



**GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: FALL 2012  
GEOGRAPHY 391  
H(80 hours)**

**Geographic Field Studies  
August 30 – 8 September 2012**

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**Official Course Description:**

An introduction to field research techniques and topics in physical and human geography. Lectures and projects will provide an introduction to a range of geographic disciplines. Field exercises will normally be conducted away from Calgary for about ten days before the start of Note: Enrollment in Geography 391 may be limited. Preference for registration is given to Majors in Geography, Earth Science, environmental Science and Minors in Transportation Studies until June 3012. Applications from other students will be reviewed between July 1 and July 15. Registration closes on July 15. Registration information can be found on the Enrolment Services website <http://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/>.

**Prerequisite:**

One of Geography 211, 251, 253, Geology 201, 209 **and** consent of the Department.

**Supplementary Fees:**

This course has supplementary fees that will be paid to the Group Study Program (GSP). Registration with GSP is required in addition to normal course registration.

**Required Texts/Readings:**

Holmes, D. and Farbrother, D. 2000. *A-Z Advancing Geography: Fieldwork*. Geographical Association, Sheffield, 112 p. (Available at University Bookstore)

Additional readings will be included in the lab manual given to students on the first day of class, and will be available for viewing (no need to print) on the course Blackboard site starting early to mid August.

**Grade Weighting:**

Field exercises (8 at 10% each)	81%	Assignments will be completed in the evening after the field excursion and are usually due to the instructor by 22:00 OR at each instructor's discretion. Format will be different for each assignment and will be indicated by the instructor.
Final exam (take home)	14%	The exam will be posted on Blackboard by 09 Sept 2012 at 12:00 and is due 16 Sept 2012 before 23:50. All answers <i>must</i> be handed in through Blackboard. You MAY NOT consult with anyone regarding your answers. Please consult Plagiarism section below and in the calendar. It is unlikely that outside sources will be necessary for your answers, but in the event any are used, they must be properly cited.
Field notebook	5%	Hand in to Geography main office (ES 356) between 08:30-12:00 or 13:00-16:30 on 17 Sept. 2012.

**Note:** It is not necessary to pass each course component in order to pass the course.

The final examination will **not** be scheduled by the Registrar's Office.

### Grading System:

A+ > 93	C+ 69 – 72.99
A 89 – 92.99	C 65 – 68.99
A- 85 – 88.99	C- 61 – 64.99
B+ 81 – 84.99	D+ 57 – 60.99
B 77 – 80.99	D 50 – 56.99
B- 73 – 76.99	F < 50

For additional detailed course information posted by the Instructor see Blackboard at: <http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/>

### 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 Centre in the Effective Writing Office 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.

### **Disability Resource Centre 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.

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

### **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 Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS110, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at [artsads@ucalgary.ca](mailto:artsads@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 program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at (403) 220-5881 or visit them in their new space on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [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)