

# HONOURS THESIS

## GEOGRAPHY 4013 – WINTER 2013

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### Calendar Description:

Winter Term. Completion of a thesis, based on individual original research, to be submitted by the date posted by the Department of Geography. Attendance at a number of workshops is required. There will be an oral presentation at the end of the term.

*Special note:* Students in Geography 4011 and 4013 will be expected to bear the costs of any field research required. Restricted to students in the fourth year of an Honours Geography program.

### Prerequisites:

A minimum mark of 70% in Geography 4011.

### Course Objectives:

The objective of the winter term thesis course is to continue with the work started in the fall term leading to submission of a final draft of an undergraduate thesis.

### Course Organization:

The class will function in much the same manner as it did in the fall term. There will two formal workshops during the regular scheduled class time (Friday afternoons 1:30 to 4:30 in RC-2005) (see schedule below). Each student will also be expected to make a formal presentation of their results. These presentations will be open to the public.

### GEOG 4013 COURSE SCHEDULE (*subject to changes*)

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Course Meeting (Friday 1:30-4:30)</b>
Jan13	Jan 18 <sup>th</sup> : Writing Skills <sup>1</sup> (Dr. T.Randall)
Feb 17 <sup>(1)</sup>	STUDY WEEK (Feb 18 – 22, 2013)
Feb 24	Mar 1 <sup>st</sup> : Oral Presentation Skills (Dr. B. Wilson)
Mar 24	<b>Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>: Final Oral Presentations</b> (afternoon and/or evening times TBA)
Mar 31	no class <sup>(note 4)</sup>
Apr 7	no class <sup>(note 2)</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Students were asked, via email, to prepare a 400 to 500-word abstract for their thesis project. This abstract will be used to assist in the Writing Skills workshop given by Dr Randall at the first class meeting.

**NOTES:** (1) Study week is Feb 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013; (2) First day of term: Mon. Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013; Last day of classes is Tues. Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013; (3) **Final exams** run from April 12<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013, inclusive – there is no flexibility in changing exams; (4) Easter weekend is Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> to Monday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013; (5) Final date to register for a course (Fri, Jan 18<sup>th</sup>);

### Course Grading / Deadlines:

Thesis Presentation – see below	20%	
Thesis Draft (written) – see below	0%	(due: Fri, Mar 8 <sup>th</sup> )
Completed Written Thesis	<u>80%</u>	(due: Fri, April 12 <sup>th</sup> )
	100%	

A **completed draft** of your thesis is to be submitted to your advisor by Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. This will allow your advisor time to review your work, make suggestions for last-minute changes, and for you to carry out the recommended changes. **Final Oral Presentations** will be scheduled for the afternoon and/or evening of March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Refer to the course manual for details on how oral presentations will be graded.

### Final Thesis Submission

The completed thesis, ready for binding, must be submitted for marking by **12 NOON on Friday, April 12**. *Deliver personally to your advisor OR to Dr. Randall OR to Jennifer McKee. Do not attempt to put in the workbox.*

By this point:

- all chapters have been submitted for comment and revision;
- all tables and figures have been completed and inserted in the thesis, along with the other required components (Abstract, Table of Contents; List of Figures; List of Tables; References);
- all grammatical, spelling and typing errors have been corrected;
- the thesis has been laser printed onto an acceptable grade of paper; and
- proof of pre-payment of binding costs has been submitted (see on-line Thesis Manual, p 5).