

GEOGRAPHY 609
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(Anthropology 609) (Archaeology 609)

Human Ecological Systems

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Time: W 11:00 – 2:00
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Official Course Description:

The development of human ecology, its current directions and application of analytical techniques as they apply to anthropology, archaeology and geography.

Prerequisite:

Consent of the Department

Supplementary Fees: (*field trips etc*). N/A

The course deals with the development of human ecology, its current directions and application of analytical techniques as they apply to anthropology, archaeology and geography. Relationships between human societies and the physical environment will be examined. The emphasis will be on the relation between human cultural behaviour, human biological adaptation, and the environment. The course will begin by examining the history, theory, and method of ecological anthropology and move to studies of human adaptability and new directions in research.

This course is a seminar. You will be expected to participate in the discussion, lead at least one discussion session, complete weekly reading assignments, write an original research paper and present an oral critique of a the research paper of a classmate.

Readings

Each week a student will assign readings on a particular topic and lead the discussion of the readings the following week. Each student will be expected to be prepared for and to contribute to the discussion.

Research Paper

Your paper should be thoroughly researched, well organized, and well written. You should select a topic during the first two weeks. The sooner you start the better. You will probably find that you will need to order some sources through Interlibrary Loans. You will be given a time schedule indicating when your paper will be discussed. Your paper is to be duplicated and distributed to the members of the class at least one week before it is scheduled for discussion. (It is particularly important that the critic receive a copy as early as possible).

Critique

Your critique should be a careful, thorough analysis and examination of the merits of the paper. You should concentrate on substantive issues. e.g. on use of data, methodology, thoroughness or the use of resources, logic of argument. Avoid personal and picky criticism but be frank. If you disagree, say so and be prepared to support your disagreement. If important sources have been overlooked find them and mention them. By the same token, don't be afraid to praise. If you think a paper has been brilliantly researched and written let us know and tell us why.

Text(s)/Readings: There is no text for this course.

Grading (Weighting):

Research Paper	40%
Critique	25%
Readings Selection and Discussion	25%
Class Participation	10%

There is no final exam for this course.

Grading System:

96-100	A+	77-80	B	59-61	C-
90-95	A	71-76	B-	55-58	D+
86-89	A-	65-70	C+	50-54	D
81-85	B+	62-64	C	0-49	F

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

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.

Disability Resource Centre Accommodations

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre 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.

Re: Posting of Grades and Picking-up of Assignments

- All assignments will be handles on Blackboard.
- 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: suypaca@ucalgary.ca
- SU Faculty Rep. Phone: 220-3913 and e-mail: socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca

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