



Geography 1400G

Introduction to the HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

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Lab Section 6: <i>Tuesday, 12:30-2:20pm</i>	Room # 1004, SSC
Lab Section 7: <i>Wednesday, 4:30-6:20pm</i>	Room # 1004, SSC
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Geography 1400G (Syllabi from *Academic Calendar 2017-18*)

Description: This course introduces students to the central problems, concepts, methods and applications of human geography. It pays particular attention to the ways humans interact with the world; for example, population growth, use of natural resources, culturally-based activities, urbanization and settlements, agricultural activities, and industrialization.

Antirequisite(s): Geography 1100. **Extra Information:** 2 lecture hours, 2 laboratory hours, 0.5 course.

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Introduction

*Anyone who inspects the world around him
[or her] is in some measure a geographer.¹*

The major purpose of this course is to introduce students to the nature of human geography as an academic discipline and as a body of useful knowledge through a survey of some of the field's central problems, concepts, methods and applications. Human geography enables us to reflect upon some of the most important issues of contemporary society: cultural diversity, environmental degradation, ethnic conflicts, globalization, poverty, racism, religious differences, overpopulation, transportation ills and urban sprawl, to name but a few. Doing so provides a critical interpretation of the human inhabitation of the earth's environment and the differences between, and the similarities amongst, people, places, and the landscapes they create and occupy. By examining the cultural, economic, political and social processes that create the spatial patterns and spatial relationships that modify the natural (*physical*) and built (*human*) environments, both a foundation for subsequent human geography courses will be laid, and an ability to inspect more critically the student's own place in the world.

Lecture Schedule and Textbook Reading Assignments

Jan.	8	Introducing Human Geography: Environments & Landscapes	Introduction & Chapter #1
	15	Studying Human Geography: Philosophies & Key Concepts	Chapter#2
	22	Geographies of Globalization & Global Inequalities	Chapters #3 & #6
	29	Human Populations: Ups, Downs, Movements	Chapter #5
Feb.	5	Human Environmental Impacts: Let's Get Sustainable	Chapter #4
	12	Cultures and Landscapes	Chapter #7
	19	FAMILY DAY & READING WEEK	
	26	MID-TERM EXAM	
Mar.	5	Identities and Places	Chapter #8
	12	Politics and Space	Chapter #9
	19	Agriculture & Food	Chapter #10
	26	Industrialization & Post-Industrialization	Chapter #11
Apr.	2	Urban Systems and Structures	Chapter #12
	9	Transportation, Energy & Resource Development	Chapter #13 & Conclusions

¹Lowenthal, David (1961) 'Geography, Experience and Imagination: Towards a Geographical Epistemology.' *The Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 51, p. 241

Course Materials

1. Textbook: William Norton and Michael Mercier (2016) *Human Geography*. 9th Edition. (ISBN # 978-0-19-544855-9) (Available for purchase at Western's book store in UCC; available for two-hour loan in Heavy Reserves, Weldon Library)
2. Labs and other relevant reading materials will be posted on the course website in OWL. Skeletal versions of the lectures will also be posted: these will contain mostly images and figures used in the lectures and not text.

Tutorials and Labs

Each student will meet weekly as a participant in a smaller group led by a *Teaching Assistant* (TA). The group meetings will serve three major purposes:

- i. They provide the participants with an opportunity to raise issues and discuss problems in greater depth than is possible in a larger lecture class;
- ii. They provide the participants with some exposure to research techniques in human geography;
- iii. They provide an opportunity for the instructor to check progress.

Tutorial / Lab Schedule

Week of	Topic	Readings and Resources
January 8	Tutorial 1: The Nature of Geography	Cutter et al. 2002
January 15	Tutorial 2: Does Geography Still Matter?	Series of short feature articles
January 22	Lab 1: The Supermarket Tour (due week of January 29 th)	CBC Video: <i>Product of Canada, EH? Misleading Food Labels</i>
January 29	Tutorial 3: The Population Debate	Video – <i>How many people can live on Planet Earth?</i>
February 5	Lab 2: Human impacts on the Natural Environment	Camera + pictures
February 12	Lab 3: Development issues (Due Week of March 5 th)	
February 19	NO CLASS – FAMILY Day & READING WEEK	
February 26	MID-TERM EXAMINATINON- NO TUTORIALS	
March 5	Tutorial 4: Cultural Conflicts	
March 12	Lab 4: Agriculture in Canada (due week of March 19 th)	CBC Video – <i>Broken Harvest</i>
March 19	Tutorial 5: Urban problems	Video – <i>Unheard Voices</i>
March 26	Lab 5: Geography of Industry (due week of April 2 rd)	Fort McMoneu Docu-Game
April 2	NO LABS/TUTORIAL ***TAs Available to Help***	

Tutorial Information

Your attendance and participation is mandatory at these labs and tutorials: attendance and participation are worth 10% of your final course grade. Perfect or near perfect attendance will likely ensure you earn a large portion of this 10%. Please attend so that you may fully engage in the course and contribute to the educational experience of yourself and your peers. Participation is based on attendance and contributions to discussions in the labs and tutorials. This will include participation in lab debates and in-class field exercises. **You will lose marks on your final course grade for your absences at the following rates:**

One Absence:	0%	<i>(We all deserve a break)</i>
Second Absence:	3%	<i>(Stings but not too painful)</i>
Third Absence:	10%	<i>(This hurts: you've lost 10% of your final grade)</i>
Fourth Absence:	15%	<i>(-15% of your final grade)</i>
Fifth Absence:	25%	<i>(-25% of your overall course grade)</i>
Sixth Absence:	40%	<i>(-40% final course grade)</i>
Seventh or more absences are awarded an 'F' in the course		

It is vital that you attend regularly, and only, your assigned lab section and time. **You are not at liberty to attend other lab sections.** If you miss a lab/tutorial due to a legitimate and documented reason, submit the appropriate documentation to your TA. If you are unable to submit a lab and have appropriate documentation, this portion of the mark will be transferred to the final examination. If you simply miss a lab or tutorial without acceptable documentation you will be assigned a zero on any written work, possibly diminish your overall participation mark, and lose possible other marks as per the absence penalties listed immediately above. Please attend.

Evaluation

Labs	25%	
Mid-term	25 %	Date Feb 26
Participation	10%	
Final Examination	40%	Date T.B.A. (April 14-30)

If you miss the mid-term examination and have appropriate documentation, your final examination will be worth 65% of the final mark. Your make-up will occur at the final examination and consist of the final examination (two hours) plus additional questions covering material from the mid-term. Three hours will be provided to write this final and make-up examination.

Lecture Notes

Note taking, like reading, form the foundation of communication, critical thinking, and decision making. If you write information down by hand, retention is heightened relative to passive observation. Consequently, this course may seem '*retro*' by design—OWL will contain only the most skeletal of lecture material (mostly images and figures—and this is precisely the point. You will have to physically attend the lectures, listen, participate, and take your own notes. If you miss a lecture, ask a fellow classmate for his, her, their notes. If you miss something during a lecture, please raise your hand and seek

clarification from the instructor.

Email Communication

Please use e-mail judiciously. Do not ask the professor or your Teaching Assistant questions about your assignments or course material over e-mail that require more than a one or two sentence response. Read the course outline and all assignments thoroughly and completely before asking questions, the answers to which, may well be found in the outline or assignment. If you have long and complex questions—and we hope you do—we will be delighted to address them face-to-face during office hours or in class. We want to help you succeed and email is rarely the vehicle to do so. Take advantage of the office hours posted on the front page of this outline.

If you chose to contact us by phone or email, please do not expect an instantaneous response. Your Teaching Assistant will specify to you the times, locations and means to contact them. ***Please respect these boundaries.***

Please use proper English in your text mail. Communication, like politeness, is a two-way street, and we shall extend to you the same courtesies. Thank you.

Assorted Administrivia

Late Submissions & Extensions

Assignments submitted late will lose 10% of the assignment's value each day. Assignments submitted after three days late will receive zero but will be graded for your educational benefit. All requests for extensions on assignments must be made in writing to your Teaching Assistant at least one week before the due date. You may have up to three days beyond the initial due date. Material submitted beyond the new due date will be penalized as per the course penalty (10% per day). Never slip assignments under a door. Submit late assignments in the 'Geography Drop Box' adjacent the door of room 2322A SSC (main geography office).

Appeals

Requests to have a lab or tutorial assignment formally re-evaluated must be done within one week of receiving the graded assignment. In this concise, written request to your Teaching Assistant, you will specify the aspects of your work that you would like re-visited and the justification for doing so. ***Please be aware that disliking or disagreeing with your grade is no grounds for re-assessment.***

Should you feel that your final grade in the course is biased, inaccurate or unfair, you do have the right to appeal your final mark. Please refer to the *Western Calendar* prior to doing so (see web site below). In an attempt to avoid such time-consuming and stressful procedures for all, be assured that each and every piece of work is graded carefully and thoroughly. ***Be aware that marks may be raised--as well as lowered--through an appeal process.***

You are advised to read the course calendar to familiarize yourself with Western's regulations and procedures concerning appeals, grades, regulations, penalties and such at http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf.

Make-Up Examinations

Students with special accommodation will write make-up tests and examinations administered by the department on Fridays during respective periods of fall and winter terms. To prevent prior disclosure, the format and contents of make-ups may differ substantially from the scheduled test or examination.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is stealing: it is unacceptable, and those who tempt fate will be persecuted to the fullest extent allowed under the university's regulations. Penalties may include the following:

- i. Zero on the plagiarized assignment
- ii. An 'F' in the course
- iii. Expulsion for the university

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following [web site:](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf) http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf. Please avoid this experience and do your own work.

Be aware that all required papers *may* be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

Alternate Examination Dates, Dropping the Course

The date of the final examination is set by the Office of the Registrar and will not be changed. If you consider that you have grounds to write a final examination on an alternate date, you must follow the procedure established by the Dean's Office and complete the appropriate forms. The same holds for dropping the course

Medical or Non-Medical Absence, Exemption and Tardiness

Students who have documented 'special needs' and/or official notifications of accommodation from the Dean's office —emailed directly to the course instructor—will be accommodated accordingly, including exemption of exams and assignments if circumstances warrant. For either medical or non-medical academic accommodation, such documentation must be submitted by the student directly to the appropriate Faculty Dean's office and not to the instructor. It will be the Dean's office that will determine if accommodation is warranted. In all other instances of absences, omissions and tardiness on your part, your maturity is respected: you are adults. If you choose to miss lectures, assignments and examinations you are most at liberty to do so. The consequences are made evident in this course outline. ***If you are late to class—or must leave early—please do so quietly with minimal disturbance to your peers.*** Thanks.

For UWO Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness and a downloadable SMC see:

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

Downloadable Student Medical Certificate (SMC):

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

Safety

Safety is a shared responsibility. Personal safety must be a personal responsibility. Complacency, inattention, lack of preparation and/or training will all increase risks to health and safety. Ultimately each individual must act in a reasonable manner in order to ensure their safety and the safety of others. (For more information, please see our departmental web address on 'Health and Safety': <http://geography.ssc.uwo.ca/health-safety/fieldwork.htm>).

Prerequisite checking - the student's responsibility

If applicable, a list of the prerequisites for the course and the following notation regarding the Senate regulation with respect to the student's responsibility for ensuring that course prerequisites have been completed successfully or special permission from the Dean obtained. Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

Electronic Devices

Never record digitally or otherwise any part of the class lectures or labs without prior and specific permission from the instructor or Teaching Assistant (i.e. do not take photos with your phone of the PowerPoint slides). Note taking is highly encouraged. No electronic devices will be allowed during the examinations.

Accessibility

The University of Western Ontario is committed to achieving barrier free accessibility for persons studying at Western. 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 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation.

Support Services

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

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

Mental Health: If you or someone you know is experiencing distress, there are several resources here at Western to assist you. Please visit the site below for more information on mental health resources: <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/>.

Mutual Expectations

Students can expect the Professor and the Teaching Assistants to come prepared for, and attend, all lectures or tutorials/labs regularly and punctually. They will strive to promote a collegial atmosphere of mutual respect conducive to the exchange of ideas and the process of learning. They demand the same from you. Reading during a lecture or lab, the disturbing consumption of food or drink, littering the classroom, the use of entertainment electronics—including *cell phones and recreational laptop use*--and other activities--*particularly unnecessary talking*--will impede the ability of you and your peers to learn. Such activities are unacceptable during class: end-of-story. By abiding to this code of mutual civility and respect, we set the stage for a safe, healthy and stimulating intellectual forum.

Not to belabour the point, but included below is the *Code of Conduct for Students, Staff, and Faculty for the Department of Geography. The University of Western Ontario Code of Student Conduct* is available at <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/board/code.pdf>: please familiarize yourself with both of these documents should you have concerns about your own or somebody else's classroom behaviours.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Finally, if you have problems with the course, please seek assistance from your peers, your TA, and the professor during office hours: we are approachable and welcome your questions. We do hope that you enjoy the class and learn from course.

PLEASE NOTE

Course content and order of presentations may deviate from this general outline due to unforeseen circumstances.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS, STAFF, AND FACULTY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

Affiliation with the Department of Geography presumes mutual respect among students, staff, teaching assistants, and faculty. A positive atmosphere of professionalism and collegiality is essential for everyone to perform to the best of his or her abilities. This requires respect for the opinions and questions of others and behaviour that is, at all times, courteous, and conducive to creating a pleasant and productive environment for learning and working.

As members of a Department of Geography, we are expected to show special respect for our environment, being individually responsible for promoting a clean and safe work environment within the facilities of the Department and the Social Science Centre, including classrooms, laboratories, the Map Library, offices, hallways, washrooms, exterior grounds, and the facilities and vehicles used in field courses and field trips.

It is inevitable that misunderstandings will occur from time to time. However, it is in everyone's interest to try and resolve problems in a non-confrontational manner. Threatening, violent, or abusive behaviour, harassment (including sexual and racial harassment), rudeness (in person, in writing, or on the telephone), and abuse of authority, for whatever reasons, corrode good working and learning conditions.

Incidents that cannot be resolved amicably may be reported to the Chair of the Department (661-3653). The Chair will consider appropriate actions for resolving the problem, usually after consultation with the parties involved. If required, contact with university services (e.g., Police, Equity) or civil authorities will be invoked.

Student Use of University Facilities and Classroom Decorum:

Students are expected to comply with the authority of University staff and faculty on all matters relating to access to facilities (offices, classrooms, laboratories, and Map Library) and to use of equipment and resources.

Students are expected to attend all lectures and laboratory sessions regularly and punctually.

Instructors are responsible for maintaining an appropriate academic atmosphere in all class activities; students are expected to cooperate in this effort.

Actions that impede instruction deter the ability of students to learn, or show disrespect for instructors and fellow students, will not be condoned in Geography classrooms and labs. Such actions include reading during lectures, disturbing consumption of food or drink, use of walkmans and radios, and disruptive conversation. Serious disrespect for classroom decorum should be reported to the instructor and, if required, to the Chair of the Geography Department (SSC 2429, Telephone 661-3653).

Students are expected to adhere to University standards of academic honesty, as outlined under "Scholastic Offences" in the Western Calendar. Unacceptable practices include cheating, impersonation, plagiarism, misrepresentation of research, falsification of documents, obstructing the academic activities of another, aiding or abetting academic misconduct, and abuse of confidentiality. In addition to incurring penalties, as outlined in the Calendar, some academic offences may fall under the Criminal Code of Canada.

Approved on behalf of Faculty, Staff, and Students by the Council of the Department of Geography on 4 March 1994.