



**GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: FALL 2015**

**GEOGRAPHY 341  
H(3-0)**

**Introduction to Economic and Population Geography**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Times</b>	<b>Location</b>
LECO1	TuTh	15:30 – 16:45	KNB 126

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**Please note: The appropriate emergency evacuation assembly point for classes taught in Kinesiology B is MacEwan Student Centre.**

**Official Course Description:**

Theories, concepts and techniques of economic geography with emphasis on policy issues relating to Canadian examples at the urban, regional and national levels.

**Prerequisite:**

One of Geography 251, 253, Urban Studies 253 or consent of the department

**Text(s)/Readings:**

Readings will be posted on D2L according the schedule of the class.

**Topics:**

A readings list will be distributed in the first week of classes.

**Objectives:**

To develop knowledge of concepts for understanding economic geography. To appreciate the variety of approaches for understanding the spatial dimensions of economic problems. To develop critical appraisal skills.

**Grading (Weighting):**

Mid-term exam I .....	25%
Local Economic Geography Project 1 .....	20%
Mid-term exam II .....	25%
Local Economic Geography Project 1.....	20%
In-class final.....	10%

**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

If, for some reason, the distribution of grades determined using the aforementioned conversion chart appears to be abnormal the instructor reserves the right to change the grade conversion chart if the instructor, **at the instructor's discretion**, feels it is necessary to more fairly represent student achievement.

Dates for the midterms will be announced during the first week of classes.

Students must comply with the University regulations concerning "Intellectual Honesty," "Examinations," "Plagiarism," etc., which are published in the University Calendar.

The midterm examinations will be held in class on dates to be announced. **THERE WILL BE NO MAKEUP OR DEFERRED EXAMINATIONS** under any circumstances, nor may the examinations be written early. Students unable to write the examination because of documented illness; family emergency or religious observance will have the weight shifted onto other components of course work.

Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work **cannot** discuss their work with the Instructor within the first 48 hours after the grade has been made available and **must** discuss their work within 10 days after the grade has been made available. Unclaimed work will be available from the instructor during office hours.

Should the writing of a midterm examination for an entire lecture section become impossible due to events beyond the control of the instructor (such as, and not exclusively consisting of; inclement weather, instructor's illness, unavailable facilities, or other "acts of fate") the midterm examination will be written one week later.

**For additional detailed course information posted by the Instructor Desire2Learn at <https://d2l.ucalgary.ca/d2l/home>**

**USRI**

At the University of Calgary, feedback provided by students through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses ([www.ucalgary.ca/usri](http://www.ucalgary.ca/usri)). Your responses make a difference - please participate in USRI Surveys.

**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 Support Services 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.

### **Academic Accommodations:**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the university policies and procedures listed below. The student accommodation policy can be found at: [www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf](http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf)

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. The procedure can be found at: [www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/procedure-for-accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities\\_0.pdf](http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/procedure-for-accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities_0.pdf)

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, in writing, to "(Instructor).

### **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

### **Posting of Grades and Pick up of Assignments**

- Each assignment must be printed, stapled, and submitted at the start of class on its due date. Electronic copies of assignments will **not** be accepted.
- Final grades will be available to each student on D2L 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: [arts1@ucalgary.ca](mailto: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.

### **Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources**

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Students Centre is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS 102, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at [ascarts@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ascarts@ucalgary.ca) you can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210 7625 or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Contact for Students Union Representatives for the Faculty of Arts:

[arts1@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts1@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts2@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts2@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts3@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts3@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts4@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts4@su.ucalgary.ca)