



## GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: FALL 2010

### GEOGRAPHY 231 H(3-3) Area III

#### Introduction to Geospatial Methods

Timetable:	LEC 01	MoWeFri	09:00 - 09:50	ES 443
	LAB 01	Mo	13:00-16:00	ES307
	LAB 02	Tu	11:00-14:00	ES307
	LAB 03	Th	14:00-17:00	ES307

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#### Official Course Description:

An introduction to cartography, coordinate systems, remote sensing, geographic information systems, qualitative methods and descriptive spatial statistics.

#### Prerequisite:

GEOG 205 or admission to the Major or Minor in Geography, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Urban Studies, Latin American Studies or Transportation Studies

#### Text(s)/Readings:

1. Custom Compilation for this course available in UofC bookstore; also available as e-book. Additional readings supplied.
2. Northey, Knight and Draper: 2009. Making Sense in Geography and Environmental Sciences.

#### Grading (Weighting):

Lab assignments:		49%
Lab 1	5%	
Lab 2	5%	
Lab 3	6%	
Lab 4	7%	
Lab 5	8%	
Lab 6	9%	
Lab 7	9%	
Midterm tests: 2 @ 12%		24%
Final Exam		27%

**The final examination will be scheduled by the Registrar's Office.**

**The overall weighted average will determine passing: it is not necessary to pass specific individual modules to pass the course.**

**Grading policies:** The only acceptable reasons for missing an examination or assignment in this class, as listed in the Deferral of Final Examinations section of the University of Calgary Calendar are illness, domestic affliction, or religious conviction. If you miss an examination, and you provide the appropriate documentation, you will have one opportunity to make arrangements for the missed work. Without appropriate documentation, you will receive a zero for that portion of your grade. Assignments are subject to the same policy, however arranging an alternative submission date within 1 week of the

original deadline may be arranged for cause in advance of the due date. **Technical difficulties are not considered adequate excuses for late submission:** instructions for dealing with technical problems will be given on the Blackboard site.

### **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

All grade averages will be rounded to the nearest full point using ordinary rounding rules. Any grading done by awarding a letter grade will be averaged using the midpoint of that grade (e.g. B will use 78.5).

**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 handed in, graded and returned in digital format using 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. An announcement will be placed on the course Blackboard site when specific grades have been completed; please do not contact TA or instructor about a grade before it is posted.

### **Contact Information for Student and Faculty Representation**

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