

**GEOG 1280 A02 Introduction to Human Geography**  
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118 St. John's College

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## **General Course Information**

**All lectures will be delivered in person in 118 St. John's College, MWF 2:30-3:20 pm, starting on Monday, January 8, 2024.**

**Course Textbook – REQUIRED.** Copies are available in the University of Manitoba Bookstore. The textbook is: *Mercier & Norton (2019) Human Geography, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition. Oxford University Press.* While there is an e-book option, it is recommended that you get a hard/paper copy. Previously owned paper copies are also available in the UM Bookstore. Older editions are NOT suitable.

Additional course materials (e.g., links to websites, videos, and/or news articles) are made available on the UM Learn site for this course under *Contents*. They are organized by topic, as listed in the Course Schedule in this Course Outline. These are not required, however reviewing them is strongly suggested as a support to your learning, as many are referred to or 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 11:45am and 1:15pm in my office, 224 St. John's College.**

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

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## TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

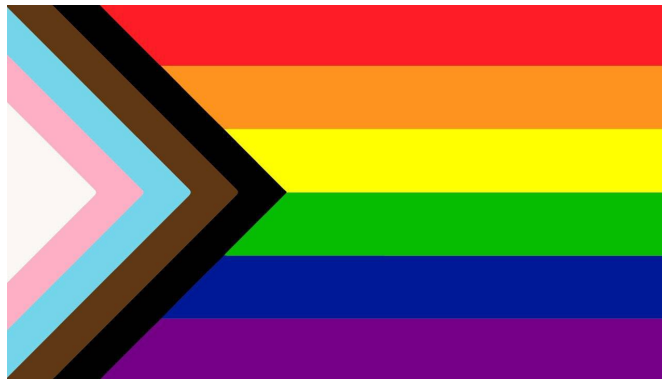


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We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.



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## 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, 10<sup>th</sup> 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: Monday, February 5th**
- **Test 2: Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**
- Completed IN CLASS using Scantron 'bubble sheets', HB pencils and paper question sheets
- Students will have the entire class period (~ 50 minutes) 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 and true/false 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 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. Note that SAS requires students book their testing space at least 2 weeks in advance.**

## Final Exam - 50%

- 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 **100 multiple choice and true/false questions**.
- **The final exam date is scheduled during the April final exam period (April 12-26, 2024) by the Registrar's Office**. Notification of when it is scheduled will generally be available in early March.

## 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. Exceptions are made for students with SAS accommodations, if a student is ill for an extended period of time (e.g., more than 2 classes) or if the instructor is away due to illness.* 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 during the regular term, 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](mailto: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](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) 11:45am - 1:15 pm** at Dr. Hallman’s office, 224 St. John’s College
  - Masks are encouraged (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 A02 Course Topics, Required Readings and Test Schedule – Winter 2024**

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

### **1. Introduction to the Course / Human Geography Concepts**

**(Jan 8, 10 & 12)**

- 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
- e. Concepts 1: Space & Location

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

### **2. Human Geography Concepts (Jan 15, 17 & 19)**

- a. Concepts 2: Place/sense of place, Region & Distance
- b. Concepts 3: Spatial interaction, Distribution & Spatial Diffusion
- c. Concepts 4: Cartography & Map Features

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

### **3. Population Geography 1 (Jan 22, 24 & 26)**

- a. Population Geography 1: Distribution and Patterns
- b. Population Geography 2: Dynamics: Fertility, Mortality and Natural Increase
- c. Population Geography 3: Population Pyramids, Population Aging

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

### **4. Population Geography 2 (Jan 29, 31 & Feb 2)**

- a. Population Geography 4: Growth - Demographic Transition; Fertility Transition
- b. Migration: Types of migration; Push-pull logic
- c. Population and Health Geography

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

## **TEST 1 – MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH**

### **5. Global Inequalities (Feb 7 & 9)**

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

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

### **6. Culture and Landscape (February 12, 14 & 16)**

- 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.

## WINTER TERM BREAK – FEBRUARY 19-23, 2024

### 7. Identity and Difference (Feb 26, 28 & March 1)

- 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 (March 4,6 & 8)

- 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.

## TEST 2 – MONDAY, MARCH 11th

### 9. An Urban World (March 13 & 15)

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

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

### 10. Urban Form & the Social Geography of the City (March 18, 20\* & 22)

- 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.

*\*March 20<sup>th</sup> is the Voluntary Withdrawal Deadline*

### 11. Food & Agriculture (March 25 & 27)

- a. Food 1: Geography of Agriculture: Location & physical environment
- b. Food 2: Agricultural Revolutions

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

**GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY – March 29, 2024 – University Closed**

### 12. Agriculture / Human-Environment Impacts (April 1, 3 & 5)

- a. Food 3: Global, Industrial agriculture
- b. Human-Environment Impacts 1
- c. Human-Environment Impacts 2

Reading: Chapters 9 & 12, Mercier & Norton (2019) 10e.



**13. COURSE CONCLUSION & FINAL EXAM PREP / Q&A (April 8 & 10)**

- Review of tips for multiple choice exams and in-person examinations
- Opportunity for students to ask for guidance on preparing for the final exam

**FINAL EXAMINATION**

**Scheduled by the Registrar's Office during the Final Exam Period,  
April 12-26, 2024.**