



GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: FALL 2010

GEOGRAPHY 695.02

Qualitative Methods

Timetable: TuTh 09:30 - 10:45 ES 332

Please note: The appropriate emergency evacuation assembly point for all classes taught in Social Sciences in the Professional Faculties Food Court.

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Official Course Description:

This seminar course examines qualitative research methodology by focusing on a variety of methods and analytical techniques. Much of the material, particularly the empirical examples are firmly rooted in geography. Nevertheless, the major themes of the course connect to debates concerning qualitative research in all of the social sciences. The general themes are philosophy, methods of data gathering, analysis strategies and evaluation (qualitative rigour).

Prerequisite:

Consent of the Department

MAY BE REPEATED FOR CREDIT

Supplementary Fees:

N/A

Text(s)/Readings:

Hay, Iain 2010 *Qualitative Research Methods in Human Geography*. Third Edition, Oxford University Press, Don Mills ON (*required*)

Creswell, John W. 2007 *Qualitative Inquiry and Research Design – Choosing Among Five Approaches*. Second Edition, Sage Publications, Thousand Oaks CA (*required*)

All course information and further material are posted by the instructor on Blackboard: <http://blackboard.ca> The assignments for each session will be posted and readings made available electronically where possible.

Grading (Weighting):

(1)	In-class activities	20%
(2)	Short assignments	40%
(3)	Methods paper I	10%
(3)	Research presentation	10%
(4)	Methods paper II	20%

There is no final examination for this course. It is not essential to pass all elements/components to pass the course as a whole.

Grading System:

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

If, for some reason, the distribution of grades determined using the aforementioned conversion chart appears to be abnormal, the instructor reserves the right to change the grade conversion chart if the instructor feels it is necessary to more fairly represent student achievement.

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

- Assignments will be handed back only in class or by the Professor at pre-arranged time(s).
- To receive your assignment back via mail, please include an appropriately sized self-addressed, stamped envelope with your assignment when handing in to the professor.
- Posting of grades will be at the discretion of each Professor and, if posted, they will be scrambled. 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: socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca

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