

# HONOURS THESIS

## GEOGRAPHY 4013 – WINTER 2014

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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 be three 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.

### Course Grading / Deadlines:

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

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.

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

<b>Week of</b>	<b>Course Meeting (Friday 1:30-4:30)</b>
Jan 5	Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> : Overview, Progress, Discussion of Abstracts (note 6) (Dr. T. Randall)
Jan 26	Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> : Writing Skills (Dr. W. Wilson)
Feb 16 <sup>(1)</sup>	STUDY WEEK (Feb 17 – 21, 2014)
Feb 23	Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> : Oral Presentation Skills (Dr. K. Zaniewski)
Mar 23	<b>Mar 28<sup>th</sup>: Final Oral Presentations</b> (afternoon and/or evening times TBA)
Apr 6	no class (note 2)

**NOTES:** (1) Study week is Feb 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014; (2) First day of term: Mon. Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014; Last day of classes is Friday Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014; (3) **Final exams** run from April 7<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014, inclusive – there is no flexibility in changing exams; (4) Easter weekend is Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> to Monday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014; (5) Final date to register for a course (Fri, Jan 17<sup>th</sup>); (6) Students were asked, via email, to prepare a 400 to 500-word abstract for their thesis project over the holiday break, that will be used at the first class meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**Final Thesis Submission**

The completed thesis, ready for binding, must be submitted for marking by **12 NOON on Monday, April 14**. *Deliver personally to your advisor OR to Dr. Randall OR to Jennifer McKee. Do not attempt to put in the workbook.*

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).