

GEOG 1280 A02 Introduction to Human Geography
Department of Environment & Geography
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223 Wallace

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General Course Information

All lectures will be delivered in person in 223 Wallace, MWF, 10:30-11:20 am, starting on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. It is recommended that students wear masks, however, this is not required. *Note that this may change, as new Covid19 variants emerge.*

Course Textbook – REQUIRED. Copies are available in the University of Manitoba Bookstore. The textbook is: *Mercier & Norton (2019) Human Geography, 10th Edition. Oxford University Press.* While there is an e-book option, it is recommended that you get a hard/paper copy. Used paper copies are also available in the UM Bookstore.

Additional course materials (e.g., links to websites, videos, and news articles) are made available on the UM Learn site for this course under *Contents – Supplementary Materials*. They are organized by topic, as listed later in this Course Outline. These are not required, however reviewing them is strongly suggested as a support to your learning. Many are referred to / were used in developing course lectures.

Office hours: Office hours are times set aside for students to come and speak with their instructors about course content, studying and test prep, or other academic issues. Office hours are by appointment or on a drop-in basis Wednesdays between 1:00 and 2:30 in my office, 224 St. John's College. You are requested to wear a mask when in my office; they will be provided if you don't have your own.

*Check UMLearn Announcements and your **UM email** regularly for updates and reminders. Only your UM email may be used for communication with your professors!*

You can email the instructor at: bonnie.hallman@umanitoba.ca

TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



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We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.



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(Source: Rady Faculty Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy, 2020)

Course Description

GEOG1280 *Introduction to Human Geography* provides an overview of the human / cultural elements of the scholarly discipline of Geography. This course studies aspects of the human world: culture, politics, population, and agriculture, among other topics, across geographic scales from the personal to the global.

This course will introduce you to the breadth of Human Geography and help you begin to think about the world and its myriad socio-economic, political, and environmental issues through a geographic (spaces/places/landscapes/environments) lens. Through the lectures and assigned textbook reading, you will be asked to assess contemporary issues, utilize geographical and social science theories and models, and think critically from diverse conceptual approaches used in Human Geography and its numerous subfields.

Course Learning Objectives

On successful completion of this course, students will be:

- Knowledgeable about human geographic concepts and perspectives.
- Better able to critically evaluate local, regional, and global patterns and events through a geographic lens.
- Better able to listen, read and think critically and effectively.
- Equipped with a background in the academic discipline of Human Geography and prepared for upper-level study in geography.

Course Text

- Mercier, M. & W. Norton (2019) Human Geography, 10th edition. Oxford University Press, Toronto, Canada.
 - Available via the University Bookstore at the following link:
○ <http://bookstore.umanitoba.ca/SelectTermDept>

Course Evaluation

Tests - 2 x 25% = (50%)

- **Test 1: October 6**
- **Test 2: November 1**
- Completed IN CLASS using 'bubble sheets', HB pencils and paper question sheets
- Students will have the entire class period to complete their tests
- Late students may not be permitted to write and must arrange a deferred test.
- *Students MUST use HB pencils ONLY. Make sure to bring several with you on test days!*
- Tests consist of 50 multiple-choice questions.
- Questions are based on lectures and the assigned textbook readings first and foremost; there may be some questions on videos and other materials *as referred to in lectures* and made available as Additional Materials in UM Learn

Students registered with Student Accessibility Services that require additional testing time MUST ensure that the instructor is officially notified by SAS at least THREE (3) days before a test so that their test can be submitted to the SAS Testing Centre.

Final Exam - 50%

- Comprehensive. The final exam is based on material from lectures and assigned readings from the entire course.
- Course topics covered after Test 2 will make up proportionately more of the Final Exam than material on which you have already been tested.

- This is a **2-hour examination**. It is planned to be written in person, in a space to be designated by the Registrar's Office. More information on the final exam will be shared later in the term.
- The exam consists of **120 multiple choice questions**.
- **The final exam date is scheduled during the December final exam period (December 12-22, 2023) by the Registrar's Office**. Notification of when it is scheduled will generally be available in early November.

Letter Grades

The following is the standard grade scheme used in the Department of Environment and Geography:

A+ = 90 % +
 A = 80-89%
 B+ = 75-79%
 B = 70-74%
 C+ = 65-69%
 C = 60-64%
 D = 50-59%
 F = < 50%

Student Responsibility for Any Missed Lectures

Students are responsible for any missed information or materials. *The instructor does not have notes available for students and does not generally provide lecture PowerPoint slides.* The instructor will answer questions via email (bonnie.hallman@umanitoba) or during office hours. You are also encouraged to connect with someone in the class to share notes and/or compare your notetaking strategies (see the *Tips for Effective Lecture Notes* document, handed out in the first class and available to you on UMLearn).

Policy Regarding Missed Tests/Exams

If you miss a Test for medical or compassionate reasons, you *may* be granted a make-up/deferred test.

Students who are unable to meet a course requirement due to medical circumstances are **no longer required to submit medical notes**. However, **students are required to submit the Absence Self Declaration form** to their instructor by email (or an academic advisor in your Faculty/U1 if it is about a missed *final exam*) to inform of the missed work and to arrange for extensions or deferrals/makeup tests.

Please follow these guidelines if you are unable to meet an academic requirement for your course, whether for medical or compassionate reasons:

- **Contact your instructor for term work such as a quiz, test, or assignment**
- Contact an academic advisor for a missed final exam (scheduled during the final examination period)
- **Inform your instructor/advisor as soon as possible - do not delay – ideally within 24 hours and include the Absence Self Declaration form.**
- For final exams, students **must** contact an academic advisor within 48 hours of the date of the final exam
- *Email your instructor/advisor from a UM email address, and include your full name, student number, course number, the academic work that was missed, and the Self Declaration form.*
- **The Absence Self Declaration form is accessible on the UMLearn site for this course under Contents, or you can search for it on the University of Manitoba main website.**

Note that reasonable causes for missing a test or exam do NOT include things like vacations (even with relatives), long weekends away, or work in other courses.

If you do not contact the instructor within 48 hours that a term test has been missed, you may not be offered the opportunity to complete a makeup/deferred test (i.e., waiting a week “because you forgot” means that you get a zero on the test). You may NOT write a deferred test because you have other work due on the same day in other courses. *Study early and plan accordingly.*

- If in doubt about what is an appropriate reason for missing a test, please ask the instructor before the test date.
- *Students will not normally have more than 6 working days from specific test dates to complete a make-up/deferred test.*
- If a student has medical or compassionate reasons that mean they cannot write within 6 days (for example, an extended illness or hospitalization), a make-up test will not be provided, but *other accommodations will be offered and discussed with the student.*
- A deferred test can include any format for test questions, including multiple-choice, short answer, long answer, etc. The format may be different from the regularly scheduled test. It is up to the student writing the make-up test to ask the instructor about the format.
- Deferred tests will be written in person at a date and time arranged by the professor, that accommodates the majority of students requiring a deferred/makeup text

Student Accessibility Services (SAS)

- If you are a student requiring accommodations, please contact SAS to register for academic supports and services such as note-taking, interpreting, assistive technology, and exam/test accommodations
- It is YOUR responsibility to consult with Student Accessibility Services and make sure the instructor is notified of any necessary arrangements for exams/tests well in advance of test dates.
- Students who have, or think they may have, a need for academic supports (e.g., mental or physical illness, learning disability, hearing or visual challenges, or injury-related challenges) are encouraged to contact SAS to arrange a confidential consultation ASAP
- *Student Accessibility Services* <http://umanitoba.ca/student/saa/accessibility/>
520 University Centre - 204 474 7423
Student_accessibility@umanitoba.ca

Communicating with Your Instructor

Only your university email account is used for university communications, including messages from your instructors, Department or Faculty, academic advisors, and other university administrative offices.

Only emails from your University of Manitoba account (... @myumanitoba.ca) will be responded to by your instructor.

- All communications must be professional and respectful. As members of the university community, we are all subject to the Respectful Workplace and Learning Environment Policy (https://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/230.html). You are encouraged to familiarize yourself with this policy.
- **E-mails** to the instructor must include:
 - The subject heading (e.g., **GEOG 1280 ...**)
 - A salutation (i.e. Dear, Hello, Good Morning . . .)
 - Emails that do not conform to the above format may not get a response.

Normally, emails will be responded to within 24 hours. However, emails generally are not answered on weekends or after 5 pm on weekdays until the next working day.

Office Hours

As part of our responsibilities to our students, all instructors schedule a couple of hours each week during the term (“office hours”) when they are available for students to meet with them without needing an appointment. This is time to ask questions about course content, tests, or other academic concerns. This term both in-person and UMZoom-based office hour times have been scheduled:

- **By Appointment – email Dr. Hallman to arrange a day and time**
- **Wednesdays (drop-in) 1:00 - 2:30 pm at Dr. Hallman’s office, 224 St. John’s College**
 - Masks are required (one will be provided if you do not have one)
 - Only 1 student will be allowed into the office space at a time

Academic Integrity

Students are responsible for ensuring they understand the University of Manitoba’s Policy on Academic Integrity (<http://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/academic-integrity>).

1. “Academic Misconduct” means any conduct that has, or might reasonably be seen to have, an adverse effect on the academic integrity of the University, including but not limited to:
 - (a) *Plagiarism* – the presentation or use of information, ideas, images, sentences, findings, etc. as one’s own without appropriate citation in a written assignment, test or final examination.
 - (b) *Cheating on Quizzes, Tests, or Final Examinations* – the circumventing of fair testing procedures or contravention of exam regulations. Such acts may be premeditated/planned or may be unintentional or opportunistic
 - (c) *Inappropriate collaboration* – when a Student and any other person work together on assignments, projects, tests, labs or other work unless authorized by the course instructor
 - (d) *Duplicate Submission* – cheating where a Student submits a paper/assignment/test in full or in part, for more than one course without the permission of the course instructor
 - (e) *Personation* – writing an assignment, lab, test, or examination for another student, or the unauthorized use of another person’s signature or identification in order to impersonate someone else. Personation includes both the personator and the person initiating the personation

The penalties for plagiarism and cheating are severe and range from receiving a grade of zero on an assignment, to academic suspension.

GEOG 1280 Course Topics, Required Readings and Test Schedule – Fall 2023

- Dates are as intended; some small adjustments may need to be made over time

1. Introduction to the Course (Sept. 6 & 8)

- a. Distribution and review of course outline (paper copy) and associated materials
- b. Course delivery
- c. Absence Self Declaration form
- d. Tips for taking lecture and readings notes

2. Human Geography Concepts (Sept. 11, 13 & 15)

- a. Concepts 1: Space & Location
- b. Concepts 2: Place/sense of place, Region & Distance
- c. Concepts 3: Spatial interaction, Distribution & Spatial Diffusion

Reading: Chapter 1, Mercier & Norton (2019) 10e.

3. Human Geography Concepts / Population Geography (Sept. 18, 20 & 22)

- a. Concepts 4: Cartography & Map Features
- b. Population Geography 1: Distribution and Patterns
- c. Population Geography 2: Dynamics: Fertility, Mortality and Natural Increase

Reading: Finish Chapter 1, Mercier & Norton (2019) 10e. Start on Chapter 2.

4. Population Geography – Composition & Dynamics (Sept. 25, 27 & 29)

- a. Population Geography 3: Population Pyramids, Population Aging
- b. Population Geography 4: Growth - Demographic Transition; Fertility Transition
- c. Migration: Types of migration; Push-pull logic

Reading: Chapter 2, Mercier & Norton (2019) 10e.

**NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION (OBSERVED)
OCTOBER 2 - NO CLASS**

Population Geography – Health (Oct. 4)

- d. Population and Health Geography

TEST 1 – OCTOBER 6 – BRING HB PENCILS! – FULL CLASS PERIOD

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – OCTOBER 9 – UNIVERSITY CLOSED / NO CLASS

5. Global Inequalities (October 11 & 13)

- a. Development 1: Defining and measuring development
- b. Development 2: Significance of Global Inequalities: Food security

Reading: Chapters 3, Mercier & Norton (2019) 10e.

6. Culture and Landscape (October 16, 18 & 20)

- a. Landscape 1: Cultural Regions: Formal, vernacular & regional identity
- b. Landscape 2: Cultural adaptation and diffusion
- c. Landscape 3: Language and identity

Reading: Chapter 4, Mercier & Norton (2019) 10e.

7. Identity and Difference (October 23, 25 & 27)

- a. Identity 1: Geographies of Identity and Difference
- b. Identity 2: Race and ethnicity
- c. Identity 3: Gender and sexuality

Reading: Chapter 5, Mercier & Norton (2019) 10e.

8. Political Geography (October 30, November 1 & 3)

- a. Political Geography 1: State Creation
- b. Political Geography 2: State Stability & Geopolitics
- c. Political Geography 3: Elections: Geography Matters

Reading: Chapter 6, Mercier & Norton (2019) 10e.

9. An Urban World (November 6 & 8)

- a. Urban 1: Defining Urban
- b. Urban 2: Urban Systems and Hierarchies

Reading: Chapter 7, Mercier & Norton (2019) 10e.

TEST 2 – NOVEMBER 10 – BRING HB PENCILS! – FULL CLASS PERIOD

**REMEMBRANCE DAY (OBSERVED) – NOVEMBER 13
UNIVERSITY CLOSED/NO CLASSES**

FALL TERM BREAK – NOVEMBER 14-17 – NO CLASSES

10. Urban Form & the Social Geography of the City (November 20, 22 & 24)

- a. Urban 3: Global and Mega Cities
- b. Urban 4: Urban Form: Urban Structure & Models
- c. Urban 5: Neighbourhoods & Suburbs: Gentrification; Urban sprawl

Reading: Chapter 8, Mercier & Norton (2019) 10e.

11. Food & Agriculture (November 27, 30 & December 1)

- a. Food 1: Geography of Agriculture: Location & physical environment
- b. Food 2: Agricultural Revolutions
- c. Food 3: Global, Industrial agriculture

Reading: Chapter 9, Mercier & Norton (2019) 10e.

12. Globalization (December 4, 6 & 8)

- a. Globalization 1: The Digital Divide
- b. Globalization 2: Global Economic System
- c. Global Environment / TBA

Reading: Chapter 11, Mercier & Norton (2019) 10e.

FINAL EXAM PREP and Q&A (December 11)

- No formal content lectures are planned other than anything left over from 'Globalization' topics
- Review of tips for multiple choice exams and in-person examinations
- Opportunity for students to ask for guidance on preparing for the final exam
 - Course content
 - Taking final exams in large, multiple courses examination halls

FINAL EXAMINATION

**Scheduled by the Registrar's Office during the Final Exam Period
(December 12-22, 2023)**