources
- Glaciers and glacial landforms
- Ecosystems and biodiversity
- Nature and society
- Global population patterns & population demographics
- Geography of cultural systems
- Global population patterns & population demographics
- Agriculture and food production
- Politics of territory and space
- Urbanization: growth and planning
- Applications of geographic information science

Text(s)/Readings:
Gateway to Geography, 9th edition: a compilation of excerpts from Christopherson and Byrne (2009) *Canadian Geosystems, 2nd Ed.* and Knox et al. (2009) *Human Geography: Places and Regions in Global Context, 3rd Canadian Ed.*, prepared by Pearson Custom Publishing. Available at the U of C Bookstore.

Blackboard:
Course materials will be available on the Blackboard under “Course Documents”.

Grading:

Session quizzes ……	30%
Mid-term exam ……	30%
Final exam (scheduled by the Registrar) ……	40%

Grading System:

96-100	A+	77-80	B	59-61	C-
90-95	A	71-76	B-	55-58	D+
86-89	A-	65-70	C+	50-54	D
81-85	B+	62-64	C	0-49	F

For additional detailed course information posted by the Instructor see Blackboard at: http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/

Plagiarism

Academic dishonesty is not an acceptable activity at the University of Calgary and students are **strongly advised** to read the Student Misconduct section in the University Calendar. Quite often, students are unaware of what constitutes academic dishonesty or plagiarism. The most common are 1) presenting another student's work as your own 2) presenting an author's work or ideas as your own without proper referencing and 3) using work completed for another course. This activity will not be tolerated in this course and students conducting themselves in this manner will be dealt with according to the procedures outlined in the calendar.

Disability Resource Centre Accommodations

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

Re: Posting of Grades and Picking-up of Assignments

- All assignments will be handles on Blackboard.
- Their own grades will be available to each student on Blackboard by password access. Grades will **not** be available at Geography's main office.

Contact Information for Student and Faculty Representation

- SU VP Academic Phone: 220-3911 and e-mail: suvpaca@ucalgary.ca
- SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 and e-mail: socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca

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