



GEOGRAPHY FINAL COURSE OUTLINE: WINTER 2014
Geography 479
H(3-0)

Housing and Society

Section	Days	Time	Location
LEC 01	TuTh	12:30 – 13:45	ST 126

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Course Description

Examines interactions between housing and social organization in cross-cultural context. Emphasizes the varied types of built form, their cultural meanings, implications for social life within households and for society more broadly, and their political and economic consequences. Pays particular attention to contemporary housing problems such as homelessness and urban sprawl.

Prerequisites

Geography 351 or Anthropology 379.

Text Readings

The following required texts have been ordered at the Campus Bookstore:

Richard Harris *Creeping Conformity: How Canada Became Suburban, 1900-1960*. University of Toronto Press.

Jan Rensel (Editor) *Home in the Islands: Housing and Social Change in the Pacific*. University of Hawaii Press, 1998

A number of additional required readings will be assigned, at least five days in advance, and will be posted on Blackboard.

Grading/Weighting/Final Examination

Note: there is **no** Registrar scheduled final examination for this course, only an in-class final test worth 10%. It is not essential to pass all elements/components to pass the course as a whole.

Mid-term test (March 4)	30%
Final test (in class, April 10)	10%
Term paper proposal (due Feb. 25)	20%
Term paper (due April 8)	40%
Optional group presentation	15%, substituting for half of midterm if grade is higher

Grading system

A+ 100 - 94.9%
A 94.8 - 89.9%
A- 89.8 - 84.9%

B+ 84.8 – 79.9%
B 79.8 - 74.9%
B- 74.8 – 70.9%

C+ 70.8– 66.9%
C 66.8 – 62.9%
C- 62.8 – 58.9%

D+ 58.8 – 54.9%
D 54.8 – 49.9%
F 49.8% and below

Notes

Students will have the option of doing group presentations of approximately 30 minutes. Groups of no less than three and no more than five should indicate that they plan to do a presentation on a particular topic by no later than Feb. 13. Earlier is better, since if groups propose similar topics, the group who proposed it first will have control of the topic. Presentations will be graded, and if the grade is higher than the student's midterm grade, it will count for half of the midterm grade (i.e. 15% of the course grade). Guidelines will be provided at a later date.

Test re-writes will not be offered except for documented medical and family emergencies. Vacation plans, heavy workload, etc. will not be considered. Course appeals (grades, missed exams) have to be made in writing. While the instructor will attempt to respond to emails in a timely fashion, that is, within two working days, volume may mean that delays will extend beyond this period. In other words, don't send an email about the test an hour before and expect a response.

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/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 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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