

Geography 2811: Cultural Geography

Fall Term 2012

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Time: Monday and Wednesday 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Location: Room: AT 1001

Content

This course introduces some basic concepts and techniques used in Cultural Geography. By the end of the term you should have a clearer view of world, national and local interactions and people within. Daily news and many events may make more sense.

We will examine some of the interconnections between culture and environment, language, religion and politics. Some topics will explore issues within agriculture, urban settlements, energy production, racial and other conflicts.

Several “Practicals” are scheduled during the term. These include guest speakers (with student written summaries of their presentations) and other in-class exercises. (20)

The Mid-Term (25) will include multiple-choice and short answer questions based on based on lectures and the Text.

A research project (15) centres on international relations.

The Final Examination (40) will include

- a) short-answer questions (a few *based on the entire term's work*)
- b) the option of essays **or** multiple-choice questions
- c) map related-questions from lectures and text covering the second part of the term.

Text: William Norton (2009). *Human Geography*, 7th Edition. Oxford University Press: Toronto
(Available in the LU Bookstore)

Marking scheme (tentative):

Practicals	20
Mid-Term	25
Research project	15
Final Exam	40

About the instructor: My background includes work with the Australian Weather Bureau and Environment Canada. I have taught at Lakehead University since 1995 and often teaching, research and contract work involves weather and climate. Other teaching at LU has involved energy development and use, northern development and Lake Superior. I write for several publications about weather and climate change, northern gardening and energy policies. I am currently contributing to the Thunder Bay Flood Study and occasionally forecast weather at “project fires” for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.