

GEOG 2251 – Inquiry and Interpretation
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Course Outline

Overview

Welcome to Inquiry and Interpretation. In this course, we will be learning how to ask and answer questions of a geographical nature: that is, questions about living and no-living processes that occur on, and help form, the surface of the Earth. Much of our learning will focus on re-establishing the critical use of our senses, on the one hand, and using our abilities to think critically about our observations, on the other. Finally, we will investigate how geography, the Queen of the Sciences, gave birth to other, speciality disciplines, e.g., anthropology, water science, resource management, human ecology, environmental science, etc. How are these all related to each other?

Learning materials and pedagogies

Books and other learning materials are provided in the bookstore and through the library. You will need a good atlas for this course and one has been provided for you in the bookstore. Consultations with Dr. Wilson will happen immediately before and after each designated meeting time.

We will be meeting using a hybrid system of distance and in person learning designed to both protect all of us from COVID and other diseases, and to build on the latest in professionally developed pedagogies incorporating both distance and -in person learning. The key to our learning right now is flexibility! As we shall learn, this flexibility was originally required of us as a species as we explored the planet and moved into different landscapes. A D2L site has been constructed for this class and updates and guidance will posted there on a regular basis.

The assignments for this course are as follows:

Atlas work – 20%

Navigation exercises – 30%

Construction of a specialized regional guidebook – 50%

Further notes:

Please consult the Calendar for further academic guidelines.