

The University of Western Ontario
Department of Geography
GEOG 2010A-001: Geography of Canada
Fall 2017

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Lectures: Mon 9:30 am – 12:20 pm
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Overview:

The course is a regional study of Canada in which the major regions of the country are studied with respect to geographical patterns of their physical environment, settlement, culture, economic activity, and land use.

Objectives:

The objectives of this course are to provide students with:

- expanded knowledge of the physical, cultural, economic, and political geography of Canada
- increased understanding of the differences among the regions of Canada
- improved map reading skills and geographic knowledge

Textbook:

Bone, R. M. (2017): The Regional Geography of Canada (7th Edition), Oxford University Press: Toronto, ON.

Assessment:

<i>Assessment Method</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Value</i>
Activities	Weekly	10%
Quiz #1	Sep 25	4%
Quiz #2	Oct 2	5%
Midterm Exam	Oct 23	25%
Quiz #3	Nov 6	3%
Assignment	Nov 20	8%
Quiz #4	Nov 27	5%
Final Exam	TBA	40%

The activities are primarily participation based and will be completed during class time. The midterm exam covers material from Sep 11 through Oct 16. The quizzes are map based. The final exam is cumulative and thus covers material from the entire course. Exams will consist of a combination of multiple choice, true or false, fill in the blank, short answer, and long answer questions.

Schedule:

Lecture	Date	Topic	Reading	
			Chapter	Pages
1	Sep 11	Introduction		
		Regional Geography		
2	Sep 18	Regions of Canada	1	3-18
		Physical Geography of Canada	2	21-46
3	Sep 25	Quiz #1		
		Physical Geography of Canada	2	47-56
		Assignment Tutorial		
4	Oct 2	Quiz #2		
		Historical Geography of Canada	3	59-111
5	Oct 16	Human Geography of Canada	4	116-146
		Economic Geography of Canada	5	150-171
	Oct 23	Midterm Exam		
6	Oct 30	Ontario	6	175-209
7	Nov 6	Quiz #3		
		Quebec	7	213-243
8	Nov 13	British Columbia	9	283-318
9	Nov 20	Prairie Provinces	8	247-279
10	Nov 27	Quiz #4		
		Atlantic Canada	10	321-360
11	Dec 4	The Territorial North	11	363-394
		Synthesis	12	397-405

Accommodation Policy:

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for missed assessments must notify the instructor within 48 hours of the missed assessment. Students must then apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home faculty and provide documentation to that office. For the University of Western Ontario policy on accommodation for medical illness and a downloadable Student Medical Certificate, see this link:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf

Make-up Exams:

Students with special accommodation will write make-up exams administered by the department on Fridays during a respective period of the semester. To prevent prior disclosure, the content of the make-up exam will differ from the originally scheduled exam.

Accessibility:

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Academic Integrity:

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a scholastic offense at this site:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

All essays will be submitted to the plagiarism detection software Turnitin and will then be included as documents in the database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism in essays subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the current licensing agreement between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.

Computer marked multiple choice exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate academic misconduct.

Electronic Devices:

No electronic devices other than calculators will be permitted during examinations.

Mental Health:

If you or someone you know is experiencing distress, there are several resources at the university to assist. Visit this site for more information on mental health resources:

<http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/>

Support Services:

Registrarial Services: <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/>

Student Development Services: <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca>