



GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: WINTER 2012

GEOGRAPHY 211 (formerly Geography 201) H(3-3)

The Physical Environment

Section	Days	Time	Location
LEC01	MoWeFr	11:00 - 11:50	ES 443
LAB01	Tu	08:00 - 10:45	ES 313
LAB02	We	15:00 - 17:45	ES 313

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

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, and Pure Mathematics 30 or Mathematics II (offered by continuing Education).

Antirequisites:

Credit for both Geography 211 and 201 will not be allowed.

Supplementary Fees:

No supplementary fee has been assessed for this course.

Required Text:

Christopherson, R. and Byrne, M-L. 2009. Canadian Geosystems, 2nd edition, Pearson Prentice Hall.

Grading (Weighting):

Midterm Exam:	30%
Final Exam:	30% (To be scheduled by the registrar)
Lab Exam #1:	20%
Lab Exam #2:	10%
Term Assignment:	10%

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.

Term Assignment Policy:

Assignments will not be accepted after 4:30 pm on Friday, December 9, 2011. A grade of 0% will be assigned after unless accompanied by a medical doctor's note. They must be submitted digitally through Blackboard (instructions will be given). No exceptions will be made.

Grading System:

A+	> 93	C+	69 – 72.99
A	89 – 92.99	C	65 – 68.99
A-	85 – 88.99	C-	61 – 64.99
B+	81 – 84.99	D+	57 – 60.99
B	77 – 80.99	D	50 – 56.99
B-	73 – 76.99	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>

Disability Resource Centre 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.

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 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
- 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.