

Geography of the Arctic Region
Geography 3671/Anthropology 3813/Northern Studies 3671
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Calendar Description:

Prerequisite: Geography 1120 or permission of the instructor

An exploration of the commonalities and differences between the various countries and other transnational and national sub-regions of the Arctic with an emphasis on physical environments, natural resources, conservation, indigenous peoples and international concerns.

Meeting Times: T/TH: 1-2:30 AT 2019

Website: Geography, Faculty, Dowsley, Teaching, Arctic Regions

Evaluation

Quiz 1 Multiple Choice and Gazetteer	15%
Quiz 2 Multiple Choice	15%
Final Exam Multiple Choice	20%
Papers 1 and 2 (10% each)	20%
Paper 3 (20%) and presentation of paper 3 (5%)	25%
Homework and participation in class	5%

Papers

Papers 1 and 2 are case studies of a particular problem in one region of the Arctic. Paper 3 combines the 2 case studies and provides comparison of the two regions and analysis of the problem, then offers some solutions. The purpose of having this 3-paper format is to provide students with the opportunity to improve their writing from papers 1 and 2, so that paper 3 is a polished senior undergraduate paper.

Late Penalties

Assignments turned in late (after 5:00 pm the day they are due) will be docked 10% a day on your grade for the assignment. Presentations that are not given on the day assigned will receive a 0 grade unless arrangements are made beforehand with the professor.

Assigned Readings

Readings and homework questions will be posted on-line

Homework will sometimes be collected to contribute to your participation mark. Please bring a hard copy of it to class each day.

Any material covered in readings can appear on exams.

Date	Theme	Class Topic	What is Due?
Sept 9	Physical Geography and Basic Knowledge	Introduction to course	
Sept 11		Lecture 1 Definitions, Gazetteer Nunavut	Pielou Ch 1 Sky
Sept 16		Lecture 2 Terrestrial Env., Gaz. Europe, NWT, Yukon, Arctic Ocean	Sugden Ch 4 Glaciers
Sept 18		Lecture 3 Marine Env. , Gaz. West Russia and Alaska	Bone Ch2 Physical Base pp23-46 qu 1-5 at end
Sept 23		Lecture 4 Gazetteer East Russia, Greenland and Review	Bone pp 46-end, qu 6-10 Submit term paper topic and case studies
Sept 25		Quiz 1	
Sept 30	Human History and Adaptation to the Arctic: Examples from Greenland and Russia	Lecture 5 Early Human Adaptation to the Arctic	Rowley-Conly 1999
Oct 2		Lecture 6 European Explorations and Encounters	Paper 1 due
Oct 7		Lecture 7 Greenland 1 Thule and Norse	McGovern 1980
Oct 9		Lecture 8 Greenland 2 Colonial and Modern Greenland	Møller 2011
Oct 14		Lecture 9 Russia 1 History	Crate and Nuttall 2003
Oct 16		Lecture 10 Russia 2 Settlers	Thompson 2002
Oct 21		Lecture 11 Russia 3 Indigenous peoples	Dallmann et al. 2011
Oct 23			Quiz 2
Oct 28	Arctic Today: Life, Identity and Landscape	Lecture 12 Contact Traditional Period in Canadian Arctic (~1900-1960): Movie Day!	Paper 2 due
Oct 30		Lecture 13 20 th C and creation of Nunavut	
Nov 4		Lecture 14 Identity	Légaré 2002
Nov 6		Lecture 15 Cultural Landscapes in the Canadian Arctic	Collignon 2006
Nov 11		Lecture 16 Polar Bears	Dowsley and Wenzel 2008
Nov 13		Lecture 17 Economic development and Culture	Dressler, Berkes and Mathias 2001
Nov 18	Synthesis and Student Demonstration of Knowledge	TBA	Paper 3 Due
Nov 20			Paper Seminars
Nov 25			Paper Seminars
Nov 27			TBA