

**GEOGRAPHY 313  
H(3-2) Area III**

**Soils and Vegetation**

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**Official Course Description:**

Soil: physical, chemical and biological properties, and the environmental and spatial relationships of vegetation patterns.

**Prerequisite:**

Geography 201 or 211

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

**Required texts:** none

**Recommended texts:**

1. Brady and Weil, The Nature and Properties of Soils, 14<sup>th</sup> Ed., 2007 (Note: this will be a required text for Geog 413; the 13<sup>th</sup> edition will be helpful if the 14<sup>th</sup> edition is unavailable or if you would like to purchase a used copy)
2. Schultz, The Ecozones of the World, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., 2002

**Grading:**

Tests (3 x 10%)	30%
Labs (5 x 7%)	35%
Final Exam	35%

The final examination will be scheduled by the Registrar's Office. It is not essential to pass all elements of the course to pass the course as a whole. Students must earn an overall 50% or higher to pass the course. No laboratory assignments will be accepted late without prior arrangement or a doctor's note.

**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/>

### **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: [suypaca@ucalgary.ca](mailto:suypaca@ucalgary.ca)
- SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 and e-mail: [socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca)

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