



GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: WINTER 2011

GEOGRAPHY 251 (formerly Geography 203) H(3-3) Area II

The Human Environment

Section	Days	Times	Location
LEC01	MoWeFr	13:00-13:50	ES 443
LAB01	We	09:00-11:45	ES 319
LAB02	Th	08:00-10:45	ES 319
LAB03	Fr	14:00-16:45	ES 319

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Please note: The emergency evacuation assembly point for all classes taught in Earth Sciences is ICT Food Court.

Official Course Description:

The study of people, their origins, culture, technology, economy and impact on the environment. The manner in which people attempt to impose order upon the surface of the earth. Concepts of relative location are introduced with particular regard to both the external orientation and the internal organization of urban areas.

Prerequisite:

Geography 205 or admission to the Major or Minor in Geography, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Urban Studies, Latin American Studies or Transportation Studies, Bachelor of Health Sciences, Urban Studies, or the Major in East Asia.

Supplementary Fees: (*field trips etc*). N/A.

Textbook(s)

Knox, Paul L. and Sallie A. Marston 2010. Human Geography: Places and Regions in Global Context, Third Canadian Edition. Pearson Education Canada, Don Mills ON (required)

The textbook will be available at UofC Bookstore as a specially priced textbook package together with *Goode's World Atlas* and Mann and Kump's (2009) *Dire Predictions – The Illustrated Guide to the Findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change* (recommended; access to these two will be required for parts of the semester).

Grading (Weighting):

(1) Lab assignments	40%
(2) Mid-term exam (TBA)	20%
(3) Final exam (scheduled by the Registrar)	40%

Lab sessions will begin in the second week of classes (Jan 19-21). Dates of subsequent labs will be posted on Blackboard by the TA. Lab exercises will where possible complement the classroom studies.

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/>

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 Centre in the Effective Writing Office 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.

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.

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

- Instructions for all assignments will be available on Blackboard.
- Students will have access to their own grades 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: suypaca@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.