

GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: FALL 2021

**GEOGRAPHY 354
GFC HOURS (3-2)
Social and Cultural Geography**

Section	Days	Time	Location
LEC 01			Web-based - all asynchronous
LAB 01			Web-based - all asynchronous

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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>

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>

Official Course Description

An introduction to the major concepts of human geography including demography, migration, cultures, languages, and religions.

Course Objectives

This course is an introduction to the sub-disciplines and topics surrounding Cultural and Social Geography. A primary objective is to evaluate how cultural and social elements influence spatial characteristics of human activities and behaviors. These objectives are implemented through the integration and application of real-world examples and case studies.

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.

Course Learning Outcomes	PLO(s)*	Level(s)**
To communicate the basic vocabulary and fundamental concepts of Human Geography.	1,2	1
To be able to critically evaluate and communicate ideas and opinions about problems and issues specific to the study of Social and Cultural Geography.	1,2,5	1
To be able to apply ethical reasoning and spatial considerations to complex issues and problems.	1,2,5	1
To be able to use basic geographical knowledge as well as numerical and mapping skills to solve practical problems and evaluate case studies.	1,2,3,4,5	1
Conduct basic analyses on soil components	3, 4	1, 2

*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.

**Levels: 1 = Introductory, 2 = Intermediate, and 3 = Advanced.

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisite skills for this course. All students should have access to a computer with a microphone and video (recommended). A stable internet connection is important as all the components are delivered on the internet (see learning requirements section following).

Course Format

The course is offered as an asynchronous course. Recorded lectures, films, readings are provided for each module. A detailed course schedule is posted outlining the course material for each week and the quiz schedule. There is one synchronous session to select groups for the term assignment. This can also be arranged asynchronously by communicating with the Instructor your choice of topic if you are unable to attend this session. Lecture topic 00 posted online explains in detail the course format, the course outline, and the course components.

Learning Resources

Textbook: Rubenstein, J.M. 2019. *The Cultural Landscape: An Introduction to Human Geography*, Thirteenth Edition. Pearson Prentice Hall. New York, NY.

Print Copy or digital version can be ordered from the bookstore: https://www.calgarybookstore.ca/buy_textbooks.asp

Assessment Methods

Grading (Weighting):

Lecture Grading:

Mid-term exam I: Wednesday October 20th	25%
Mid-term exam II: Tuesday November 23rd	25%
Final exam: Thursday December 9th	15%

Laboratory Grading:

6 laboratory assignments 35%

- There **will not** be a scheduled final exam by the Registrar's Office.
- It is **[or is not]** essential to pass all components to pass the course as whole
- Late assignment policy

Exams and Lab Assignments:

- The mid-terms and final exam will be completed online on D2L under the quizzes menu in the assessments dropdown menu. The mid-terms and final will be available from 12am to 11:59 pm on the day of the exam. For example, the first mid-term on October 20th will be available at 12am on the 26th and will be available for the 24 hour period until 11:59 pm (23:59) on October 20th. Once starting the exams you will be allotted 150 percent the amount of time that would have been allotted in an in-class offering. For the mid-terms and final the in-class time allotted would be 50 minutes. You will have 75 minutes for this online offering once starting the exams. Further instruction regarding the exam will be provided in lecture topic 00, the introduction to the course.
- Lab assignments will be provided asynchronously. The dates for lab assignment availability are outlined on the course schedule posted on D2L.
- Exams are open book and administered through D2L.

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

Additional Course Information

Students are not allowed to confer with anyone else regarding the content of Quizzes or the Final Exam. This includes the following communication or actions:

- The use of collaborative websites, file sharing sites, e-mail, chats, “tutoring” sites such as CourseHero, Chegg, Discord etc., for the creation of study notes to prepare for (or use in) assessments.
- Posting online or sharing of the Instructor’s slides, lectures, pictures or other proprietary materials is not permitted and is considered plagiarism.
- The use of online materials **not** provided by the Instructor on exams or quizzes is not allowed.
- There **will** be scheduled final exam by the Registrar’s Office. Make sure you have a viable internet access on the day of the exam.

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 N/A

Referencing Standard

In written work presented in this class, the accepted method for referencing the work of others will be in APA format. Please see <https://apastyle.apa.org> or https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html

Important Dates

The last day to drop this course and receive a tuition fee refund is **Thursday, September 16th, 2021**. The last day to withdraw from this course is **Thursday, December 9th, 2021**.

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

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

There is no research on human or animal subjects in this course.

Posting of Grades and Picking-up of Assignments

Graded assignments will be returned by the instructor or teaching assistant 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. Submissions must be made in D2L unless otherwise instructed. No assignments will be accepted by e-mail to the Instructor or Teach Assistant unless instructed .

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).

Learning Technologies and Requirements

In order to successfully engage in their learning experiences at the University of Calgary, students taking online, remote and blended courses are required to have reliable access to the following technology.

- A computer with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security and malware updates
- A current and updates web browser
- Webcam (built in or external)
- Microphone and speaker (built in or external) or headset with microphone
- Broadband internet connection

Guidelines for Zoom Sessions

Zoom is a video conferencing program that will allow us to meet at specific times for a "live" video conference, so that we can have the opportunity to meet each other virtually and discuss relevant course topics as a learning community.

To help ensure Zoom sessions are private, do not share Zoom link or password with others, or on any social media platforms. Zoom links and passwords are only intended for students registered in the course. Zoom recordings and materials presented in Zoom, including any teaching materials, must not be shared, distributed or published with the instructor's permission.

The use of video conferencing programs relies on participants to act ethically, honestly and with integrity; and in accordance with the principles of fairness, good faith and respect (as per the [Code of Conduct](#)). When entering Zoom or other video conferencing sessions (such as MS Teams), you play a role in helping create an effective, safe and respectful learning environment. Please be mindful of how your behavior in these sessions may affect others. Participants are required to use names officially associated with their UCID (legal or preferred names listed in the Student Centre) when engaging in these activities. Instructors/moderators can remove those whose names do not appear on class rosters. Non-compliance may be investigated under relevant University of Calgary conduct policies (e.g.

Student Non Academic Misconduct Policy). If participants have difficulties complying with this requirement, they should email the instructor of the class explaining why, so the instructor may consider whether to grant an exception, and on what terms. For more information on how to get the most out of your Zoom sessions visit: <https://elearn.ucalgary.ca/guidelines-for-zoom/>.

If you are unable to attend a Zoom session, please contact your instructor to arrange an alternative activity for the missed session (e.g., to review a recorded session). Please be prepared, as best as you are able, to join class in a quiet space that will allow you to be fully present and engaged in Zoom sessions. Students will be advised by their instructor when they are expected to turn on their webcam (for group work, presentations, etc.).

The instructor may record online Zoom class sessions for the purposes of supporting student learning in this class – such as making the recording available for review of the session or for students who miss a session. Students will be advised before the instructor initiates a recording of a Zoom session. These recordings will be used to support student learning only and will not be shared or used for any other purpose.

Media Recording (if applicable)

Please refer to the following statement on media recording of students: https://elearn.ucalgary.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Media-Recording-in-Learning-Environments-OSP_FINAL.pdf

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

Students need to see the lecture (visually) in order to get all of the information. Yuja captions are available for most but not all lectures. Yuja captions are not reliable because they are often misinterpreted by Yuga. Captions will not be edited.

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 disciplined 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/policies/files/policies/sexual-violence-policy.pdf>

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/

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.