

GEOG 597.23 H (2-1) AREA II**International Field Work In Geography**

Timetable Lec # Days Time Block Course May 1-5/06

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May 1 **9:00 am Introduction to critical observation and interpretation of human and physical landscapes.**

Skills essential for research, coursework in Physical and Human environments

Virtual Field Assignment 1 due May 2rd

May 2

9:00 am Conducting Geographical Field Work Abroad.

Qualitative and quantitative fieldwork methods and techniques in human and physical geography. Emphasis on methods which can be utilized while in international field settings. Guest speakers from the Department of Geography, cognate disciplines, industry, and government

Guest Speaker - Peter Herrem – Human Geography Fieldwork

Virtual Field Assignment 2 due May 3th

May 3

9:00 am Traveling, Working, Researching: Cultural Interaction in Overseas Settings

Geographic analyses and overviews of selected cultural realms: understanding worldviews, perceptions, misunderstandings, customs, and traditions; demographic, socio-economic and political change; flashpoints and disparities; environmental, social, and development issues; cultural sensitivity. Examples from numerous culture realms. Guest speakers from the Department of Geography TBA.

Mid-term exam 9:00am, 1 hour

Guest Speaker Cam Owens – Field work in Human Geography

1:00pm Guest Speaker TBA

Virtual Assignment 3 due May 4th

May 4

11:00am Practical Aspects of International Travel

Travel in selected cultural realms. Emphasis on travel preparation, documentation, money, risk, safety, security, legal issues, liability, health and effective logistics.

Assignment 4 – due May 5th

Guest Speaker – TBA

May 5

9:00 am The Impacts of Cultural and Physical Landscapes. Fragile ecosystems and environments: natural reserves and parks, wildlife reserves, and endangered plant and animal species. Impacts of tourism: economics, development, heritage sites, sustainability. A focus on the balance between the economic benefits, social and cultural effects, and the impacts on the environment.

Final exam 3:00 pm

Four assignments based on 'virtual field trips' using scanned slide banks and movie footage available on CD. Topics from selected regions will include the following: environmental degradation, land use, housing, landscape change, and the impact of tourism

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

Required Texts NA.

References/Possible texts/Readings:

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Grading (Weighting)

40%	4 Virtual field trip assignments. Field assignments worth 10% each May 2 nd , assignment 1, due May 3 rd May 3 rd assignment 2, due May 4 th May 4 th , assignment 3, due May 5 th May 5 th , field trip assignment, due May 6 th ,
30%	Mid-Session Examination May 4 th 9:00am Based on lecture material, required readings, and guest speakers.
30%	Final Examination May 6 th 3:00pm Based on lecture material, required readings, and guest speakers.

It not essential to pass all elements to pass the course. Final exam in class May 6th.

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

Prerequisite: A previous course in Geography or consent from the department.

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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 marked 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.

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