



GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: WINTER 2009

GEOGRAPHY 231 H(3-3) Area III

Introduction to Geospatial Methods

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Official Course Description:

An introduction to cartography, remote sensing, geographic information systems and descriptive spatial statistics.

Prerequisite:

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

Required Text:

J. C. McGrew, Jr., C. Monroe, 2000: An Introduction to Statistical Problem Solving in Geography. McGraw-Hill. **(THIS WILL BE OFFERED AS AN EBOOK – DO NOT PURCHASE UNTIL YOU HAVE ACQUIRED DETAILS FROM INSTRUCTOR)**

Required readings from other sources will be assigned. They will be posted on Blackboard.

Recommended Text:

Northey, M. and D. B. Knight, 2007: Making Sense, A Student's Guide to Research and Writing in Geography and Environmental Sciences, Third Edition. Oxford University Press.

Grading (Weighting):

Item	Weighting
Lab 1	4%
Lab 2	5%
Lab 3	5%
Lab 4	6%
Lab 5	8%
Lab 6	8%
Lab 7	10%
Midterm	24%
Final Exam	30%
Total	100%

Note: The final exam will be scheduled by the registrar. It ***IS*** necessary to pass each course component in order to pass the course.

The only acceptable reasons for missing an examination or assignment in this class, as listed in the Deferral of Final Examinations section of the University of Calgary Calendar (http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/2007/how/How_HF.htm), are illness, domestic affliction, or

religious conviction. If you miss an assignment or examination, and you provide me with the appropriate documentation, you will have one opportunity to make arrangements for the missed work. Without appropriate documentation, you will receive a zero for that portion of your grade.

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, please 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 handled 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: 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.