



**GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: WINTER 2010  
GEOGRAPHY 503  
H(3-0) Area III**

**Climate Change**

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**Official Course Description:**

Overview of global climate dynamics and the interactions between ocean, atmosphere, biosphere, cryosphere and biogeochemical cycles. Examination of climate change in Earth's past, present and future, scrutinizing both natural and anthropogenic influences on the global climate system.

**Prerequisite:**

Geography 305 or consent of the Department

**Supplementary Fees:** *There will be an optional weekend field trip to the Columbia Icefields; estimated cost \$80 each.*

**Text(s)/Readings:** We will work through the text of Ruddiman (2009), *Earth's Climate: Past and Future*. Additional course readings will be assigned from the research literature.

<b><u>Grading (Weighting):</u></b>	Quizzes (best four of five)	24 %
	Assignments (two)	24 %
	Group Projects (two)	20 %
	Final Exam	32 %

**Grading System:**

92-100	A+	75-79	B	60-64	C-
86-92	A	71-75	B-	55-60	D+
82-86	A-	68-71	C+	50-55	D
79-82	B+	64-68	C	0-50	F

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
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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**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic 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.

#### **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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