Introduction to Human Geography, Fall 2016

GEOG 1280 A02

Course Outline

Department of Environment and Geography

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Course Information

Topics

Required Textbook Readings

1.	Human Geography: An Introduction	Chapter 1 (pages 1-20 only)	
2.	Mapping in Human Geography	Chapter 1 (pages 20-32 only) &	
		Appendix A (pages 459-	
		460 only)	
3.	Spatial Interaction and Spatial Behaviour	Chapter 3	
4.	Population: World Patterns and Regional Trends	Chapter 4	
5.	Introduction to Cultural Geography		
	5.1 Roots and Meaning of Culture	Chapter 2	
	5.2 The Geography of Language	Chapter 5 (pages 125-146 only)	
6.	Economic Geography: Introduction/ Primary Activities	Chapter 8	
7.	Economic Geography: Manufacturing and Services	Chapter 9	
8.	Economic Geography: Patterns of Development & Change	Chapter 10	
9.	Urban Systems and Urban Structures	Chapter 11 (excluding section	
		titled "World Urban Diversity",	
		pages 376-386)	
10.	Concluding Comments: Prospects & Perspectives	Chapter 13 (page 455 only)	

Required Textbook:

Bjelland, M.D., Montello, D.R., Fellmann, J.D., Getis, A. and Getis, J. *Human Geography: Landscapes of Human Activities*, Twelfth Edition, McGraw-Hill, New York, 2013.

Method of Evaluation

Date:	Value Contributing to Final Grade:
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Term Test 1:	October 12th	25% of final mark,
Term Test 2:	November 9th	25% of final mark
Final Examination	December	50% of final mark

The Grading Standard for this course is as follows:

A+ (90-100%)	B (70-74%)	D	(50-59%)
A (80-89%)	C+(65-69%)	F	(0-49%)
B+(75-79%)	C (60-64%)		

ATTENDANCE AND NOTES

Attendance in class is expected from all students. Students are expected to be punctual for classes. *Not all of the material presented in the lectures is covered in the assigned textbook readings.*

Missed lecture notes are your own responsibility, and not the responsibility of the instructor. If you miss a lecture, make arrangements to get notes from a fellow student, not from instructor! Absence from exams must be justified by a medical or personal emergency - appropriate supporting professional documentation must be provided by the student for university records.

TESTING

The exam format will include multiple choice questions only. There will be two midterms (*Term Tests 1 & 2*) and one *Final Examination*. The questions for *Term Test 1* (50 minutes in length) will ONLY be based on the lectures and assigned readings relating to Topics 1-3 (inclusive). The questions for *Term Test 2* (50 minutes in length) will ONLY be based on the lectures and readings relating to Topics 4 and 5 (both parts). The questions for the *Final Examination* will be based on the entire course. All questions will be based on lectures and assigned readings.

In all tests and exams, no extraneous devices will be allowed (i.e. mp3 players, cell phones, notes, textbooks, etc.). Students are responsible for appropriately concealing their test and exam answers. Allowing another student to copy from your test/exam is considered cheating, and therefore academic misconduct.

<u>There are NO make-up exams or assignments</u> for students who earn a failing grade. The grade in the course is determined through the two midterms and one final exam.

Final grades will be posted in Aurora Student at the University of Manitoba website once they have been approved by the Department of Environment and Geography.

Policy Regarding Missed Midterms

Absence from exams must be justified by a medical or personal emergency – appropriate supporting professional documentation must be provided by the student for university records.

<u>If you miss a midterm</u>, you will not be permitted to write a make-up exam without appropriate professional documentation. You must present written proof (a legible doctor's certificate that states that you were unable to attend class) within seven (7) working days of the missed exam in order to qualify for a make-up exam.

Please note that "reasonable reasons for missing an exam" do NOT include: vacations (even with relatives), long weekends away, or other course work. Make-up exam content is at the discretion of the instructor, and may take any format including an essay.

Policy Regarding Missed Final Exam

Please note that <u>the preliminary exam schedule is subject to change</u>. **Students must remain available for the entire exam period.** Therefore, if you cannot take the final examination due to illness or compassionate distress (documented), you must make arrangements with your <u>own faculty</u> office for a deferred exam. A courtesy email to the instructor is also appreciated. Deferred exams are scheduled by the Department of Environment and Geography once the required paper work is received.

If you miss the final exam, you should immediately contact your faculty office and present your documentation.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Ignorance is not an excuse!

Students must take responsibility to ensure they understand the University of Manitoba's policy on Academic Integrity (plagiarism, cheating, and examination impersonation). Therefore, it is imperative that students acquaint themselves with the University's policy on plagiarism and cheating and examination impersonation in the University of Manitoba Undergraduate Calendar.

Plagiarism and cheating are serious offenses – the penalties are severe and range from receiving a grade of zero on an assignment, to academic suspension in which the student is prohibited from registering for courses in a particular department or faculty for a period of up to 5 years.

- Plagiarism is defined as taking someone else's work and representing it as your own. This can take the form of improper citation, copying or purchasing a part of or an entire essay or assignment.
- Cheating on a test or exam includes (but is not limited to): possessing unauthorized material (notes, texts, books, calculators, PDAs (i.e. Palm Pilots), cell phones, or text messaging devices), examination impersonation (this is why you are required to have ID while writing your exam) etc.

Please familiarize yourself with the University policy on academic dishonesty found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

COURSE POLICIES

• Appeals for a re-read of an exam, or an adjustment of the grade, must be made within 2 weeks of receipt of the graded exam. The course instructor reserves the right to adjust the grade upwards,

downwards, or not at all. If after the re-read you are not satisfied with the decision you should consult the Head, Department of Environment and Geography.

• If you are a student with special needs it is YOUR responsibility to consult with Student Services and then make the necessary arrangements for notetaking, exams, or assignments.

Communicating with your Instructor and Classmates

In an academic setting, it is assumed that all communications will be of a professional tone.

E-mails:

- Must be edited for grammar and include a proper subject heading (GEOG 1280) and salutation. Please remember to include your full name and the course number.
- Emails requesting notes or information found in the course syllabus will not be returned.
- Use a reputable account (i.e. U of M email) as other accounts such as "hotmail" and "yahoo" may be filtered by the U of M server
- Subject headings should be chosen carefully as these may also result in the email being filtered out as spam or junk mail.
- Students who have questions regarding course material that require a lengthy response (i.e. more than 2 sentences) need to make an appointment to discuss the material with the instructor.
- It is the student's responsibility to check their email for a response to any email questions OR **course announcements** (i.e. class cancellations).

Student Responsibilities:

- Remain available for all classes and the final exam period until the FINAL exam schedule is posted
 - Vacations (regardless of when or who the vacation), tests and assignments from other classes and employment are not acceptable reasons for missing a final exam.
 - The <u>preliminary exam</u> schedule is subject to change. Do not make travel arrangements etc. based on this schedule. It is the student's responsibility to remain available for the final exam period and students are not permitted to rewrite exams because they have made arrangements to begin work or travel.
 - The final exam schedule has occasionally experienced changes so all students should carefully consult the schedule the day before their scheduled test.
- Missed classes:
 - It is the student's responsibility to find out what was missed from a classmate.
 - The Instructor will not reply to emails requesting notes for missed classes (regardless of the reason).

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE

The first and most important classroom policy is to be courteous! This includes:

- Please be punctual for lecture. If you arrive late or need to leave early, do so with a minimum of disruption.
- Be polite when others are speaking there is enough time to discuss all perspectives and answer all questions (either in-class or afterwards).
- Talking during class (unless you are asking the instructor a question, or answering the instructor's question) is disrespectful to students who have come to lecture to learn. As an instructor, it is my job to maintain a suitable learning environment for all students. **Talking**

in class interferes with the learning of the student you are talking to and the students around you.

• If you find that there are disruptive student(s) who are interfering with your ability to learn (i.e. are annoying you with their disrespectful behaviour) please let the instructor know so that disruptive behaviour can be dealt with in a timely fashion.

Laptops and cell phones

- Be considerate with laptop use: make sure you keep your screen on relevant material (e.g. class notes) and not websites that will distract students sitting near you (e.g. facebook or games).
- Please turn cell phones off so they don't ring and distract other class members.
- Laptops should only be used for taking notes.
- If you MUST play games on your laptop, or surf/text on your phone, please sit at the back of the room so you don't distract other people. If your technology becomes disruptive, you will be asked to leave.

Miscellaneous Information Required by Senate Regulations

Evaluative feedback: Will be provided by the *voluntary withdrawal deadline date*, which is **November 18, 2016** for this course.

Academic Dishonesty: Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on plagiarism and cheating and examination impersonation (see University of Manitoba General Calendar).

The University of Manitoba has a new policy on electronic contact with students that requires **all email contact on university business to use students' official University email addresses**. The policy is at: http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/electronic_communication_with student policy.html

SCHEDULE "A"

Schedule "A" is the new requirement passed by the University of Manitoba Senate in 2016 that requires that a mandated list of supports for services plus contact information is provided to students. *While this information is important and useful, should you require advice and support, the instructor is happy to meet with you and discuss issues and concerns*

Writing and Learning Support

The Academic Learning Centre (ALC) offers services that may be helpful to you throughout your academic program. Through the ALC, you can meet with a learning specialist to discuss concerns such as time management, learning strategies, and test-taking strategies. The ALC also offers peer supported study groups called Supplemental Instruction (SI) for certain courses that students have typically found difficult. In these study groups, students have opportunities to ask questions, compare notes, discuss content, solve practice problems, and develop new study strategies in a group-learning format.

You can also meet one-to-one with a writing tutor who can give you feedback at any stage of the writing process, whether you are just beginning to work on a written assignment or already have a draft. If you are interested in meeting with a writing tutor, reserve your appointment two to three days in advance of the time you would like to meet. Also, plan to meet with a writing tutor a few days before your paper is due so that you have time to work with the tutor's feedback.

These Academic Learning Centre services are free for U of M students. For more information, please visit the Academic Learning Centre website at: http://umanitoba.ca/student/academiclearning/ You can also contact the Academic Learning Centre by calling 204-480-1481 or by visiting 201 Tier Building.

University of Manitoba Libraries (UML)

As the primary contact for all research needs, your liaison librarian can play a vital role when completing academic papers and assignments. Liaisons can answer questions about managing citations, or locating appropriate resources, and will address any other concerns you may have, regarding the research process. Liaisons can be contacted by email or phone, and are also available to meet with you in-person. A complete list of liaison librarians can be found by subject: http://bit.ly/WcEbA1 or name: http://bit.ly/1tJ0bB4. In addition, general library assistance is provided in person at 19 University Libraries, located on both the Fort Garry and Bannatyne campuses, as well as in many Winnipeg hospitals. For a listing of all libraries, please consult the following: http://bit.ly/1sXe6RA. When working remotely, students can also receive help online, via the Ask-a-Librarian chat found on the Libraries' homepage:www.umanitoba.ca/libraries.

Mental Health

For 24/7 mental health support, contact the Mobile Crisis Service at 204-940-1781.

Student Counselling Centre

Contact SCC if you are concerned about any aspect of your mental health, including anxiety, stress, or depression, or for help with relationships or other life concerns. SCC offers crisis services as well as individual, couple, and group counselling. Student Counselling Centre: http://umanitoba.ca/student/counselling/index.html 474 University Centre or S207 Medical Services (204) 474-8592

Student Support Case Management

Contact the Student Support Case Management team if you are concerned about yourself or another student and don't know where to turn. SSCM helps connect students with on and off campus resources, provides safety planning, and offers other supports, including consultation, educational workshops, and referral to the STATIS threat assessment team. Student Support Intake Assistant http://umanitoba.ca/student/case-manager/index.html 520 University Centre (204) 474-7423

University Health Service

Contact UHS for any medical concerns, including mental health problems. UHS offers a full range of medical services to students, including psychiatric consultation. University Health Service http://umanitoba.ca/student/health/ 104 University Centre, Fort Garry Campus (204) 474-8411 (Business hours or after hours/urgent calls)

Health and Wellness

Contact our Health and Wellness Educator if you are interested in information on a broad range of health topics, including physical and mental health concerns, alcohol and substance use harms, and sexual assault. Health and Wellness Educator http://umanitoba.ca/student/health-wellness/welcome.html Katie.Kutryk@umanitoba.ca 469 University Centre (204) 295-9032

Live Well @ UofM

For comprehensive information about the full range of health and wellness resources available on campus, visit the Live Well @ UofM site: http://umanitoba.ca/student/livewell/index.html

Copyright

All students are required to respect copyright as per Canada's Copyright Act. Staff and students play a key role in the University's copyright compliance as we balance user rights for educational purposes with the rights of content creators from around the world. The Copyright Office provides copyright resources and support for all members of the University of Manitoba community.

Visit http://umanitoba.ca/copyright for more information.

University and Unit policies, procedures, and supplemental information available on-line: Your rights and responsibilities

As a student of the University of Manitoba you have rights and responsibilities. It is important for you to know what you can expect from the University as a student and to understand what the University expects from you. Become familiar with the policies and procedures of the University and the regulations that are specific to your faculty, college or school.

The Academic Calendar

http://umanitoba.ca/student/records/academiccalendar.html is one important source of information. View the sections University Policies and Procedures and General Academic Regulations. While all of the information contained in these two sections is important, the following information is highlighted.

- If you have questions about your grades, talk to your instructor. There is a process for term work and final grade appeals. Note that you have the right to access your final examination scripts. See the Registrar's Office website for more information including appeal deadline dates and the appeal form http://umanitoba.ca/registrar/
- You are expected to view the General Academic Regulation section within the Academic Calendar and specifically read the Academic Integrity regulation. Consult the course syllabus or ask your instructor for additional information about demonstrating academic integrity in your academic work. Visit the Academic Integrity Site for tools and support http://umanitoba.ca/academicintegrity/ View the Student Academic Misconduct procedure for more information.

Respectful Work and Learning Environment

The University is committed to a respectful work and learning environment. You have the right to be treated with respect and you are expected conduct yourself in an appropriate respectful manner. Policies governing behavior include the:

Respectful Work and Learning Environment

- o http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/230.html
- Student Discipline

http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/students/student_discipline.htm

• Violent or Threatening Behaviour

http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/669.html

Sexual Assault

If you experience Sexual Assault or know a member of the University community who has, it is important to know there is a policy that provides information about the supports available to those who disclose and outlines a process for reporting.

- The Sexual Assault policy may be found at: http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/230.html
- More information and resources can be found by reviewing the Sexual Assault site http://umanitoba.ca/student/sexual-assault/
- For information about rights and responsibilities regarding Intellectual Property view the policy http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/Intellectual_Property_Policy_-_2013_10_01.pdf

Academic Programs and Regulations

For information on regulations that are specific to your academic program, read the section in the Academic Calendar and on the respective faculty/college/school web site http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/ Contact an Academic Advisor within our faculty/college or school for questions about your academic program and regulations http://umanitoba.ca/academic-advisors/

Student Advocacy

Contact Student Advocacy if you want to know more about your rights and responsibilities as a student, have questions about policies and procedures, and/or want support in dealing with academic or discipline concerns. http://umanitoba.ca/student/advocacy/ 520 University Centre 204 474 7423 student_advocacy@umanitoba.ca