



The Department of
GEOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: FALL 2009
GEOGRAPHY 699
GFC Hours (3-0)

Seminar in the Philosophy and Nature of Physical Geography

Timetable: F 14:00 - 16:45 ES 332

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

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Official Course Description:

In the first part of the course, we explore the philosophy and nature of science. Next we review and analyze the history of physical geography and key developments in our discipline. Scientific method is then explored; in particular, we examine how key research issues (spatial/temporal scales, experimental method, modelling etc.) relate to the study of physical geography. Finally, we will investigate the perceived divide between human and physical geography and possibilities for and benefits from closing this divide.

Prerequisite:

Copy from current Calendar
MAY BE REPEATED FOR CREDIT

Supplementary Fees: N/A

Text(s)/Readings: There is no required text for this course. Required readings will be posted on Blackboard and assigned weekly

Grading (Weighting):

Attendance	5%
Participation in discussion	10%
Leading discussion	10%
Exam 1	15%
Exam 2	20%
Science, philosophy and physical geography essay	40%

There is no final exam in this course.

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

Grading System:

92-100	A+	70-73	B	60-62	C-
86-91	A	68-69	B-	55-59	D+
78-85	A-	66-67	C+	50-54	D
74-77	B+	63-65	C	0-49	F

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

- 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: suypaca@ucalgary.ca
- SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 and e-mail: socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca

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