



GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: FALL 2013

GEOGRAPHY 205 H(3-0) Area III

Gateway to Geography

Timetable: LEC 01 Tu - Th 9:30 - 10:45 ST 140

Instructors: John Yackel Peter Slezak Sarah Skett	Email: geography205@gmail.com Office Hours Sarah Skett: Wednesdays 2:00-3:00pm (ES316)(Or by appointment) Peter Slezak: M/W/Th 11:30-12:30 (ES452)
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Please note: The appropriate emergency evacuation assembly point for all classes taught in Science Theatres is Professional Faculties Food Court.

Official Course Description:

An overview of human and physical environments, their inter-relationships and their relevance to environmental issues and world affairs. Major topics are drawn from current global issues where location matters. Specific examples are discussed in a global context and vary by term.

NOTE: Not open to students with credit in Geography 201, 203, 211, 251 or 253 (Urban Studies 253)

Text:

1. Geography: A Very Short Introduction (Matthews, J.A., Herbert, D.T.), 2008. Oxford University Press
2. Human Geography: Places and Regions in Global Context (Knox, P.L., Marston, S.A., Imort, M., Nash, A.E.), 2013. Pearson Press Inc., Canada
3. Additional readings will be posted on Blackboard for the Cultural Geography Unit

Blackboard:

All the course material will be available on the Blackboard.

Grading:

Mid-term exam # 1	(25% - 50 questions)	Oct 15
Mid-term exam # 2	(25% - 50 questions)	Nov 26
Final exam	(50% - 100 questions)	Registrar scheduled

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

Grading System:

A+	> 95.5	C+	64.5 – 70
A	89.5 – 95	C	61.5 – 64
A-	85.5 – 89	C-	58.5 – 61
B+	80.5 – 85	D+	54.5 – 58
B	76.5 – 80	D	49.5 – 54
B-	70.5 – 76	F	< 50

For additional detailed course information posted by the Instructor see Blackboard at:
<http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/>

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: suypaca@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:

arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca

Course Schedule (subject to change)

Wk	Date	GEOG 205 CONTENT	Required Reading	Instructor
Part I: The discipline of Geography				
1	Sept 10 Sept 12	Topic 00: Course Introduction Topic 01: What is Geography?	VSI - Geography	All Yackel
2	Sept 17 Sept 19	Topic 02: Geographic Representations	VSI - Geography	Yackel Yackel
Part II: Geography of the Natural Environment				
3	Sept 24 Sept 26	Topic 03: Physical Geography (Earth Dynamic Systems)	VSI - Geography	Yackel Yackel
4	Oct 1 Oct 3	Topic 04: Physical Geography (Weather and Climate) Exam 1 (30% of final grade)	VSI - Geography	Yackel
5	Oct 8 Oct 10			Yackel
6	Oct 15			Yackel
				All
Part III: Geography of the human environment				
6	Oct 17	Topic 05: Population Dynamics and Demographics	HG: pp. 97-143	Slezak
7	Oct 22 Oct 24	Topic 05: Population Dynamics and Demographics cont ...		Slezak Slezak
8	Oct 28 Oct 30	Topic 06: Economic Development Geography	HG: pp. 322-353	Slezak Slezak
9	Nov 5 Nov 7	Topic 06: Economic Development Geography cont ...		Slezak Slezak
10	Nov 12 Nov 14	Reading Days - no lecture Topic 07: Cultural Geography	Readings posted on Blackboard	Skett
11	Nov 19 Nov 21	Topic 07: Cultural Geography cont ...		Skett Skett
12	Nov 26	Exam 2 (30% of final grade)		All
Part IV: Human-Physical Interactions				
12	Nov 28	Topic 08: Human/nature mosaic	TBA	Yackel
13	Dec 3 Dec 5	Topic 09: Environmental change and hazards		Yackel Yackel
End Fall Session - Registrar Scheduled Final Exam (40% of final grade)				

ADDITIONAL COURSE INFORMATION (subject to change)

How to contact your instructors

Contact all your instructors via BlackBoard. Use the email function within Blackboard. We will NOT answer emails that are sent directly to our email addresses. This is important because when you send an email through BlackBoard it adds the name of the course to the subject line. This allows us to identify your emails easily in the flood of other emails we receive every day. Your professors will be instructing ~ 700 students this term so please appreciate that you may not receive a response immediately; furthermore, emails will be responded to during **weekday** hours (9:00am – 5:00pm). When possible we may choose to respond to your question in class so that all participants can benefit from the discussion.

All questions and communications will be directed through Sarah Skett.

Recommendations regarding the formality of your emails

We require that all emails sent to us be written formally. Consider these to be formal letters NOT TWEETS.

Exams

There are three exams in this course:

1. Midterm exams (X2) **(25% each)**
 - a. They will each be a 50 minute exam conducted in class (see schedule)
 - b. The material examined will be explained in the lecture
 - c. The format will be exclusively multiple choice – expect 50 questions
2. Final exam **(50%)**
 - a. It will be a 2 hour exam scheduled by the registrar on the entire course
 - b. It will have two components:
 - i. ½ of the exam will cover material exclusively from Part IV
 - ii. ½ of the exam will be based on Parts I, II, and III
 - c. **Hint:** for this exam you should focus on those topics that have recurred in different parts of the course.
 - d. The format will be exclusively multiple choice – expect 100 questions

Hints (how to excel in Geog 205):

1. Attend all lectures. Attendance is closely linked to success in any course.
2. Be ready to engage in the course material and ask questions.
3. Textbook readings are intended to supplement and reinforce the concepts presented in the lecture, but ARE NOT substitutes for attending the lecture. Do not make the mistake of thinking that you can "just read the textbook" and do well in the course.
4. Blackboard will be used extensively to communicate outside of lecture periods. All lectures, grades, and updates/corrections to the course materials will be provided on Blackboard. We suggest that you consult Blackboard every morning in the event of changes, cancellations etc.
5. Ask questions of your professors. That is why we are here. Your professors will have office hours throughout the term. I urge you to take advantage of these opportunities.