

**DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND THE ENVIRONMENT – WINTER 2023
GEOG 3631 WA: GEOGRAPHY OF CANADA**

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OFFICE HOURS: After class or by prior arrangement

COURSE TIME AND LOCATION: Mondays and Wednesdays, 11:30 – 1:00 AM, AT 1005

TEXT: Bone, Robert M., *The Regional Geography of Canada* (eighth edition)

COURSE OUTLINE:

- **January**
 - **Week 1 – Introduction: Regions of Canada**
 - **Week 2 – Canada’s Physical Base**
 - **Week 3 – Canada’s Historical Geography**
 - **Week 4 – Canada’s Human Face**
- **February**
 - **Week 5 – Canada’s Economic Face; begin Ontario**
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 - **Week 6 – Ontario**
 - **midterm Wednesday, Feb. 15th.**

READING WEEK – FEBRUARY 20-24, 2023

 - **Week 7 – Québec**
- March**
 - **Week 8 – Western Canada**
 - **Week 9 – British Columbia**
 - **Week 10 – Atlantic Canada**
 - **Week 11 – The Territorial North**
- April**
 - **Week 12 – A Country of Regions in a Global Economy**
 - **Final exam - TBDs**

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS: Power points for lectures will be made available on D2L. Assessment will be a combination of your text and material covered in class (including student presentations), so it is important that you make priority of attending and taking your own notes.

EXAMS: The midterm will be mostly short answer questions and will cover any lecture and reading material to date. The final exam will be roughly the same format for lecture and reading material covered since the midterm plus one essay question testing overall understanding and ability to critically engage with the course material.

EVALUATION:

- **Assignment 1 – regional study: 25%**
 - **Online posts in discussion tab of D2L**

- **Midterm: 20%**
- **Assignment 2 – micro-region study: 25%**
 - **15% written, 10% presentation**
- **Final Exam: 30%**

ASSIGNMENTS:

- The lectures will be based primarily on the textbook material which takes more of a 'zoomed out' approach, a regional geography of Canada.
- In counterpoint to this, you will have two assignments, one a **regional case studies** and one a **micro-region** from somewhere in Canada.
- Write and upload a little bit each week (starting this week) using the same structure as the chapters in your book. By the end of the term you'll have a thorough study of the region
- You'll be doing a final presentation and paper on a micro-region (within your larger region) for 25% of your mark (15% written, 10% presentation). By March you should have enough material to do a presentation in class. Presentations will be scheduled during class time, throughout March. You will all be expected to ask and answer questions

EXPECTATIONS:

- Regular attendance, of course. Readings are only supplemental to the course material covered in the bi-weekly lectures, so it's really important that you prioritize coming to all the lectures. They'll be so interesting you won't want to miss them anyway.
- Submission of assignments is expected by class time on the date that they are due.
- Late submissions of assignments (except in the case of medical or compassionate grounds arranged with me before the due date) will lose 10% per day.
- The midterm and the final exam must be written on dates scheduled. Make-up exams will only be arranged with a doctor's note and will have to be cleared with a Student Health Certificate: <http://registrar.lakeheadu.ca/uploads/docs/F.HealthCertificate.pdf>
- No one will be allowed to write the final exam before the scheduled date, and no one will get special dispensations for travel plans. So, it's best not to book your tickets home before the exam dates are posted.
- Accommodations can be made for students with special needs but will require medical documentation and arrangement through the Student Accessibility Services (SAS). See: <https://www.lakeheadu.ca/faculty-and-staff/departments/services/sas>
- Academic integrity is expected. The University does not take plagiarism or any other forms of academic dishonesty lightly. For guidelines on that and to get better acquainted with the procedures in place in the case of academic dishonesty please see the "Code of Student Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedures" at: <http://policies.lakeheadu.ca/policy.php?pid=60>
- For the rest of the University's regulations please see: <http://calendar.lakeheadu.ca/current/contents/regulations/univregsintro.html>