

**GEOGRAPHY 417
H(2-3) Area III**

Biogeography and Natural Ecosystems

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Official Course Description:

Environmental and spatial relationships of plant communities. Interpretation of soil-plant interrelationships applied to the classification and geographic distribution of natural ecosystems.

NOTE: Normally offered in even-dated years during the Spring or Summer session.

Prerequisite:

Geography 313 or consent of the Department

Supplementary Fees: (*field trips etc*). Course has a mandatory supplementary fee attached of \$100.00.

Text(s)/Readings:**Grading (Weighting):**

Components must total 100% (*In calculating the final grade, the term work should count for not less than 50%. Any tests carried out during the last two weeks (14 days before end of lectures) may not account for more than 10% of the final grade, except in the case of take home examinations or projects*).

State whether: *There is no final examination for this course OR whether the final examination will be OR will not be scheduled by the Registrar's Office and whether or not it is essential to pass all elements/components to pass the course as a whole.*

Grading System:

EITHER *this type of grading system [numbers may be changed but you must include all the letter grades]*

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

OR *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	↑
B+	3.30	
B	3.00	Good - clearly above average performance

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

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

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