



GEOGRAPHY COURSE OUTLINE: WINTER 2016
GEOGRAPHY 421
H(3-0)

Renewable Resources and Natural Environments

Section	Days	Times	Location
LEC 01	MoWeFr	11:00 – 11:50	SA 243
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Please note: the appropriate emergency evacuation assembly point for all 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

Course Content:

This course focuses on: exploring human connections and responses to the natural world; understanding concepts such as biophilia, stewardship and sustainability and how they link to human efforts to manage environmental resources; developing an awareness of the importance of different approaches to environmental management. Emphasis is placed on conducting applied research that responds to contemporary regional, local and global environmental issues.

Objectives:

Major objectives of this course include: (1) to explore the ways humans are connected to our natural environment, (2) to appreciate the importance and implications of biophilia, stewardship and sustainability for environmental management, (3) to consider approaches, policies, methods, and institutions aimed at achieving sustainability, and (4) to conduct (applied) research relating to environmental concerns.

Text(s)/Readings:

Recommended for reference purposes: Draper, D. and M.G. Reed (2012). *Our Environment: A Canadian Perspective*. Fifth Edition. Scarborough: Nelson Thomson Learning. (note: Sixth edition is due Jan. 2016)

Highly recommended: Northey, M., Draper, D. and Knight, D. (2015). *Making Sense: A Student's Guide to Research and Writing; Geography and Environmental Sciences*. Sixth Edition. Don Mills, ON: Oxford University Press.

Links to assigned readings will be identified in class and/or placed on the D2L 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, 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. Details of assignments are provided in class. Please note that evaluative components must be submitted in both electronic and in hard copy (in person) form.

Grading (Weighting):

Evaluative component	Weighting	Due Date
Photographic Challenges (3 @ 10% each)	30%	Feb 3, Mar 9*, Apr 6
Reflective Research Journal	20%	Feb 1 (5%); Apr 13 (15%)
Research project/Poster presentation	45%	Mar 4 (poster 20%) Apr 13 (paper 25%)
Professional behaviour and participation	5%	ongoing

Notes: There is no Registrar-scheduled final examination in this course. (* date may be advanced)

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

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

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>

Academic Accommodations:

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the university policies and procedures listed below. The student accommodation policy can be found at: www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf

Students needing an accommodation because of a Disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities. The procedure can be found at: www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/procedure-for-accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities_0.pdf

Students needing an accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, in writing, to the Instructor.

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: 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 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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