



GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: WINTER 2017

GEOGRAPHY 205 H(3-0) Area III

Gateway to Geography

Section	Days	Time	Location
LEC 02	Tu Th	14:00 – 15:15	EEEL 161

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The emergency evacuation assembly point for all classes taught in ICT is Social Science Food Court.

Official Course Description:

An overview of human and physical environments, their inter-relationships and their relevance to environmental issues and world affairs. Major topics are drawn from current global issues where location matters. Specific examples are discussed in a global context and vary by term.

NOTE: Not open to students with credit in Geography 201, 203, 211, 251 or 253 (Urban Studies 253)

Text:

University of Calgary GEOG 205 Gateway to Geography Custom Book. Chapters from “Human Geography: Places and Regions in Global Context” (Knox, P.L., Marston, S.A., Imort, M., Nash, A.E.), 2013. Pearson Press Inc., Canada

Note: Additional readings may be posted on D2L web site.

Grading:

Mid-term exam # 1	(26.5%) - Feb 7
Mid-term exam # 2	(26.5%) - Mar 9
Top Hat quizzes	(10%)
Weekly quizzes	(10%)
Final exam	(27%) - Registrar scheduled

It is not essential to pass all elements/components to pass the course as a whole.

Grading System:

A+	> 95.5	C+	64.5 – 70
A	89.5 – 95	C	61.5 – 64
A-	85.5 – 89	C-	58.5 – 61
B+	80.5 – 85	D+	54.5 – 58
B	76.5 – 80	D	49.5 – 54
B-	70.5 – 76	F	< 50

For additional detailed course information posted by the Instructor see D2L at:
<http://D2L.ucalgary.ca/>

Course Schedule (subject to change)

Wk	Date	GEOG 205 CONTENT	Required Reading	Instructor
Part I: Geography of the human environment				
1	Jan 10 Jan 12	<u>Topic 00</u> : Course Introduction <u>Topic 01</u> : What is Geography?		Williams Williams
2	Jan 17 Jan 19	<u>Topic 02</u> : Population Dynamics and Demographics	pp. 1-42	Williams Williams
3	Jan 24 Jan 26	<u>Topic 03</u> : Economic Development Geography	pp. 87-131	Williams Williams
4	Jan 31 Feb 2	<u>Topic 04</u> : Dimensions of Human Geography	pp. 44-86 pp. 134-180	Williams Williams
5	Feb 7	Exam 1 (26.5% of final grade)		Williams
Part II: Physical Geography – The Dynamic Earth				
5	Feb 9	<u>Topic 05</u> : Earth System Dynamics		Hugenholtz Hugenholtz
6	Feb 14 Feb 16	<u>Topic 05</u> : Earth System Dynamics (cont) <u>Topic 06</u> : Earth System Dynamics (cont)		Hugenholtz Hugenholtz
7	Feb 21 Feb 23	Family Day (followed by reading days) Reading Week - No classes Reading Week - No classes		
8	Feb 28 Mar 2	<u>Topic 06</u> : Earth System Dynamics (cont) <u>Topic 07</u> : Earth System Dynamics (cont)		Hugenholtz Hugenholtz
9	Mar 7 Mar 9	<u>Topic 08</u> : Earth System Dynamics (cont) Exam 2 (26.5% of final grade)		Hugenholtz Hugenholtz
10	Mar 14	Review		Hugenholtz
Part IV: Human-Physical Interactions				
10	Mar 16	<u>Topic 09</u> : Impacts of climate change: society		Goldblum
11	Mar 21 Mar 23	<u>Topic 09</u> : Impacts of climate change: society <u>Topic 10</u> : Impact of climate change: ecosystems		Goldblum

12	Mar 28 Mar 30	<u>Topic 10</u> : Impact of climate change: ecosystems (continued) <u>Topic 11</u> : Energy systems: conventional and renewable		Goldblum Goldblum
13	Apr 4 Apr 6	<u>Topic 12</u> : Humans and biodiversity loss		Goldblum Goldblum
14	Apr 11			Goldblum
End Winter Session - Registrar Scheduled Final Exam (27% of final grade)				

ADDITIONAL COURSE INFORMATION (subject to change)

For additional detailed course information posted by the Instructor Desire2Learn at <https://d2l.ucalgary.ca/d2l/home>

How to contact your instructors

Contact all your instructors via D2L. Use the email function within D2L. We will NOT answer emails that are sent directly to our email addresses. This is important because when you send an email through D2L it adds the name of the course to the subject line. This allows us to identify your emails easily in the flood of other emails we receive every day. Your professors will be instructing ~ 700 students this term so please appreciate that you may not receive a response immediately; furthermore, emails will be responded to during **weekday** hours (9:00am – 5:00pm). If possible we will respond to your question in class so that all participants can benefit from the discussion.

Recommendations regarding the formality of your emails

We require that all emails sent to us be written formally. Consider these to be formal letters NOT TWEETS.

Exams

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1. Midterm exams (X2) **(26.5% each)**
 - a. They will each be a 50 minute exam conducted in class (see schedule)
 - b. The material examined will be explained in the lecture
 - c. The format will be exclusively multiple choice – expect 50 questions
2. Final exam **(27%)**
 - a. It will be a 2 hour exam scheduled by the registrar on the entire course however there will be an emphasis on part III.
 - b. The format will be exclusively multiple choice

Hints (how to excel in Geog 205):

1. Attend all lectures. Attendance is closely linked to success in any course.
2. Be ready to engage in the course material and ask questions.
3. Textbook readings are intended to supplement and reinforce the concepts presented in the lecture, but **ARE NOT** substitutes for attending the lecture. Do not make the mistake of thinking that you can "just read the textbook" and do well in the course.
4. D2L will be used extensively to communicate outside of lecture periods. All lectures, grades, and updates/corrections to the course materials will be provided on D2L. We suggest that you consult D2L every morning in the event of changes, cancellations etc.
5. Ask questions of your professors. That is why we are here. Your professors will have office hours throughout the term. I urge you to take advantage of these opportunities.

USRI

At the University of Calgary, feedback provided by students through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses (www.ucalgary.ca/usri). Your responses make a difference - please participate in USRI Surveys.

Writing across the Curriculum

Writing skills are not exclusive to English courses and, in fact, should cross all disciplines. The University supports the belief that throughout their University careers, students should be taught how to write well so that when they graduate their writing abilities will be far above the minimal standards required at entrance. Consistent with this belief, students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing in their University courses and, where appropriate, members of faculty can and should use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Support Services can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance.

Principles of Conduct

The University of Calgary Calendar includes a statement on the Principles of conduct expected of all members of the University community (including students, faculty, administrators, any category of staff, practicum supervisors and volunteers) whether on or off the University's property. This statement applies in all situations where the members of the University community are acting in their University capacities. All Members of the University Community have a responsibility to familiarize themselves with this statement which is available at: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/j-2.html>

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. <http://www.ucalgary.ca/honesty/plagiarism>

Academic Accommodations:

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the university policies and procedures listed below. The student accommodation policy can be found at: www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf

Students needing an accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities. The procedure can be found at: www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/procedure-for-accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities_0.pdf

Students needing an accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, in writing, to the Instructor.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

FOIP: The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) legislation disallows the practice of having students retrieve assignments from a public place, e.g., outside instructor's office, the department office, etc. Term assignments will be returned to students individually, during class or during the instructor's office hours; if students are unable to pick up their assignments from the instructor, they

provide the instructor with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to be used for the return of the assignment.

Re: Posting of Grades and Picking-up of Assignments

- All assignments will be handled through D2L or personally.
- Their own grades will be available to each student on D2L 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: arts1@ucalgary.ca

The students ombudsman office information can be found at:

<http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/page/affordability-accessibility/su-structure/contact-info>

Campus Safewalk

Campus Security, in partnership with the Students' Union, provides the Safewalk service, 24 hours a day, to any location on Campus including the LRT, parking lots, bus zones and University residences. Contact Campus Security at 220-5333 or use a help phone, and Safewalkers or a Campus Security officer will accompany you to your Campus destination.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Students Centre is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS 102, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at ascarts@ucalgary.ca you can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210 7625 or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Contact for Students Union Representatives for the Faculty of Arts:

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