

**GEOGRAPHY 429  
H(3-0) Area II**

**Tourism, Recreation and Environmental Management**

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**Official Course Description:**

Dimensions of, approaches to, and issues in recreation and environmental management; planning for sustainable tourism; cultural and heritage tourism; adventure and eco-tourism; and other representative tourism and recreational activities and environments. Case studies emphasize assessment and monitoring, policy initiatives and decision-making, and other practical orientations.

**Prerequisite:**

One of Geography 321, 327 or 329

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

**Fall 2007**

Geography 429 / fall 2007 will be offered in Chiang Mai Thailand as part of the University of Calgary Term Abroad Program. The official course description and focus will remain as on Campus at the University of Calgary. Case studies and field trips will focus on local problems relating to hill tribe treks and resulting exploitation, the rapid expansion of resorts within the Chiang Mai region, the tourist drug trade, expropriation of land for tourism, degradation of natural environments, solid waste and water management issues, water contamination due to tourism, and local and national government policy relating to tourism operations, economic policy, and development. Local guided field trips will study examples of course material. Additionally, a ten day field component will commence in November focusing on impacts of tourism on more remote hill tribe communities, as well as tourism in neighbouring Laos.

**Text(s)/Readings:**

Required readings provided. No Textbook required.

**Grading (Weighting):**

**The final course grade includes these components:**

Research paper including both literature review and field data collection and analysis ....	25%
Mid-term exam.....	20%
Four field assignments, two completed locally (Chaing Mai), two completed on field trip.....	20%
Oral presentation of research paper.....	15%
Final examination .....	20%

## Grading System:

A+	4.00	Outstanding performance
A	4.00	Excellent-superior performance, showing comprehensive understanding of subject
A-	3.70	↑
B+	3.30	↑
B	3.00	Good - clearly above average performance
B-	2.70	↑
C+	2.30	↑
C	2.00	Satisfactory performance – basic understanding of the subject
C-	1.70	
D+	1.30	
D	1.00	Minimal Pass-marginal performance
F	0	Fail - - poor performance

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**

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**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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