



DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

GEOGRAPHY 1150 FAO THE ENVIRONMENT FALL 2020

CONTACT INFORMATION

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DELIVERY LOCATION

Times: ZOOM T/Th 4:00-5:30

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An introduction to current environmental issues using an approach which stresses the interrelationships between environments and societies. The major environmental and societal components of the earth/atmosphere system will be examined to provide a base for the consideration of the nature and development of modern environmental problems. Potential solutions to the problems will be evaluated through consideration of such elements as technology, politics, economics and planning.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Students should become aware of the complex nature of the environment and the importance of human interactions at both global and local scales. An introduction to the various other courses offered by the department.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

Required Text: Philip Dearden & Bruce Mitchell (2016) Environmental Change & Challenge 5th edition. Don Mills: Oxford. The purpose of the textbook is to present an alternative presentation of the class material. Questions for review at the end of each chapter.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Lecture slides with audio will be available on D2L. However students should not assume that this is an alternative to attending class. Test questions may include material from class not included in slides.

EVALUATION

Component	Value	Due Date	
Assignment 1	20%	Sept 24th	
Midterm	20%	Oct 20th	
Assignment 2	25%	Nov 12th	
Final Exam	35%	Set by Registrar Dec 10-21	

COURSE POLICIES

Attendance is expected.

Requests for late submission must be made BEFORE the due date

Penalty for, late submissions 10% unless medical or compassionate grounds arranged before due date.

TESTS and EXAMS must be written on date scheduled.

Assignments:

Assignments are due at rhone@lakeheadu.ca by class time on the date specified. Instructions will be posted on D2L well in advance of due dates.

Mid-term:

Written via D2L at class time. Based on class content but the text book covers similar material, contains diagrams and **sample questions**.

Final Exam:

Same style as midterm covering material since midterm plus general questions.

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 10 -21st 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.**

DO NOT PLAN YOUR VACATION BEFORE EXAM DATES ARE POSTED

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

COURSE SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Topic	READING
1	Sept 8/10	Introduction	Pages 1 – 15, 44
2	15/17	Monitoring the environment	28-36 + Website
3	22/24	The Population Question	Pages 15-27 ASSIGNMENT 1 due 24th
4	29 Oct 1	Energy and Life	45-61
5	Oct 6/8	Biotic & Abiotic Components	62-78
	Oct12/16	Reading Week	
6	Oct 20 /22	Midterm OCT 20th Ecosystem Dynamics	82- 97
7	27/29	Continued.....	97-110
8	Nov 3/5	Matter cycling	113 - 130
9	10/12	continued	131-150 Assignment 2 due Nov 12th Nov 6 Withdrawal Deadline
10	17/19	Planning & Management	152-167
11	24/26	continued	168- 181
12	Dec 1/3	Final Comments and Review	182-197
			Final Exam set by Registrar

NOTE: Any important announcements, including changes in due dates will be announced in-class and sent to your University email account

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:

Thunder Bay:

<http://learningassistance.lakeheadu.ca/>.

Orillia:

<http://orillia.lakeheadu.ca/about-us--orillia-student-affairs/>

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. <http://policies.lakeheadu.ca/policy.php?pid=60>

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.
4. The submission of any work that was not the original work of the submitter.
5. the submission of the same work for two courses without the permission of both instructors.

A listing of University Regulations can be found at:

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