

# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS (3 COURSES)

(specific requirements are subject to revision)

## GEOGRAPHY 392

### Environmental Geography of Europe

**Timetable:** SPRING SESSION, 2008

**Instructor:**

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#### Course Content

Geography 392.XX will be offered during the Overseas Field School, Spring Session, 2008.

This half-course centers on data collection techniques and field research applied to environmental problems and resources in human and “natural” landscapes in Europe. The European itinerary provides diverse geographical contexts for comparative analysis. Topics include impacts of climate change, land degradation, deforestation, current and historical human effects on landscapes, water issues, geothermal and hydrocarbon resources, natural environmental disturbances, air pollution, and agricultural practices.

The following pre-session components are included: one assignment, one paper, and introductory and topical lectures; *en route* components will include lectures, seminars, one-on-one student-instructor consultations, group study tours, and lectures by local experts. While overseas, students must complete one oral presentation, three field study assignments, an extensive field notebook, and a final examination. **Note:** Group travel study is interspersed with numerous opportunities for small group and individual instructor-approved studies.

#### The final course grade includes these components:

one pre-session assignment, based on selected required readings .....	05%
a pre-session paper .....	10%
an on-site oral presentation .....	15%
three field assignments.....	20%
a field notebook .....	30%
a final examination .....	20%

It is **not** necessary to pass each component in order to pass the course.

The Registrar will **not** schedule the Final Exam: it will be scheduled on the last day of the Field School.

#### Expectations:

By the conclusion of the program, a successful student will have acquired

- an understanding of field reconnaissance techniques
- the ability to produce an academic field notebook
- a good understanding of environmental issues in Europe

- insights into physical and environmental processes and the effects of human activities on the environment.

### **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**

- 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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