

Geography 3631: Geography of Canada

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Content

This course explores Canadian geography and society by using a regional approach. The main text (Bone, 2011) considers aspects of physical, historical and human geography at a national scale and then examines six regions in the country. This model facilitates comparison of the main regions and leads to discussion of “tensions or fault lines” that exist in modern Canada. Lectures provide context and some topics that link social, economic, environmental and political factors. These topics include energy development, historical and current treaties, climate change and others, usually examined with a sequence of history – current situation – future considerations.

The goal of this course is to provide a more integrated understanding of Canadian geography. An essential part of this process is the role of student presentations which will be discussed on Day 1.

Text: Bone, R.M. (2011). *The Regional Geography of Canada*, 5th Edition. Oxford University Press: Toronto (*Available in the LU Bookstore*)

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 other work involves weather and climate. Other teaching at LU has involved energy use, northern development and Lake Superior. I write for several publications, usually with a weather component, and about northern gardening.

I am currently contributing to the Thunder Bay Flood Study and occasionally forecast weather at “project fires” for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

Marking scheme (to be discussed in first class):

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Lecture Topics

Sept. 12	Introduction to the Course Discussion of tests, essay/presentation Office hours and other admin	
Sept. 14	Regions of Canada	(Chapter 1)

(To be continued)