

**GEOGRAPHY 365 H(3-0) (AREA II)  
POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY**

**Catalogue #: 3618**

**Timetable:** WINTER SESSION

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**Office Hours:** 12:00-1:00 Wednesday; 1:00-3:00 Friday, and by appt.

**Course Content:**

Spatial study of political systems, structures and processes, and their relationship to geographic factors.

**Organization:**

Major topics to be discussed:

Territoriality; ancient empires; state, nation and nation-state; emergence of states; theories about states; boundaries and frontiers; core areas and capitals; subnational divisions; colonialism; dismantling empires; 20th Century geopolitics; the American Century; the Cold War; supranationalism; globalization; devolution; contemporary geopolitics.

**Grading:**

First Intra-Session Test	worth 30% of course grade
Second Intra-Session Test	worth 35% of course grade
Research Paper	worth 25% of course grade
Final Examination	worth 10% of course grade

**Note:**    (i)    the final examination will not be scheduled by the Registrar's Office  
              (ii)    it is not necessary to pass each course component in order to pass the course

***Presentation/Paper Specifications:***

Presentation Teams of two or three people each will present a concise 20-minute presentation, e.g., the War in Iraq. All topics must be approved by the Instructor. A detailed outline and annotated bibliography must be submitted on the lecture day prior to the talk. The number of presentations may range from 6 to 10. ***The papers are due on Thursday, March 4.*** Students who are not members of teams may substitute a **5-page paper**.

**Text:** no text. There will be a course fee for \$5.00 -- cash only -- no cheques.

**Prerequisite:**

A previous course in Geography or consent of the department.

**Grading Scheme:**

The official grading scheme of the university will be used (Course Information Section in the University Calendar):

A+	4.00	Outstanding performance
A	4.00	Excellent-superior performance, showing comprehensive understanding of subject
A-	3.70	↑ Good - clearly above average performance
B+	3.30	
B	3.00	
B-	2.70	↑ Satisfactory performance – basic understanding of the subject
C+	2.30	
C	2.00	
C-	1.70	
D+	1.30	
D	1.00	Minimal Pass-marginal performance
F	0	Fail - - poor performance

**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)

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