

**GEOGRAPHY 381  
H(3-0) Area II**

**Canada**

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**Official Course Description:**

The regional geography of Canada. The physical framework of Canada and its significance in Canada's historical development. The concept of the geographic region, the patterns and characteristics of these regions, with selected detailed studies.

**Prerequisite:**

Any course in Geography or consent of the Department.

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

**Text(s)/Readings:**

**Recommended:** Bone, Robert. M. (2007) *The Regional Geography of Canada*, Oxford University Press, Fourth Edition.

**Optional:** Stanford, Q.H. *Canadian Oxford World Atlas*.

Note: Any other atlas with Canadian context and content can be used. Purchase of an atlas can be considered optional but access to an atlas is important for coursework.

**Course Objectives:**

1. To develop greater understanding of the regional approach to geographical analysis.
2. To gain a greater understanding of the physical environment of Canada and how that has influenced current and historical development and culture.
3. To gain an understanding of Canada's regions from a cultural, historical, political, and physical perspective.
4. To evaluate the processes of continentalism and globalization with application of the core/periphery model.
5. To gain understanding of society-environment relationships in Canada through integration and application of examples and case studies.

**Grading (Weighting):**

**Lecture Material: There are three in-class lecture examinations.**

Lecture Exam #1	<b>Wednesday February 13<sup>th</sup></b>	25%
Lecture Exam #2	<b>Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup></b>	25%
Lecture Exam #3		30%

**To be scheduled by the Registrar**

**Exam Period: (two hours)**

**Lecture exams must be attended on the date scheduled.** Dates for exams are listed on your course schedule and will be announced in class.

<b>Regional Group Report and Academic Digital Poster</b>	15%
<b>Group Critique</b>	5%

All course materials must be completed to pass the course. It is not necessary to pass all components of the course to achieve a passing grade.

**Grading System:**

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

### **Geog 381 READING SCHEDULE WINTER 2008:**

This schedule acts as your course guide. The instructor reserves the right to add or delete lecture topics and readings appropriate to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the course. Any changes to this schedule will be announced in class.

<b>WEEK 1:</b> <b>Jan 14 -18</b>	Introduction to Course Local Geography	Course Outline
<b>WEEK 2:</b> <b>Jan 21, 25</b>	The Regional Concept Sense of Place and Regional Identity	Chapter One
<b>WEEK 3:</b> <b>Jan 28, Feb 1</b>	Physiography of Canada The Core/Periphery Model	Chapter Two Chapter One
<b>WEEK 4:</b> <b>Feb 4, 8</b>	Historical Geography of Canada	Chapter Three
<b>WEEK 5:</b> <b>Feb 11, 15</b>	Immigration and Multiculturalism Canadian Population	Chapter Four
<b>WEEK 6:</b> <b>Feb 12, 14</b>	<b>Wednesday February 13 Lecture Exam 25% (Weeks 1 - 5 inclusive)</b> Urban Growth and Development, Calgary and the surrounding area	
<b>Reading Break February – 19-22</b>		
<b>WEEK 7:</b> <b>Feb 25, 29</b>	British Columbia Regional Overview	Chapter Seven
<b>WEEK 8</b> <b>Mar 3, 7</b>	Key Topic: Sustainability of BC's Forests Territorial North Regional Overview	Chapter 10
<b>WEEK 9:</b> <b>Mar 10, 14</b>	Ontario Regional Overview Key Topic: The Automobile Industry	Chapter Five
<b>WEEK 10:</b> <b>Mar 18, 20</b>	Western Canada Regional Overview Key Topic: Agricultural Land Use	Chapter Eight
<b>WEEK 11:</b> <b>Mar 24, 28</b>	<b>Wednesday March 26 Lecture Exam 25% (cumulative weeks 1 – 10)</b> Key Topic: Nunavut (Land Claim)	
<b>WEEK 12:</b> <b>Mar 31, Apr 4</b>	Quebec Regional Overview Key Topic: Hydro Power Development	Chapter Six
<b>WEEK 13:</b> <b>Apr 7, 11</b>	Atlantic Canada Regional Overview Key Topic: East Coast Ground Fisheries	Chapter Nine

**For additional detailed course information posted by the Instructor 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 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](mailto:suypaca@ucalgary.ca)
- SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 and e-mail: [socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca)

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