GEOG 280 LEC01 Thinking Spatially in a Digital World
GFC Hours 3-1/2T
Fall 2022 classes: September 6th – December 7th, 2022

Section | Days | Time       | Location |
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LEC 01   | TR   | 9:30-10:45AM | CHC119   |
T01      | T    | 12:30-1:20PM | ES307    |
T02      | T    | 12:30-1:20PM | ES307    |
T03      | W    | 10:00-10:50AM | ES307   |
T04      | W    | 10:00-10:50AM | ES307   |
T05      | R    | 12:30-1:20PM | ES415    |
T06      | R    | 12:30-1:20PM | ES415    |
T07      | R    | 4:00-4:50PM  | ES307    |
T08      | R    | 4:00-4:50PM  | ES307    |

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Office: 
Telephone: 
Email: 

Email communication will be through your UCalgary email address.

Office hours:

The Department of Geography condemns the longstanding and continued injustices against those marginalized by racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, classism, xenophobia, able-bodied normativity, mental health profiling, and other forms of prejudice. We are pained by the fact that injustices are unevenly borne. [https://arts.ucalgary.ca/news/anti-racism-statement](https://arts.ucalgary.ca/news/anti-racism-statement)

Territorial Acknowledgement
The Department of Geography would also like to acknowledge the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in southern Alberta. The City of Calgary is also home to Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III. [https://www.ucalgary.ca/indigenous/cultural-protocol](https://www.ucalgary.ca/indigenous/cultural-protocol)

Official Course Description
Introduces mapping technologies and digital spatial data for solving geographical problems that focus on how to collect, manage, analyze, and communicate diverse spatial data. Topics include geographic information systems (GIS), remote sensing, spatial statistics, geovisualization, cartography, and web mapping.

Course Objectives
The goal of this course is to introduce the wide array of digital mapping and geospatial tools and technologies used in geography and other fields, which increasingly underpin contemporary digital society. Together, we will examine the use of geospatial data and technologies in everyday life. Some key application areas will include recreation, disaster management, precision agriculture, climate change and more. Topics will be explored to both help our thinking about how the tools of digital mapping represent the world, consider the message and ethics of those representations, and data ownership.

Course Learning Outcomes
The Department of Geography is committed to student knowledge and skill development. The table below lists the key learning outcomes for this course, the program-learning outcomes to which they contribute, and the expected level of achievement.

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<td>Consider how maps represent, create, and recreate places and spaces</td>
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<td>Describe how knowledge is produced through geospatial technologies and practices</td>
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Recognize geospatial-related applications

*PLOs = Program Learning Outcomes: 1 = reflect and communicate diverse human-environment perspectives, 2 = identify and explain human-environment processes, 3 = implement sampling, data collection, analyses and communication methods, 4 = analyze spatial and temporal aspects of human-environment systems, 5 = employ knowledge, arguments, and methodologies for solving human-environment problems, 6 = evaluate geospatial data and manipulate it to create cartographic products, 7 = communicate geographic concepts using oral, written, graphic, and cartographic modes, and 8 = demonstrate literacy skills.

Prerequisites
There are no prerequisites for this course.

Course Format
You will be expected to complete all course assignments except for the exams outside of scheduled class time. Exams will be in-person only (with exceptions made for those who need to take them online).

Learning Resources
There is no required textbook for this course. A bibliography of readings will be assigned for each topic.

Assessment Methods

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- There will NOT be a registrar-scheduled final exam in this class.
- It is not essential to pass all elements/components to pass the course as a whole.
- Only pens, pencils and erasers are allowed in exams. No other materials or devices are allowed.
- Late assignments will be assessed a penalty unless accompanied by the documentation indicated in the section “Policy on Late Assignments” (below).

Policy on Late Assignments
Most deliverables will be submitted through D2L and, as a result, will be automatically time stamped. A deliverable is considered late if the time stamp is later than the published due date/time indicated. Deliverables received within 1 minute to 24 hours of the due date will be assessed a 10% penalty. This means if your assignment receives a grade of 78% it will be entered as 68% (78 - 10= 68) on the grade sheet. If it is received between 24 and 48 hours, it will be assessed a 20% penalty. If the assignment is received greater than 48 hours from the due date it will be assessed a penalty of 30%, and so forth.

Grading System

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Flexible Grade Option (CG Grade)
https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/f-1-3.html

Additional Course Information
In the event that a student misses a midterm or any course work due to illness, supporting documentation, such as a medical note or a statutory declaration may be requested https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/m-1.html Please refer to https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/registration/appeals/student-faq for frequently asked questions concerning the provision of a medical note/statutory declaration.
Exams & Deferrals  https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/exams

Supplementary Fees
No supplementary fee has been assessed for this course.

Referencing Standard
In written work presented in this class, I will accept any reference style you wish to use. However, I do have a strong affinity for the APA (https://bit.ly/3Qgp176) style first, and the SAGE Harvard (https://bit.ly/3RxXyPs) reference style second. These are used or adapted for most geography journals.

Important Dates
The last day to drop this course and receive a tuition fee refund is Thursday, September 15th, 2022. The last day to add or swap a course for Fall 2022 is Friday, September 16th, 2022. The last day to withdraw from this course is Wednesday, December 7th, 2022. Please note that the University is closed on Friday, September 30th; Monday, October 10th; and Friday, November 11th, 2022.

For additional detailed course information posted by the instructor, visit the course Desire2Learn page online at https://d2l.ucalgary.ca/d2l/home.

Resources and Writing support
Please note writing support resources provided by the Student Success Centre  https://ucalgary.ca/ssc/resources/writing-support and the library https://libguides.ucalgary.ca/guides/

University of Calgary Academic Integrity Policy
Academic integrity is the foundation of the development and acquisition of knowledge and is based on values of honesty, trust, responsibility, and respect. We expect members of our community to act with integrity. The University 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 university property. This statement applies in all situations where members of the university community are acting in their university capacities. All members of the university community have a responsibility to familiarize themselves with the principles of conduct statement, which is available at: www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html.

Plagiarism, Cheating, and Student Misconduct
The University of Calgary is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity and honesty. Students are expected to be familiar with these standards regarding academic honesty and to uphold the policies of the University in this respect.

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 at: www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-3.html. 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 adequate citation, and (3) using work completed for another course. Such activities will not be tolerated in this course, and students suspected of academic misconduct will be dealt with according to the procedures outlined in the calendar at: https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/student-academic-misconduct-procedure

For students wishing to know more about what constitutes plagiarism and how to properly cite the work of others, the Department of Geography recommends that they attend Academic Integrity workshops offered through the Student Success Centre: https://www.ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity

Instructor Intellectual Property
Information on Instructor Intellectual Property can be found at https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/intellectual-property-policy

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) legislation in Alberta disallows the practice of having students retrieve assignments from a public place, such as outside an 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 must provide the instructor with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to be used for the return of the assignment.

Research
Students will NOT participate as subjects or researchers on human subjects.

Posting of Grades and Picking-up of Assignments
Graded assignments will be returned by the instructor or teaching assistant personally during scheduled lecture or laboratory periods, unless they are made available electronically through the course D2L webpage. Grades and assignments will not be available at the Department of Geography’s main office and assignments cannot be dropped off at the Department Office.

Academic Accommodations
It is the student’s responsibility to request academic accommodations, according to the university policies and procedures listed in the University Calendar.

The student accommodation policy can be found at: https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/b-6-1.html

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: https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/accommodation-students-disabilities-procedure

Students needing an accommodation based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need, preferably in writing to their instructor or the Department Head (email: freeman@ucalgary.ca).

Use of internet and electronic devices in class
Students may use electronic devices for recording notes during class time, for doing supplemental research to directly relevant course material, and for collaborating with peers on classtime assignments. If this freedom is abused, I will prohibit the student from using their device at all.

Course evaluations and student feedback
Student feedback will be sought at the end of the course through the standard University Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) and Faculty course evaluation forms.

Accessibility
Except in cases where the student makes special arrangements with me, students should expect to need to see the lecture (visually) in order to get all of the information.

Copyright Legislation
All students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/acceptable-use-material-protected-copyright-policy and requirements of the copyright act (https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html) to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorised sharing of course materials (including instructor notes, electronic versions of textbooks etc.). Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplines under the Non-Academic Misconduct Act.

Wellness and Mental Health Resources
The University of Calgary recognizes the pivotal role that student mental health plays in physical health, social connectedness, and academic success and aspires to create a caring and supportive campus community where individuals can freely talk about mental health and receive supports when needed. We encourage you to explore the mental health resources available throughout the university community, such as counselling, self-help resources, peer support, or skills-building available through the SU Wellness Centre (Room 370, MacEwan Student Centre, https://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/services/mental-health-services) and the Campus Mental Health Strategy website (http://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/).

Students requiring assistance are encouraged to email the Student at Risk line if they or others appear to need wellness assistance: sar@ucalgary.ca For more immediate response, please call: 403-210-9355 and select option #2.
Sexual Violence Policy
The University recognizes that all members of the University Community should be able to learn, work, teach and live in an environment where they are free from harassment, discrimination, and violence. Please see the policy available at https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/university-policies-procedures/sexual-and-gender-based-violence-policy

Contact Information for Student and Faculty Representation
- Student Union VP Academic 403-220-3911, suvpaca@ucalgary.ca
- Students Union Representatives for the Faculty of Arts – 403-220-3913, arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca
- Student Ombuds Office information can be found at: www.ucalgary.ca/ombuds/

Emergency Evacuation/Assembly Points
Assembly points for emergencies have been identified across campus. Assembly points are designed to establish a location for information updates from the emergency responders to the evacuees; from the evacuated population to the emergency responders. For more information, see the University of Calgary’s Emergency Management website: https://www.ucalgary.ca/risk/emergency-management

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 station, 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.