

The University of Western Ontario
Department of Geography
GEOG 2010A Section 001: Geography of Canada
Fall 2018

1. Course Information

Class Information

Location: University Community Centre 146
Time: Wednesdays 12:30 – 3:20 PM

Contact Information

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2. Calendar Description

An overview of the regional geography of Canada. Topics considered include demographics, culture, the economy, resources, and environmental issues.

3 lecture hours, 0.5 course weight
Prerequisite: None

3. Textbook

Bone, R.M. (2018): The Regional Geography of Canada (7th Edition), Oxford University Press: Toronto, ON.

4. Course 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 abilities and geographic awareness

5. Schedule

<i>Lecture</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Reading: Chapter</i>	<i>Reading: Pages</i>
1	Sep 12	Introduction		
		Regional Geography		
2	Sep 19	Regions of Canada	1	3-18
		Physical Geography of Canada	2	21-46
3	Sep 26	Quiz #1		
		Physical Geography of Canada	2	47-56
		Assignment Tutorial		
4	Oct 3	Quiz #2		
		Historical Geography of Canada	3	59-111
5	Oct 17	Human Geography of Canada	4	116-146
		Economic Geography of Canada	5	150-171
	Oct 24	Midterm Exam		
6	Oct 31	Ontario	6	175-209
7	Nov 7	Quiz #3		
		Quebec	7	214-243
8	Nov 14	British Columbia	9	283-318
9	Nov 21	Prairie Provinces	8	247-279
10	Nov 28	Quiz #4		
		Atlantic Canada	10	321-360
11	Dec 5	The Territorial North	11	363-394
		Synthesis	12	397-405

6. Evaluation

Students are responsible for material covered in lectures as well as the assigned readings. The activities are primarily participation based and will be completed during class time. Detailed information about the assignment will be provided early in the semester. Quizzes will be map based. The midterm exam will cover material studied from Sep 12 through Oct 17. The final exam is cumulative but weighted toward material studied in the second half of the semester. Exams will consist of multiple choice, true or false, fill in the blank, and short answer questions.

<i>Component</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Value</i>
Activities	Weekly	10%
Quiz #1	Sep 26	4%
Quiz #2	Oct 3	4%
Midterm Exam	Oct 24	24%
Quiz #3	Nov 7	3%
Assignment	Nov 21	10%
Quiz #4	Nov 28	5%
Final Exam	TBA	40%

7. Missed Assessments

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for missed assessments worth 10% or more of the course grade must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department for these types of assessments. For missed assessments worth less than 10% of the course grade, documentation will also be required and the instructor may grant an accommodation.

For the university's policy on accommodation for medical illness and a downloadable student medical certificate please refer to the [Academic Handbook](#).

8. Make-up Examinations

A make-up exam will be granted with approved documentation only. All documentation for missed exams must be provided to the Academic Counselling Office within 48 hours of the scheduled exam. Otherwise, a grade of zero on the exam will be assigned. The format and content of make-up exams may differ substantially from the originally scheduled exam.

9. Use of Electronic Devices

No electronic devices will be allowed during quizzes or exams.

10. Academic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a [scholastic offence](#). Computer graded 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 cheating.

11. Commitment to Accessibility

The Department of Geography strives at all times to provide accessibility to all faculty, staff, students and visitors in a way that respects the dignity and independence of people with disabilities. Please contact the instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make the course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 519-661-2147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation. Information regarding [accommodated exams](#) is available. More information about [accessibility](#) is available as well.

12. Medical Issues

The university recognizes that a student's ability to meet academic responsibilities may, on occasion, be impaired by medical illness. The Student Services website provides greater detail about the university's policy on [medical accommodation](#); this site provides links to the necessary forms. In the event of illness, you should contact Academic Counselling as soon as possible. The counsellors will determine, in consultation with the student, whether or not accommodation should be requested. A counsellor will subsequently contact the instructors in the relevant courses about the accommodation. Once the instructor has made a decision about whether to grant an accommodation, the student should contact the instructor to determine a new due date for the assessment. Students must see an [academic counsellor](#) and submit all required documentation in order to be approved for a specific accommodation.

13. Mental Health

If you or someone you know is experiencing distress, there are several resources at Western to assist you. Please visit the university's [Health and Wellness](#) site for more information on mental health resources.

14. Support Sites

[Student Support Services](#)

[Student Development Services](#)

15. Important Dates

Sep 6: Classes resume

Sep 14: Last day to add a full course or a first term half course

Oct 8: Thanksgiving Day

Oct 9-13: Fall Reading Week (no classes; department office open)

Nov 12: Last day to drop a first term half course without penalty

Nov 30: Last day to drop a full course without academic penalty

Dec 7: Classes end

Dec 8-9: Study days

Dec 10-21: Examination period

Dec 21: Fall term ends