



GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: FALL 2010

GEOGRAPHY 211 (formerly Geography 201) H(3-3) Area III

The Physical Environment

Instructor (1st half): Dr. John Yackel Room: ES408
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Instructor (2nd half): Dr. Darren Sjogren Room: ES406
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Please note: the emergency evacuation assembly point for classes taught in Earth Sciences is ICT Food Court.

Official Course Description:

Introduction to the physical elements of the environment such as weather, climate, hydrology, landforms, soils, vegetation and the processes producing variations of these elements on the surface of the earth. The social implications of environmental change, disasters, and hazards are emphasized.

Prerequisite:

Geography 205 or admission to the Major or Minor in Geography, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Latin American Studies, Transportation Studies or Urban Studies or the Honours BA or BSc in Archaeology.

Supplementary Fees:

No supplementary fee has been assessed for this course.

Required Text:

Christopherson, R. and Byrne, M-L. 2009. Geosystems: An introduction to physical geography, second Canadian edition. Pearson Prentice Hall.

Grading (Weighting):

Midterm Exam: 30%
Final Exam: 30% (To be scheduled by the registrar)
Lab Exam #1: 20%
Lab Exam #2: 10%
Term Assignment: 10%

There is a final examination for this course. The final examination will be scheduled by the Registrar's Office. It is not essential to pass all elements/components to pass the course as a whole.

Term Assignment Policy:

Assignments will not be accepted after 4:30 pm on Friday, December 10, 2010. A grade of 0% will be assigned after unless accompanied by a medical doctor's note. They must be submitted digitally through Blackboard (instructions will be given). No exceptions will be made.

Grading System:

A+	> 93	C+	69 – 72.99
A	89 – 92.99	C	65 – 68.99
A-	85 – 88.99	C-	61 – 64.99
B+	81 – 84.99	D+	57 – 60.99
B	77 – 80.99	D	50 – 56.99
B-	73 – 76.99	F	< 50

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

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.