

The University of Western Ontario
Department of Geography
GEOG 2010A-001: Geography of Canada
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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. (2014): The Regional Geography of Canada (6th Edition), Oxford University Press: Toronto, ON.

Assessment:

<i>Assessment Method</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Value</i>
Activities	Weekly	8%
Quiz #1	Sep 29	5%
Midterm Exam	Oct 20	25%
Quiz #2	Nov 3	5%
Assignment	Nov 10	10%
Quiz #3	Nov 17	5%
Final Exam	TBA	42%

The midterm exam covers material from Sep 8 through Oct 6. The quizzes will be map based. The final exam is cumulative and thus covers material from the entire course. Exams will consist of a combination of multiple choice, fill in the blank, short answer, and essay questions.

Schedule:

<i>Lecture</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Reading</i>	
			<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Pages</i>
1	Sep 8	Introduction		
		Regional Geography	1	3-16
2	Sep 15	Regions of Canada		17-26
		Physical Geography of Canada	2	29-56
3	Sep 22	Physical Geography of Canada	2	56-65
		Assignment Tutorial		
4	Sep 29	Historical Geography of Canada	3	67-118
		Quiz #1		
5	Oct 6	Human Geography of Canada	4	121-162
	Oct 20	Midterm Exam		
6	Oct 27	Ontario	5	165-213
7	Nov 3	Quebec	6	215-262
		Quiz #2		
8	Nov 10	British Columbia	7	265-308
9	Nov 17	Prairie Provinces	8	311-354
		Quiz #3		
10	Nov 24	Atlantic Canada	9	357-399
11	Dec 1	The Territorial North	10	401-436
		Synthesis	11	439-447

Accommodation Policy:

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for missed assignments or exams must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home faculty and provide documentation to that office. Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for missed quizzes must provide documentation to the instructor. 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/handbook/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf

Accessibility:

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Academic Integrity:

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

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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:

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

Support Services:

Registrarial Services: <http://www3.registrar.uwo.ca/index.cfm>

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