



**GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: FALL 2010**  
**URBAN STUDIES 253**  
**(Geography 253)**  
**H(3-0)**

**Introduction to Cities**

**Timetable: TuTh 11:00 - 12:15 ENA**

**Please note: the appropriate emergency evacuation assembly point for all classes taught in Engineering is the ICT Food Court.**

**Instructor: Geoff Ghitler**

**Official Course Description:**

A broad introductory survey, from diverse perspectives of the processes that shape cities and urban life.

**Prerequisite:**

N/A

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

**Text(s)/Readings:**

R.T. Legates and F. Stout (2007) *The City Reader* 4th Edition, New York: Routledge.

Additional required readings will be made available through Blackboard no later than one week before their assigned date.

***There is a final examination that will be scheduled by the Registrar's Office  
It is not essential to pass all elements/components to pass the course as a whole.***

**Grading System:**

A+ (99-100)	B- (78-81.9)	D+ (58-61.9)
A (92-98.9)	C+ (75-77.9)	D (55-57.9)
A- (88-91.9)	C (70-74.9)	D- (52-54.9)
B+ (85-87.9)	C- (62-69.9)	F (0-51.9)
B (82-84.9)		

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	
D+	1.30	
D	1.00	Minimal Pass-marginal performance
F	0	Fail - - poor performance

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

Midterm Exam:	25%
Film Analysis:	22.5%
Calgary Exercise:	22.5%
Final Exam:	30%

**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](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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