

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY
GEOG 2811 – Cultural Geography – 2020
COURSE OUTLINE

Instructor

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Introduction

Welcome to GEOG 2811 – Cultural Geography. This class will provide you with an exploration of the many and varied cultural worlds on our planet. We will be using a wide array of different technologies in our exploration to better understand how different peoples see and understand their homes and the cosmos in which they live. If you have never done this before, you may find it strange to see how many different life-ways there are in the world. This course is meant to prepare you to go out in the world and conduct research in a sensitive and culturally meaningful way.

Aim

By the end of this course, successful students should understand:

- 1) The varied vocabulary and concepts of cultural geography
- 2) How different cultures see and understand the world
- 3) The location of many of these cultures on the earth
- 4) The use of a variety of technologies to study how people live.

Successful students will also gain technical skills in:

- 1) Writing;
- 2) Research;
- 3) Cartography;
- 4) Various software packages.

Successful students will emerge from this class with an unbearable need to travel and see the world. You should also develop a set of skills and a mind-set to allow you to conduct your expeditions and travels in an appropriate and culturally sensitive fashion.

Learning Methods

- Lectures RC - 2003 – Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30 – 7:00
- Study groups
- Independent work (much rewarded)

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Readings and materials

The required textbooks and readings are available in the bookstore.

Workload and Expectations of Excellence

Initial annotated bibliography	– 10%	First week.
Map of sacred structures in Thunder Bay with research nte	– 15%	Second week
Detailed study of sacred structure and neighbourhood	– 40 %	Last week of courses
Detailed Map Exercise	- 35%	End of classes