

## GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: FALL 2008

### GEOGRAPHY 211 (formerly Geography 201) H(3-3) Area III

#### The Physical Environment

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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, Latin American Studies, Transportation Studies or Urban Studies or the Honours BA or BSc in Archaeology.

#### **Supplementary Fees:**

See University Calendar for field trip costs.

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

Strahler and Strahler, Physical Geography: Science and Systems of the Human Environment

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

Midterm Exam: 30%

Final Exam: 30% (To be scheduled by the registrar)

Lab Exams: 2@15% each = 30%

Lab Written Assignment: 5%

Field Trip Notebook: 5%

There is a final examination for this course. The final examination 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:**

92-100 A+	74-76.99 B	60-63.99 C-
86-91.99 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.

### **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**

- All assignments will be handles on Blackboard.
- 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](mailto:suypaca@ucalgary.ca)
- SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 and e-mail: [socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca)

### **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.

## **Other Information**

Note: The information on this page is current as of the first day of classes. Dates and deadlines are *subject to revision* and you are responsible for any announcements made in lecture pertaining to changes. This page is not part of the official course outline.

Students are expected to be present at all lectures. It is the responsibility of every student to be aware of all lecture content, and any other information/announcements given in lecture. Students are responsible for checking the Blackboard web site for information regarding this course on a regular basis. Regarding email correspondence, only messages that are from the official email address associated with a student in this course will be read, and the sender must identify themselves by their name and student #.

If for a medical, family emergency or other legitimate reason, you are unable to attend the mid-term or lab exams, you should contact the professor immediately and provide appropriate documentation.

### **Geog 211 Lecture Topic Themes**

Part 1: Introduction to Physical Geography

Part 2: Weather, Climate and Hydrology

Part 3: Earth Materials and Composition

Part 4: Geomorphology

Part 5: Biogeography

### **Geog 211 Tentative Lab Schedule**

Scheduling of lab topics/dates is subject to change. You are responsible for being aware of any announcements or changes related to labs that are made in lectures or your lab session. You are responsible for printing a copy of the weekly lab (from Blackboard) to bring to your lab session.

Lab 0: Introduction (Week of Sept. 22)

Lab 1: Climate/Weather Lab (Week of Sept. 29)

Lab 2: Climate/Weather Lab (Week of Oct. 6)

Lab 3: Hydrology Lab (Week of Oct. 13)

Lab 4: Soils Lab (Week of Oct. 27)

Lab 5: Geomorphology Lab (Week of Nov. 3)

Lab 6: Geomorphology Lab (Week of Nov. 17)

Lab 7: Geomorphology Lab (Week of Nov. 24)

### **Important Dates**

Midterm Exam #1: Wed. Oct. 29

Final Exam: To be scheduled by Registrar

Lab Exam #1: In your lab time during the week of October 20

Lab Exam #2: In your lab time during the week of December 1

Lab Written Assignment: Due date TBA