



## GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: WINTER 2015

### GEOGRAPHY 697.17 H(2-2)

#### Geography of Health

Section	Days	Time	Location
LEC01	Mo	12:00pm – 2:45pm	ES 332

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

#### **Official Course Description:**

There is a growing interest in the application of geographic research methods in the study of health. This course will focus on the spatial dimension of health and health care, spanning from spatial epidemiology and disease spread to population and demographic patterns, facility location, and environmental exposures. The goal of this course is not simply to provide students with technical skills (e.g., GIS), but with an appreciation of the theoretical and conceptual issues underlying geographical inquiry, emphasizing the role of geography in understanding the spatial dimension of health.

Students will be introduced to geographical research, and learn about the most powerful and popular geography of health (GOH) methods. Conceptual, methodological, and applied aspects of GOH will be discussed, along with critical issues, including ethics, clinical and statistical records. A broad range of research examples will be discussed, and students will have the opportunity to undertake their own independent GOH project. A number of guest lectures will provide insights from health researchers and practitioners in related disciplines and sectors. This course is open to graduate students in geography as well as other programs.

**Prerequisite:** Consent of the department.

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

#### **Text(s)/Readings (Suggested):**

Meade M. and Emch M., 2010. Medical Geography. 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Guilford Press.

#### **Grading (Weighting):**

Participation in Seminar Discussions: 20%  
Assignments/short papers: 40%  
Seminar Paper: 40%

Assignments and short papers are due at the beginning of class the week after the assignment (or as specified in the calendar discussed in class).

The final project should be viewed as an opportunity to perform an insightful analysis on a research topic chosen by each student. Detailed guidelines for the project completion will be provided in class. The final project must be consistent with the project proposal. If the final project is not consistent with the proposal, the proposal will receive a 0 grade.

**Late Policy:**

Assignments, short papers, project proposal, and final project are due on the date specified in the calendar provided in class. They are due at the beginning of class on that date. There are no exceptions and any piece of work handed in late will be subject to an immediate 10% penalty followed by a 10% reduction in grade for each day thereafter (weekends and holidays included). Medical related circumstances will require a note from a physician.

**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

**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](http://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 Support Services 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 D2L or personally.
- Their own grades will be available to each student on D2L 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: [arts1@ucalgary.ca](mailto: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 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](mailto:ascarts@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 registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210 7625 or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Contact for Students Union Representatives for the Faculty of Arts:

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