

The University of Western Ontario
Department of Geography
GEOG 2010B Section 002: Geography of Canada
Winter 2019

1. Course Information

Class Information

Location: University Community Centre 146
Time: Wednesdays 7:00 – 9:50 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>
1	Jan 9	Introduction	
		Regional Geography	
2	Jan 16	Regions of Canada	1
		Physical Geography of Canada	2
3	Jan 23	Quiz #1	
		Physical Geography of Canada	2
		Assignment Tutorial	
4	Jan 30	Quiz #2	
		Historical Geography of Canada	3
5	Feb 6	Human Geography of Canada	4
		Economic Geography of Canada	5
	Feb 13	Midterm Exam	
6	Feb 27	Ontario	6
7	Mar 6	Quiz #3	
		Quebec	7
8	Mar 13	British Columbia	9
9	Mar 20	Quiz #4	
		Prairie Provinces	8
10	Mar 27	Atlantic Provinces	10
11	Apr 3	The Territorial North	11
		Synthesis	12

6. Evaluation

Students are responsible for material covered in lectures as well as the assigned readings. The activities and discussions are completed during class time. Detailed information about the assignment will be provided early in the semester. Quizzes are map based. The midterm exam will cover material studied from Jan 9 through Feb 6. The final exam is cumulative but weighted toward material studied in the second half of the semester. Exams may consist of multiple choice, true or false, fill in the blank, short answer, and map analysis questions.

<i>Component</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Value</i>
Activities	Weekly	5%
Discussion Questions	Weekly	5%
Quiz #1	Jan 23	3%
Quiz #2	Jan 30	5%
Midterm Exam	Feb 13	24%
Quiz #3	Mar 6	3%
Quiz #4	Mar 20	5%
Assignment	Mar 27	10%
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 for these types of assessments. For missed assessments worth less than 10% of the course grade, documentation should be provided directly to the instructor.

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 if approved documentation has been provided to an Academic Counselling Office within 48 hours of the originally scheduled exam. Otherwise, a grade of zero on the exam will be assigned. The content of make-up exams will differ from the originally scheduled exam.

9. Use of Electronic Devices

No electronic devices will be permitted 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](#). For assessments that are completed in pairs or groups, each student must write their own identifying information (name and signature). Writing someone else's identifying information is an offence; any student who has been found to have done this will be given a grade of zero on the assessment.

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 Student Accessibility Services (SAS) 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 if the missed assessment is worth at least 10% of the course grade. In these situations, the counsellors will determine, in consultation with the student, whether or not an 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 such an 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

Jan 7: Classes resume

Jan 15: Last day to add a full course or a second term half course

Feb 18: Family Day

Feb 19-22: Winter Reading Week (no classes; department office open)

Mar 7: Last day to drop a second term half course without penalty

Apr 9: Classes end

Apr 10: Study days

Apr 11-30: Examination period

Apr 19: Good Friday

Apr 21: Easter Sunday

Apr 30: Winter term ends