

# GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE FALL 2006

## GEOGRAPHY 211 H(3-3) Area III

### The Physical Environment

**Timetable:** Lec 01 MWF 11:00 50min  
Lab 01 W 2:00 170min  
Lab 02 T 8:00 170min  
Lab 03 R 11:00 170min

**Catalogue #:** 4771

**Instructor:** Dr. Yvonne Martin  
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#### **Official Course Description:**

Introduction to the physical elements of the environment such as weather, climate, hydrology, landforms, soils, vegetation and the processes producing variations of these elements on the surface of the earth. The social implications of environmental change, disasters, and hazards are emphasized.

#### **Prerequisite:**

Geography 205 or admission to the Major or Minor in Geography, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Urban Studies or Latin American Studies or the Minor in Transportation Studies.

#### **Textbook:**

Strahler, Physical Geography: Science and Systems of the Human Environment, Third Edition, Canadian Version

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

Midterm Exam #1: October 13 (25%)  
Midterm Exam #2: November 17 (25%)  
Final Exam: To be scheduled by the registrar (25%)  
Lab Exam #1: Week of October 23 (10%)  
Lab Exam #2: Week of November 27 (10%)  
Lab Assignment: Final week of labs (5%)

There is a final examination for this course 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:**

93-100	A+	74-76.99	B	60-63.99	C-
86-92.99	A	70-73.99	B-	55-59.99	D+
81-85.99	A-	67-69.99	C+	50-54.99	D
77-80.99	B+	64-66.99	C	0-49.99	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.

### **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](mailto:suvpaca@ucalgary.ca)
- SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 and e-mail: [socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca)

### **Campus Safewalk**

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## **Additional Course Information for Geog 211**

### **Lecture Topic Themes**

- Part 1: Introduction to Physical Geography
- Part 2: Climate and Hydrology
- Part 3: Earth Materials and Composition
- Part 4: Landform Processes and Morphology
- Part 5: Biogeography

Please note that students are responsible for being aware of all course announcements made in lectures/labs. Students are responsible for *all* material covered in lectures and textbook readings. It is recommended that students read the textbook material as it is assigned and in conjunction with the timing of corresponding lectures.

### **Tentative Lab Schedule**

Scheduling of lab topics and dates is subject to change. You are responsible for being aware of any announcements related to labs that are made in lectures or your lab session.

Each lab will be posted on Blackboard prior to your lab session. You should print a copy of the lab and bring it along to lecture. You should bring writing tools, a ruler and calculator to all lab sessions. The TA or course instructor will inform you in advance of the lab if any additional materials/supplies are required. Students are expected to remain in the lab for its duration; this is recommended in order to best succeed in the lab component of the course as the TA will be present to assist with questions and issues that arise. Lab solutions will be posted on Blackboard in the week following its assignment.

- Lab 0: Introduction (Week of Sept. 18)
- Lab 1: Climate/Weather Lab (Week of Sept. 25)
- Lab 2: Climate/Weather Lab (Week of Oct. 2)
- Lab 3: Hydrology Lab (Week of Oct. 9)
- Lab 4: Soils Lab (Week of Oct. 16)
- Lab 5: Geomorphology Lab (Week of Oct. 30)
- Lab 6: Geomorphology Lab (Week of Nov. 6)
- Lab 7: Geomorphology Lab (Week of Nov. 20)
- Lab 8: Biogeography Lab (Week of Dec. 4)

### **Mid-term, Lab and Final Exams**

Except for valid reasons (e.g., personal or family emergency), students must be available for all mid-term exams and lab exams. You are requested to contact the professor as soon as possible if there is an issue, and to provide supporting documentation when possible.

The final exam is different, because it is scheduled by the Registrar. The Calendar has very precise guidelines for deferral. Do not make plans to be away during the final exam period. You are responsible for being available throughout the final exam period. If you are away, that is not recognized as a valid reason to miss a final exam.