GEOG 699.02 (3-0)

Seminar on the Philosophy and Nature of Physical Geography

Timetable	Sem	Days	Time	Location	**Catalogue #**
	Lab #	T	1400	SS 006	

Instructor: Lawrence Nkemdirim   **TA (if applicable):**
Office: ES 324   Office:
Office hours: 1- 2 TR   Office hours:
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e-mail: e-mail:

Course Content

This seminar is about physical geography, its underlying philosophy, concepts and methods. Material covered includes structure, scaling, verification and validation, forecasting and applications. These topics will be treated in lecture format in the first few weeks of the course. The remaining weeks will be used for two sets of group presentations by students. The first will be exclusively oral followed by a discussion. The second will include a written essay which will be defended in class.

Required Texts *None*

Readings/Manual:

Reading material will be available on blackboard. Students are required to research other sources.

Grading (Weighting)

Because this is a seminar, in-class participation is critical. This component which carries 20 percent of the grade will be measured by attendance – 10 % and intervention – 10%.

First group presentation is worth 35 percent, the second 45 percent.

There is no final examination.

Supplementary Fees*: None*

Grading System

Letter grades only will be used. The grades will correspond to descriptions used in the official University Calendar. See schema below.

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*subject to change before classes officially start.

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

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.

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 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.

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: socialscirep@su.ucalgary.ca

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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.