

**GEOGRAPHY 365
H(3-0) Area II**

Political Geography

Timetable: See current Infonet information at: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/InfoNet/> **Catalogue #:** See current information on Infonet

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Official Course Description:

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

Prerequisite:

One of Geography 203, 251, 253, Urban Studies 201 or 253

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

Course Content:

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

Organization:

Major topics to be discussed:

Territoriality; ancient states; 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:

Intra-Session Test #1 Worth 30% of course grade

Intra-Session Test #2 Worth 30% of course grade

Intra-Session Test #3 Worth 10% of course grade

Research Paper or Presentation Worth 30% 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
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Presentation/Paper Specifications:

Students may present a formal oral presentation paper or a formal paper.

PRESENTATION OPTION: Presentation Teams of two or three people each will present a concise 20-minute presentation e.g., the expansion of the European Union. 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.**

PAPER OPTION: Students may substitute an **8-page paper**.

The papers are due on March 30.

Recommended text: Glassner, I.G., Fahrer, C. *Political Geography* New York: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2004.

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: suypaca@ucalgary.ca
- SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 and e-mail: socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca

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