GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: FALL 2014
GEOGRAPHY 509
H(3-3)

Permafrost

Section	Days	Time	Location
LEC01	TuTh	12:30 – 13:45	ES 342
LAB 01	We	13:00 – 15:50	ES 307

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

Course Description
Development, characteristics and significance of permafrost, including the thermal and hydrological processes and resulting periglacial geomorphology and geotechnical implications.

Prerequisites
Geography 305 and 307

Attendance and participation: I consider attendance and participation to be a critical component of this class. To get a great grade in this class you have to convince me you've done the work and have understood the material. One way to do this is by attending class and being an active, informed participant. Students who miss class risk receiving a lower grade than the student might have secured with regular attendance. To this end 10% of your grade is reserved for attendance and participation. While this is not a lot, it is enough to go from a B to an A- (or the reverse). Part of the participation grade will come from the presentation of a "Question of the Day". This is a short presentation (2-3 minutes) answering a basic question that will introduce a new topic that we will be covering.

Classroom Environment: Feel free to ask questions and express opinions in this course, approaching readings and ideas actively and critically. As you do so, however, please strive to be courteous to your fellow students.

Text: *The Periglacial Environment* (3rd edition) by Hugh M. French

Readings: Additional readings will be posted on the D2L site

Grading (Weighting):

Mid-term Exam (in class)	20%
Final Exam (schedule by the registrar)	30%
Labs and term project	40%
Participation (e.g. question of the day)	10%

It is not essential to pass all elements to pass the course as a whole.

Grading System:

96-100%	A+
90-95%	A
86-89%	A-
81-85%	B+
77-80%	B
71-76%	B-
65-70%	C+
62-64%	C
59-61%	C-
55-58%	D+
50-54%	D
0-49%	F

For additional detailed course information posted by the Instructor Desire2Learn at https://d2l.ucalgary.ca/d2l/home

USRI
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 - please participate in USRI Surveys.

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

Student Accessibility Services Accommodations
If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with Student Accessibility Services, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with Student Accessibility Services 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 handled through Blackboard or personally.
- 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
- 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 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. 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 3rd 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:
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