

## **GEOG 2011A – Ontario and the Great Lakes Course Outline: Section 650/651 Summer 2019**

### **1. Course Information**

1.1. Distance Studies

1.2. Contact Information:

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### **2. Calendar Description**

1.3. Course Description

A detailed examination of the province as part of the Great Lakes region, with special reference to its historical development, natural resources and patterns of human and economic activity.

2 lecture hours, 0.5 course

### **3. Textbook**

There is no textbook for this course. All required course readings will be posted on OWL.

### **4. Course Objectives and Format**

Geography 2011 will provide students with an overview of the physical, social, economic, environmental and political geography of Ontario and the Great Lakes Region. Given the broad nature of the course topic the focus of the lectures and required readings will be quite varied and rely on multiple sources from various disciplines. In addition, students can expect to see news articles, documentaries, and websites presented in class.

### **5. Learning Outcomes**

Learning outcomes from this course include expanded knowledge of the physical, cultural, economic, and political geography of Ontario, an increased understanding of the state of the environment in the Great Lakes region, and improved map reading skills and geographic knowledge.

## Evaluation

Evaluation Components	Percentage of Course Grade	Schedule
Discussion Questions	30%	Bi-weekly - on OWL
Midterm Test	30%	June 22 @ 2pm
Final Exam	40%	TBD July 29 - Aug 1

Students are responsible for material covered in the Lesson Modules as well as the assigned readings on OWL. Information about how to participate in the discussion forums will be posted on OWL and shared in an announcement.

For Western's Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness and a downloadable SMC please refer to the [Academic Handbook](#). Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments worth 10% or more of their final 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.

### **6. Make-up Examinations**

Makeups will be granted with approved documentation only. All documentation for missed exams must be provided the Academic Counselling Office as soon as possible.

### **7. Use of Electronic Devices**

No electronic devices will be allowed during tests and examinations.

### **8. 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-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

### **9. Western's 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 course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this 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 accommodation of exams](#) is available on the Registrar's website.

More information about ["Accessibility at Western"](#) is available.

## 10. Medical Issues

The University recognizes that a student's ability to meet his/her 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 Academic Counsellors will determine, in consultation with the student, whether or not accommodation should be requested. They 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 his/her instructors to determine a new due date for tests, assignments, and exams.

Students must see the [Academic Counsellor](#) and submit all required documentation in order to be approved for certain accommodation.

## 11. Mental Health

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

## 12. Support Services

[Student Support Services](#)

[Student Development Services](#)

## 13. Important Dates

January 7: Classes resume

January 15: Last day to add a second term half course

February 18: Family Day – Department Office Closed

February 18 to 22: Spring Reading Week (No classes; Department Office open)

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

April 9: Classes end

April 10: Study day

April 11-30: Examination Period