

GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: WINTER 2020

GEOGRAPHY 452 GFC HOURS (3-2)

Urban Social Geography

Section	Days	Time	Location
LEC 01	TuTh	12:30 – 13:45	ES 443
LAB 01	Mo	09:00 – 10:50	ES 313
LAB 02	Tu	08:00 – 09:50	ES 313
LAB 03	Th	15:30 – 17:20	ES 313

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Please note: The emergency evacuation assembly point for all classes taught in Administration Building is Social Sciences Food Court.

Official Course Description: Concepts of urban geography with particular reference to intra-urban social issues.

Course content

This course explores the place of the 'social' in urban geography. Emphasis is put on the ways that social relations, identities and inequalities are shaped, their spatial variation, and the unique role that space plays in their production and reproduction. Examples are primarily drawn from Canada, the United States, and Europe, although illustrations from other parts of the world, such as China, will also be used. Course topics will include the development of social groups in industrial and post-industrial cities; the morphology of contemporary cities in highly industrialized countries; the relationship between environment and behavior in urban settings; structuralist and post-structuralist approaches to the social; the social construction of place and community; the role of the culture industry in urban planning; housing policy; residential segregation; neighborhood change; and urban conflict. Additional related topics may be added.

Course Objectives:

Students will be introduced to a number of key themes in contemporary urban social geography.

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 they facilitate and the expected level of achievement.

Course Learning Outcomes	PLO(s)	Level(s)
Describe and explain some of the main concepts in contemporary in urban social geography.	2	1, 2, 3
Analyze the effect of urban and regional processes and structures for contemporary urbanism.	2	2, 3
Identify relationships that exist between urban forms and urban processes in a field report.	3, 4, 5	2
Express their opinion about changes in the urban landscape in an Op-Ed format.	7, 8	2
Provide effective peer feedback.	7	2
Research a real-life issue and provide recommendations to potential stakeholders using appropriate communication strategies	5	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, (3) Advanced.

Prerequisite:

Prerequisites: 3 units from Geography 241, 253, 352, 354 and Urban Studies 253.

Students should be able use to a word processing software and know how to access the library’s website for sources.

Learning Resources:

There is no required textbook for this course. All the required readings for the in-class assessments are available of D2L. Students may have to do additional readings and research for their written assignments.

Grading (Weighting)

Grades will be based on:

- Three Quizzes – 30% (10% each)
- Online Quizzes – 10% (Must complete 10 of 15 for full credit)
- Op-Ed Essay - 10% for your final Op-Ed
- Calgary Lab Project (30%)
 - 5% for peer-review of another lab
 - 25% for final report
- Lab Assessments - 20%

Other Grading Information

- There is no final examination for this course.
- Late assignment policy: All assignments should be completed in full and on time. Late assignments will be penalized 5% per day from the time they were due. Assignments that are submitted more than a week late will not be accepted for credit.
- Writing competency: On take-home, written assignments, writing competency (organization, grammar, spelling, word choice, etc.) will count for 20% of the grade. The Writing Centre (part of

the Student Success Centre (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/>) can help you with any writing difficulties you might have.

Exemptions to the Examination and Tests Regulations

Instructors are required to follow university regulations regarding Examinations and Tests, which are specified in the University Calendar at: www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g.html.

Grading System

98 – 100	A+	83 – 86	B	63 – 68	C-
94 – 97	A	78 – 82	B-	56 – 62	D+
90 – 93	A-	74 – 78	C+	50 – 55	D
87 – 89	B+	69 – 73	C	0 – 49	F

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 will be required see: <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.

In the event of in-term quiz deferment. The soonest available time will be assigned to you through departmentally managed deferred exam system.

Human subjects

Students in the course are not expected to participate as subjects or researchers when research on human subjects may take place.

Supplementary Fees

No supplementary fees will be assessed.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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, faculty members can and should consider quality of writing as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by Writing Support Services can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance: www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/writing_support/overview.

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: www.ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy. 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: www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf.

Students needing an accommodation based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the Department Head (email: geograph@ucalgary.ca).

Principles of Conduct

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: www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-5.html.

Internet and electronic communication device information:

There is no restriction on the use of laptops and tablets in class if they are used to take notes or find information relevant to the class, and if there is no disturbance or distraction of other students or the instructor. Phones must be turned off during class, unless you have previously identified yourself to the instructor as a health care or law enforcement professional. The use of any calculators and/or devices during examinations will not be allowed.

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.

Posting of Grades and Picking-up of Assignments

Graded assignments will be returned by the instructor or teaching assistant personally during schedule lecture or laboratory periods, unless they are made available electronically through the course D2L webpage. Grades and assignments will not be available at the Department of Geography's main office.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

Have a question, but not sure where to start? The 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 provides detailed information about common academic concerns.

For guidance on course registration (add, drop, swap), information about paying fees, and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-7625 or visit them at the MacKimmie Block.

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: www.ucalgary.ca/ombuds/

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/>).

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.

USRI Surveys

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). Your responses make a difference, so please participate in USRI surveys.

IV. Tentative Class Schedule

(This syllabus represents my current plans and objectives. As we go through the semester, those plans may need to change to enhance the class learning opportunities. Such changes, communicated clearly, are not unusual and should be expected.)