



## **DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY**

### **GEOG 2251 GEOGRAPHIC INQUIRY AND INTERPRETATION**

**WINTER 2020**

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Instructor:

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#### **DELIVERY MODE/LOCATION**

Times: Lectures: W/F 9:30-10:30 OA2010 Lab: T: 2:30-4:30 OA2006

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Approaches to the collection, analysis, display, and interpretation of information pertaining to geographical landscapes. Introduction to philosophical and methodological traditions of geographical inquiry.

#### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Develop an understanding of cartographic concepts and map reading skills.

Develop an ability to analyze and interpret spatial information

Improve skills at presentation of geographic information

Introduce to philosophical and methodological traditions of geographical inquiry.

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#### **REQUIRED MATERIALS**

**Lectures:** Text: Communicating in Geography and the Environmental Sciences Iain Hay and Philip Giles (2006) Canadian Edition. Plus assigned readings.

**Labs** Text: Human Geography Lab Manual (2013) Hackett, Noble and Gunn, Oxford

**Some labs require Access to internet**

**Drawing instruments (pencils, ruler )**

**Graph Paper (1cm squares)**

## EVALUATION

Component	Value	Due Date	Individual/Group
10 Labs @ 5%	50%	weekly	/groups/pairs
Assignment	20%	March 25/27	individual
Midterm	10%	Feb 14th	individual
Exam	20%	Set by registrar	individual

**Labs:** weekly assignments practicing various skills

Labs are due no later than beginning of the Friday class following the lab. No late submissions.

**Participation:** Lab work may be done in groups. There is no mark for participation. If you are having difficulty with a group member please let me know asap.

**Assignment** Details to Follow

**Mid-term:** A Short answer test covering the material from the lectures

**Final Exam:** A Short answer test covering the material from the lectures

## MISSED EXAMS

Make-up examinations will only be given with written documentation from a healthcare practitioner using the official Student Health Certificate, available at

<http://registrar.lakeheadu.ca/uploads/docs/F.HealthCertificate.pdf> (see next page).

Final examinations run from Dec 6<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 inclusive. There will be no rescheduling of examinations to accommodate holiday travel or extracurricular activities. No one will be allowed to write examinations prior to the scheduled date.

## GRADING SCHEME

A+	90 to 100%	Outstanding understanding of the course concepts including integration of materials and ideas, ability to apply knowledge to situations
A	80 to 89%	
B	70 to 79%	Above average to excellent knowledge, ability to apply knowledge to situations
C	60 to 69%	Satisfactory knowledge including ability to recognise and apply major course concepts, and to progress to next level of course
D	50 to 59%	Some grasp of course concepts; will likely encounter difficulty with higher levels
E	40 to 49%	Failed to meet minimum requirements of the course
F	1 to 39%	Failure
F	0	Failure resulting from academic dishonesty

**Students are advised to refer to the University Calendar to ensure that they have adequate grades and/or average to proceed in their program.**

## COURSE SCHEDULE

Class	Date	Topic	TUESDAY
1	Jan 8/10	History of Geography (Fellman, Getis, Getis (2007) pp 4-7 Mental Maps/ Study Guide	NO LAB JAN 7th
2	Jan 15/17	History continued	Lab 1 Jan 14th
3	Jan 22/24	Core Geographic Concepts (Fellman, Getis, Getis (2007) pp 7-18)	Lab 2 Jan 21
4	Jan 29/31	Maps (Hay & Giles Chapter 8)	Lab 3 Jan 28
5	Feb 5/7	Maps (Hay & Giles Chapter 8)	Lab 4 Feb 4
6	Feb 12/14	Maps Midterm Feb 14th	Lab 5 Feb 11
	Feb 17-21	Study Week	No Lab
7	Feb 26/28 Mar 1	Diagrams and charts Hay & Giles Chap 7	Lab 6 Feb 25
8	Mar 4/6	Visual Presentations (Hay & Giles Chapter 6)	Lab 7 Mar 3
9	Mar 11/13	Writing Skills (Hay & Giles Chp 1,3)	Lab 8 Mar 10
10	Mar 18/20	Writing Skills (Hay & Giles Chp10)	Lab 8 Mar 17
11	Mar 25/27	Presentations	Lab 10 Mar 24
12	Apr 1/3	Conclusions and Review	No Lab

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Any important announcements, including changes in due dates will be announced in-class and posted on Desire2Learn.**

#### **COURSE POLICIES    GENERAL REGULATIONS**

Student Accessibility Services (SAS) (Thunder Bay) and Student Affairs (Orillia) coordinate services and facilitates reasonable academic accommodations for students with disabilities. Academic accommodations are provided on the basis of documentation of a disability. Additional information is available at the following campus websites:

## **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**

The University takes a most serious view of offences against academic honesty such as plagiarism, cheating and impersonation. Penalties for dealing with such offences will be strictly enforced.

A copy of the "Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures" including sections on plagiarism and other forms of misconduct may be obtained from the Office of the Registrar.

The following rules shall govern the treatment of candidates who have been found guilty of attempting to obtain academic credit dishonestly.

- (a) The minimum penalty for a candidate found guilty of plagiarism, or of cheating on any part of a course will be a zero for the work concerned.
- (b) A candidate found guilty of cheating on a formal examination or a test, or of serious or repeated plagiarism, or of unofficially obtaining a copy of an examination paper before the examination is scheduled to be written, will receive zero for the course and may be expelled from the University.

Students disciplined under the Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures may appeal their case through the Judicial Panel.

Note: "Plagiarism" shall be deemed to include:

- 1. Plagiarism of ideas as where an idea of an author or speaker is incorporated into the body of an assignment as though it were the writer's idea, i.e. no credit is given the person through referencing or footnoting or endnoting.
- 2. Plagiarism of words occurs when phrases, sentences, tables or illustrations of an author or speaker are incorporated into the body of a writer's own, i.e. no quotations or indentations (depending on the format followed) are present but referencing or footnoting or endnoting is given.
- 3. Plagiarism of ideas and words as where words and an idea(s) of an author or speaker are incorporated into the body of a written assignment as though they were the writer's own words and ideas, i.e. no quotations or indentations (depending on format followed) are present and no referencing or footnoting or endnoting is given.

A listing of University Regulations can be found at:

<http://calendar.lakeheadu.ca/current/contents/regulations/univregsintro.html>

The code of student behaviour and disciplinary procedures can be found at:

<http://policies.lakeheadu.ca/policy.php?pid=60>     **THE SUBMISSION OF ANY WORK COMPLETED BY ANOTHER STUDENT AS YOUR OWN WILL BE TEATED AS ACADEMIC DISHONESTY.**