



**GEOGRAPHY TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE: FALL 2013
GEOGRAPHY 421
H(3-0)**

Renewable Resources and Natural Environments

Section	Days	Times	Location
LEC01	MoWeFr	9:00 am	ES 920
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Official Course Description:

Geographical resources analysis and management approaches applied to resource sectors such as urban natural areas, wilderness parks and reserves, freshwater resources and fisheries.

Prerequisite:

Geography 321 or consent of the Department

Course Content:

This course focuses on the challenges associated with understanding and managing environmental resources, particularly in terms of achieving sustainability. Emphasis is placed on conducting applied research that responds to ongoing regional, local and global environmental problems.

Objectives:

- to develop greater knowledge of the ways environmental resources may be managed
- to appreciate a variety of approaches, policies, methods, and institutions aimed at achieving sustainability.
- to conduct (applied) research relating to existing resource management issues.

Text(s)/Readings:

Recommended: Draper, D. and M.G. Reed (2009). Our Environment: A Canadian Perspective. Fourth Edition. Scarborough: Nelson Thomson Learning.

Recommended: Northey, M., Knight, D. and Draper, D. (2012). Making Sense: A Student's Guide to Research and Writing; Geography and Environmental Sciences. Fifth Edition. Don Mills, ON: Oxford University Press.

Links to any other assigned readings will be identified in class and/or placed on the Blackboard site for this course. Please note that you will find course-related assistance and reference materials in the Geography Department Collections Room (ES457). Students are responsible for any costs related to all assigned readings.

Course Requirements:

To obtain a passing grade in this course you must:

Acquire all lecture materials and submit all assignments. You must earn 50% or more on the exams, assignments, and presentations in this course in order to pass. You do not have to pass every component but you do need to earn 50 points out of the 100 points that comprise the course exams and assignments to pass the course. Attend at the date, time and place all course exams. In the event of a missed exam, **you must have emailed the instructor before the exam.** Make-up exams are set at the discretion of the instructor. There are no re-writes of exams for any reason.

Grading (Weighting):

Research proposal presentation	10%
Assigned readings test	20%
Seminar presentations (2)	20%
Research project Note: presentations last week of classes	50%

Note: There is no Registrar-scheduled final examination in this course.

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

For additional detailed course information posted by the Instructor see Blackboard at: <http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/>

Writing across the Curriculum

Writing skills are not exclusive to English courses and, in fact, should cross all disciplines. The University supports the belief that throughout their University careers, students should be taught how to write well so that when they graduate their writing abilities will be far above the minimal standards required at entrance. Consistent with this belief, students are expected to do a substantial amount of writing in their University courses and, where appropriate, members of faculty can and should use writing and the grading thereof as a factor in the evaluation of student work. The services provided by the Writing Centre in the Effective Writing Office can be utilized by all undergraduate and graduate students who feel they require further assistance.

Principles of Conduct

The University of Calgary Calendar includes a statement on the Principles of conduct expected of all members of the University community (including students, faculty, administrators, any category of staff, practicum supervisors and volunteers) whether on or off the University's property. This statement applies in all situations where the members of the University community are acting in their University capacities. All Members of the University Community have a responsibility to familiarize themselves with this statement which is available at: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-2.html>

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. <http://www.ucalgary.ca/honesty/plagiarism>

Student Accessibility Services Accommodations

If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with Student Accessibility Services, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with Student Accessibility Services 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.

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy

FOIP: The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) legislation disallows the practice of having students retrieve assignments from a public place, e.g., outside instructor's office, the department office, etc. Term assignments will be returned to students individually, during class or during the instructor's office hours; if students are unable to pick up their assignments from the instructor, they provide the instructor with a stamped, self-addressed envelope to be used for the return of the assignment.

Re: Posting of Grades and Picking-up of Assignments

- All assignments will be handled through Blackboard or personally.
- 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: suvpaca@ucalgary.ca
- SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 and e-mail: arts1@ucalgary.ca

The students ombudsman office information can be found at:

<http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/page/affordability-accessibility/su-structure/contact-info>

Campus Safewalk

Campus Security, in partnership with the Students' Union, provides the Safewalk service, 24 hours a day, to any location on Campus including the LRT, parking lots, bus zones and University residences. Contact Campus Security at 220-5333 or use a help phone, and Safewalkers or a Campus Security officer will accompany you to your Campus destination.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS110, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at (403) 220-5881 or visit them in their new space on the 3rd Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Contact for Students Union Representatives for the Faculty of Arts:

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