

**GEOGRAPHY 251  
(formerly Geography 203)  
H(3-3) Area II**

**The Human Environment**

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**Official Course Description:**

The study of people, their origins, culture, technology, economy and impact on the environment. The manner in which people attempt to impose order upon the surface of the earth. Concepts of relative location are introduced with particular regard to both the external orientation and the internal organization of urban areas.

**Prerequisite:**

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

**Supplementary Fees:** (*field trips etc*). N/A.

**Textbook/ Readings:**

*J.M. Rubenstein 2005. The Cultural Landscape: An Introduction to Human Geography. New York: Prentice Hill.*

All further course information and material will be posted by the Instructor on Blackboard: <http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/>

**Grading (Weighting):**

**(1) Lab assignments: 40%**

Lab sessions will begin in the first week of class.

Dates of the lab assignments will be posted on Blackboard by the TA.

**(2) In-class exams: 60%**

of which: 2 midterm exams (25% each)

1 final exam (10%)

Exam dates will be announced in the first week of class. The final examination will not be scheduled by the Registrar's Office. Tests and exams may involve short-answer and multiple-choice questions, designed to test the students' understanding of the material covered in class. It is not essential to pass all elements/components to pass the course as a whole.

There will be no makeup or deferred examinations, nor may the examinations be written early. Students unable to write the examination because of documented illness, family emergency or religious observance will have the weight shifted to other components of course work.

### **Grading System:**

96-100	A+	77-80	B	59-61	C-
90-95	A	71-76	B-	55-58	D+
86-89	A-	65-70	C+	50-54	D
81-85	B+	62-64	C	0-49	F

If, for some reason, the distribution of grades determined using the aforementioned conversion chart appears to be abnormal, the instructor reserves the right to change the grade conversion chart if the instructor, at the instructor's discretion, feels it is necessary to more fairly represent student achievement.

#### **Re: Posting of Grades and Picking-up of Assignments**

- Grades will be available to each student on Blackboard by individual password access.
- Non-electronic posting of grades will be at the discretion of the instructor and, if posted, they will be scrambled.
- Grades will **not** be available at Geography's main office.
- The graded assignments can be picked up during the hours announced on Blackboard.
- To receive your assignment back via mail, please include an appropriately sized self-addressed, stamped envelope with your assignment when handing in to the instructor.

#### **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.

#### **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: [socialsciirep@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:socialsciirep@su.ucalgary.ca)

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