



GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: WINTER 2015
GEOGRAPHY 421
H(3-0)

Renewable Resources and Natural Environments

Section	Days	Times	Location
LEC01	MoWeFr	10:00am – 10:50am	SA 235

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Please note: The appropriate emergency evacuation assembly point for classes taught in Science A is Social Science Food Court.

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

Text(s)/Readings:

Recommended for reference purposes: Northey, M., D. Knight and D. Draper. 2012. *Making Sense in Geography and Environmental Sciences*. Fifth Edition. Toronto: Oxford University Press. [6th edition: Jan 2015]

Required readings will be identified by their URLs, or placed on the D2L site for this course, or in the Geography Department Collections Room (ES457). Students are responsible for copying costs of any required readings.

Grading (Weighting):

In order to obtain a grade in this course, students must complete or submit each of the following evaluative components; it is not essential to pass all components in order to pass the course as a whole. Additional details of assignments are provided in class.

Evaluative components must be submitted in person and in hard copy format (assignments will **not** be accepted *via* email). There is no final examination for this course.

Evaluative component	Weighting
Reflective Research Journal*	25%
Research Project*	45%
Poster presentation*	25%
Professional behaviour and participation	5%

* Multiple components in each of these assignments (see separate file on D2L)

Grading System:

All evaluative components are marked on a numerical (percentage) basis. The following letter grade equivalences will be applied:

A+	=	95-100	B+	=	80-84	C+	=	65-69	D+	=	50-54
A	=	90-94	B	=	75-79	C	=	60-64	D	=	45-49
A-	=	85-89	B-	=	70-74	C-	=	55-59	F	=	0-44

Please note that variations in grade distributions always will be considered by the instructor where called for by the performance in each individual class. The student does not have any 'right' to a certain grade, but is responsible for earning grades. The instructor has unfettered discretion to evaluate student performance and assign all grades.

As the grading of any evaluative component is open to human error, please feel free to question your results. If you have a question regarding the grading of your work, please see me first, within one week of the grade/mark being made available. If you are not convinced that you have been treated fairly, you may choose to appeal (please consult the current University Calendar for more information).

For additional detailed course information posted by the Instructor Desire2Learn (D2L) at <https://d2l.ucalgary.ca/d2l/home>

USRI

At the University of Calgary, feedback provided by students through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses (www.ucalgary.ca/usri). Your responses make a difference - please participate in USRI Surveys.

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 Support Services 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/j-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 D2L or personally.
- Their own grades will be available to each student on D2L 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: 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 Students Centre is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS 102, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at ascarts@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 registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210 7625 or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.

Contact for Students Union Representatives for the Faculty of Arts:

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