



GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: FALL 2015

**GEOGRAPHY 381
H (3-0)**

Canada

Section	Days	Time	Location
LEC 01	MoWeFr	15:00 – 15:50	ES 443

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

Official Course Description:

The course will include:

- An overview of the physical patterns of Canada (topography, climate) with reference to the significance for human settlement and land use
- A review of the historical geography of Canada
- A review of Canada's population demographics and immigration
- The main focus of the course will be on the **regions of Canada**. For each region the themes will include:
 - The emergence of the socio-economic and urban patterns from earliest times
 - The present socio-economic and urban character
 - Selected issues and problems of importance and relevance

Prerequisite: Any course in Geography or consent of the Department.

Text: Required: Bone, Robert. M. (2014) *The Regional Geography of Canada*, Oxford University Press, Sixth Edition.

Optional: Stanford, Q.H. *Canadian Oxford World Atlas*.

Note: Any other atlas with Canadian context and content can be used. Purchase of an atlas can be considered optional but access to an atlas is important for coursework.

Grading (Weighting):

Mid-term exam I	25%
Regional Group Presentation	20%
Regional Group Report	20%
Mid-term exam II	25%
In-class final.....	10%

NOTE: The exams are not cumulative. It is not necessary to pass each component to pass the course as a whole.

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

Schedule:

This schedule acts as your course guide. The instructor reserves the right to add or delete lecture topics and readings appropriate to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the course. Any changes to this schedule will be announced in class.

WEEK 1: Sept 9-11	Introduction to Course	Course Outline
WEEK 2: Sept 14,16,18	The Regional Concept Sense of Place and Regional Identity	Chapter 1
WEEK 3: Sept 21,23,25	Physiography of Canada The Core/Periphery Model	Chapter 2 Chapter 1
WEEK 4: Sept 28,30, Oct 1	Historical Geography of Canada	Chapter 3
WEEK 5: Oct 5, 7, 9	Historical Geography of Canada Canadian Population	Chapter 3
WEEK 6: Oct 14, 16	Oct 12 Thanksgiving Immigration and Multiculturalism Choose regions and key topics for group presentations.	Chapter 4
WEEK 7: Oct 19,21,23	Urban growth and development, Calgary and the surrounding area Friday October 23rd Lecture Exam 25% (Weeks 1 - 7 inclusive)	
WEEK 8: Oct 26,28,30	Western Canada Regional Overview Key Topic: Western Canada Agriculture British Columbia Regional Overview	Chapter 8 Chapter 7
WEEK 9: Nov 2,4,6	Key Topic: Sustainability of BC's Forests Quebec Regional Overview	Chapter 6
WEEK 10:	Reading Days	Nov 11-13

Nov 9 Guest Presentation

WEEK 11: Key Topic: Hydro Power Development

Nov 16,18,20 Wednesday November 18th Lecture Exam II 25% (Weeks 8 - 11 inclusive)

WEEK 12: Ontario Regional Overview Chapter 5

Nov 23,25,27 Key Topic: The Automobile Industry

Week 13: Atlantic Canada Regional Overview Chapter 9

Nov 30 Key Topic: Atlantic Canada Fisheries

Dec 2, 4 Key Topic: Nunavut (Land Claim)

Week 13: Monday December 7th - In-class final 10% (Weeks 11 - 13 inclusive)

Dec 7

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

USRI

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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. <http://www.ucalgary.ca/honesty/plagiarism>

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

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

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.

Re: Posting of Grades and Picking-up of Assignments

- All assignments will be handled through D2L or personally.
- Their own 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: suvpaca@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.

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 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:

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