

GEOG 421 H (3-0) AREA II

RENEWABLE RESOURCES AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS

Timetable Lec 20 MWF 9-10:50 ES 615

Catalogue # 1139

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Course Content: This course examines geographical and resource analysis and environmental management approaches applied to resource sectors such as forests, wilderness parks and reserves, urban natural areas, freshwater and marine areas. Wherever possible, examples from North America will be used, emphasizing Canadian approaches and their differences and similarities to the American situations. We will also look at the State of the Environment reports to see how natural areas and resources are managed.

General objectives of the course are:

- 1) to develop an appreciation of the range of possible future environments while focussing on local, regional, national and international policy settings;
- 2) to understand how decision-making structures accommodate a variety of current and future societal interests and environmental objectives;
- 3) to consider different management strategies associated with the protection and utilization of natural environments and renewable resources;
- 4) to understand how State of the Environment reports are prepared, and their significance to various sectors; and
- 5) to examine selected case studies from the objectives given above.

Introduction	Review of definitions and classifications Relevance and ethics in Geography Key players and stakeholders
Resource Allocation	Policy-making environments Resource management objectives Landmark cases
Public Participation	World views and values Perceptions and attitudes Participation processes
Impacts	Environmental/Social impact assessments Landscape evaluation Community-based resource management
Selected Cases	Environmental sustainability Policy and planning considerations
State of the Environment	Resource analysis Report writing

Note: the instructor reserves the right to include topics not identified here, and to exclude topics in this list as is appropriate to the focus of the course, or the background and interests of the students. Course topics may also be modified to suit class enrolment.

Blackboard: <http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/>

Required Texts: none

Readings/Manual: none

Grading (Weighting)

mid term test	30%	
report	30%	
final exam	40%	Exam is scheduled by Registrar

IMPORTANT- Students Please Read and Note:

- There is a Registrar-scheduled final exam in this course.
- Students **MUST** complete all assigned work, including discussions, term test, report and final exam to receive a passing grade. Late reports will not be accepted, except with the following exceptions. Consideration will be given for legitimate medical reasons, when accompanied by appropriate documentation. Students wishing to receive consideration for non-medical reasons must approach the instructor and make the necessary arrangements prior to the due date. Consideration for this type of situation will not be given easily, and will never be given after the due date. No consideration for other than medical reasons will be given after the due date. Students missing tests without medical reason, or without prior alternate scheduling with the instructor will be given an F grade for the missed test.
- Students are responsible for attending all classes and doing all readings assigned. Students are responsible for testing purposes for all material covered in lectures, discussions, assigned readings and handouts

Prerequisite: GEOG 321 or permission of Department (ask Instructor)

Supplementary Fees: none at present, but if a field trip is desired by students, a charge of between \$15 and \$25 per student will be collected to cover transportation.

Percentages below indicate the standard required for each letter grade; these (standards) may be lowered but will not be raised.

A	90.0 – 100	D+	54.0 – 58.9
A-	85.0 – 89.9	D	50.0 – 53.9
B+	80.0 – 84.9	F	0 – 49.9
B	76.0 – 79.9		
B-	72.0 – 75.9		
C+	67.0 – 71.9		
C	63.0 – 66.9		
C-	59.0 – 62.9		

Grading will be based on the equivalent standards of the university (Course Information Section in the University Calendar) as indicated below:

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

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: suvpaca@ucalgary.ca
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