

The University of Western Ontario
 Department of Geography and Environment
GEOG 2010A-002: Geography of Canada
 Fall 2023

1. Course Information



Fall Classes Start	Reading Week	Fall Classes End	Study Day	Fall Final Exams
Sep 7	Oct 30 – Nov 5	Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 10 – 22

Sep 15: Last day to add a first term half course

Oct 9: Thanksgiving Holiday

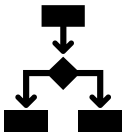
Nov 13: Last day to drop a first term half course without penalty



Course Instructor	Contact Information	Office	Office Hours
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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. (2021): The Regional Geography of Canada (8th Edition), Oxford University Press: Toronto, ON.



4. Learning 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. Course Format

Attendance at class sessions is expected as quizzes, activities, and discussion questions will be completed during class time in the classroom. Selected course material will be posted to [OWL](#).

[Google Chrome](#) or [Mozilla Firefox](#) are the preferred browsers to optimally use OWL; update your browsers frequently. Students interested in evaluating their internet speed, please click [here](#). Using the proper browser is important, especially when using different features integrated with OWL.



If students need assistance, they can seek support on the [OWL Help page](#). Alternatively, they can contact the [Western Technology Services Helpdesk](#). They are also available by phone at 519-661-3800 or ext. 83800.

6. Schedule

<i>Lecture</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Chapter</i>
1	Sep 13	Introduction	
		Regional Geography	1
2	Sep 20	Regions of Canada	1
		Physical Geography of Canada	2
3	Sep 27	Quiz #1	
		Physical Geography of Canada	2
		Assignment Tutorial	
4	Oct 4	Quiz #2	
		Historical Geography of Canada	3
5	Oct 11	Human Geography of Canada	4
		Economic Geography of Canada	5
	Oct 18	Midterm Exam	
6	Oct 25	Ontario	6
7	Nov 8	Quiz #3	
		Quebec	7
8	Nov 15	British Columbia	9
9	Nov 22	Prairie Provinces	8
10	Nov 29	Quiz #4	
		Atlantic Provinces	10
11	Dec 6	Territorial North	11
		Synthesis	12



7. Communication

Students should check the course website regularly to keep up with announcements. E-mails to the instructor or to a teaching assistant must be sent from a UWO account and should contain the course code in the subject. E-mails will receive a response within 24 hours on weekdays.



8. Evaluation

Students are responsible for material covered in lectures as well as the assigned readings. Activities, discussion questions, and question sets 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 Sep 13 through Oct 11. 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, short answer, or map-based questions.



<i>Assessment</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Value</i>
Activities	Weekly	10%
Discussion Questions	Weekly	5%
Question Sets	Weekly	5%
Quiz #1	Sep 27	3%
Quiz #2	Oct 4	3%
Midterm Exam	Oct 18	22%
Quiz #3	Nov 8	3%
Assignment	Nov 22	12%
Quiz #4	Nov 29	3%
Final Exam	TBA	34%

Requirements

The evaluation methods above are essential requirements of the course. Students must complete at least 5 discussion questions to pass the course. Students must complete the assignment to pass the course.

Late Assessments

Assignments submitted late without approved documentation will be subject to a penalty of 10% per day.

Course Grades

Grades will not be adjusted on the basis of need. It is important to monitor your performance in the course. You are responsible for your grades in the course.

9. Accommodation Policies

Accessible Education

Students with disabilities work with Accessible Education which provides recommendations for accommodation based on medical documentation or psychological and cognitive testing. The accommodation policy can be found here: [Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities](#).

Academic Consideration for Missed Assessments

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for missed *activities*, *discussion questions*, or *quizzes* should contact the instructor within 48 hours of the assessment deadline.

The University recognizes that a student's ability to meet their academic responsibilities may, on occasion, be impaired by medical illness. Illness may be acute (short term), chronic (long term), or chronic with acute episodes. The University further recognizes that medical situations are deeply personal and respects the need for privacy and confidentiality in these matters. However, to ensure fairness and consistency for all students, academic accommodation for the *assignment*, *midterm exam* or the *final exam* shall only be granted in those cases where there is documentation indicating that the student was seriously affected by illness and could not reasonably be expected to meet their academic responsibilities. This documentation must be submitted to an Academic Counselling Office within 48 hours of the assessment deadline.

[Policy on Academic Consideration for Student Absences](#)

[Student Medical Certificate](#)

Religious Accommodation

Students should consult the University's list of recognized religious holidays, and should give reasonable notice in writing, prior to the holiday, to the instructor and an academic counsellor if their course requirements will be affected by a religious observance. Additional information is given in the [Western Multicultural Calendar](#).

10. Make-up Examinations

A make-up exam will only be granted with approval from an Academic Counselling Office. All documentation for missed exams must be provided to counselling within 48 hours of the originally scheduled exam and students must notify the instructor of the absence 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. If a student is absent from both the midterm exam and its make-up exam for reasons that have been approved by an Academic Counselling Office, then the weight of the midterm exam will be transferred to the final exam.

11. 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](#).

The use of artificial intelligence tools including ChatGPT is not permitted in the discussion questions or the assignment. Representing an idea or expression of an idea that was generated by artificial intelligence will be considered an offence.

For activities that are completed in pairs, each student must write their own identifying information (name, student number, and signature). Writing someone else's identifying information is an offence; any student who has been found to have done this will receive 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.

12. Use of Electronic Devices

No electronic devices will be permitted during quizzes or exams.

13. Commitment to Accessibility

The Department of Geography and Environment 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.

14. 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.

15. Support Sites

[Student Support Services](#)

[Student Development Centre](#)

16. Important Dates

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