

GEOG 1105-002 Introductory Human Geography

Fall Term 2023

Tuesday, & Thursday: 1:00-2:15

Room: 5L24

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**Please note when corresponding with the instructor, use your University of Winnipeg email account system: name@webmail.uwinnipeg.ca*

Course Description:

This course introduces geography as a means of interpreting world issues and places human-environment relationships in the context of global change. Rotating topics include resource use, food and energy supply, population change and human health; the dimensions of global forces such as urbanization, postcolonialism, nationalism, and globalization; and the environmental effects of climate change, biodiversity loss, and sustainability. Through the study of these challenges of a changing world, subfields in human geography are introduced including population, environmental, urban, political, social, and cultural geography. Students learn theoretical and practical application in these fields and may specialize in them in upper years.

Learning Objectives

Each section of the course has their own learning objectives which are included in the first PowerPoint of each module.

Student Evaluation and Test/Exam Identification Policy

First Test	25%	5 October, 2023
Second Test	25%	14 November, 2023
Final exam	50%	TBA on Nexus

Exams and tests will include multiple choice & short answer questions. Tests and exams will be based on the material covered in lectures and on those portions of the textbook identified below as required readings by the instructor. All tests and exams will be done through NEXUS at home. Instructions on how to access the exam on NEXUS will be given on the first day of classes and before any tests. Cell phones, laptop computers, tablets or personal listening devices (iPod, iWatch, etc.) are not permitted to be used at any time during tests or exams. The textbook and notes are also not permitted to be used at any time during tests or

exams. Students will not be permitted to write make-up tests except with documented medical or compassionate reasons.

Grading

A+ = 90 % and up	B+ = 75-79.9	C+ = 65-69.9	D = 50-54.9
A = 83-89.9	B = 70-74.9	C = 55-64.9	F = 49.9 and below
A- = 80-82.9			

The numeric boundaries separating letter grades may be altered at the demand of the DRC or University Senate. **November 13th, 2023 is the FINAL DATE to withdraw without academic penalty.** Senate approved grades for courses include A+, A, A-, B+, B, C+, C, D, and F. The University does not have a standardized numerical grade conversion scale for each letter grade.

Voluntary Withdrawal: You must formally withdraw from a course. If you simply stop going to classes, you may receive a “F” on your transcript and loss of tuition credit. Please refer to the 2023-24 Course Calendar for Voluntary Withdrawal procedures (<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/dates.pdf>). Please note that withdrawing before the Voluntary Withdrawal date does not result in a total tuition fee refund.

Important Dates	Significance
5 September, 2023	First Lecture
30 September, 2023	Truth and Reconciliation Day: University Closed
5 October, 2023	Test #1
8-14 October, 2023	Reading Week: No classes
9 October, 2023	Thanksgiving Day: University Closed
14 November, 2023	Test #2
11 November, 2023	Remembrance Day: University Closed
13 November, 2023	Final Date to withdraw without academic penalty*
30 November, 2023	Final Lecture (make-up day)
Final Exam	TBA
[See https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/dates.pdf for all dates]	

* Please note that withdrawing before the VW date does not necessarily result in a fee refund. Please refer to the 2023 - 2024 Undergraduate Academic Calendar for additional dates and schedules.

Nexus

PowerPoints (and other documents) for the course lectures will be posted on NEXUS (<https://nexus.uwinnipeg.ca/>) and available for download and printing before the next class. Students are expected to log on to Nexus. If you are encountering difficulties with Nexus contact the help desk at 204-786-9149 or help.desk@uwinnipeg.ca

VOD: Instructions to watch the VOD: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/student-learning-technologies/docs/vod-courses-nexus-instructions.pdf>

Course Organization

The following outlines the topics to be discussed during lectures. The order of the presentations is subject to change as circumstances dictate. **Please note that due to time constraints, or conditions beyond the instructor's control, all topics may not be covered.**

Topics	
Geography Concepts	
Cultural Geography	
Geographical Distribution	
Maps	
Distance, Region and Scale	
Ref: Mercier & Norton, Human Geog. 10 th Ed. Chap. 1	
Population Geography	
Introduction	
Fundamentals of Population Geography	
Processes and Population Change	
Migration and Population Policies	
Ref: Mercier & Norton, Human Geog. 10 th Ed. Chap. 2	
Ethnicity Geography: Chapter	
Geography of inequalities	
Ref: Mercier & Norton, Human Geog. 10 th Ed. Chap. 5	
Urban Geography:	
Introduction	
Urbanization	
Location and Urban Processes	
Global Urbanization	
Ref: Mercier & Norton, Human Geog. 10 th Ed. Chap.7 & 8	
Economic Geography:	
Industrialization and Development	
Location Theories	
Globalization	
Ref: Mercier & Norton, Human Geog. 10 th Ed. Chap. 10	

Required readings and textbooks: Mercier, M. *et al.* *Human Geography*, Oxford University Press, 10th ed., 2019

NETIQUETTE:

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner when engaging with each other, the course instructor, the lab instructors, and teaching assistant. Most importantly, be respectful. Note: tone is quite tricky in an online environment, be sure to re-read things like emails and posts before sending / posting. For tips and tricks: <https://www.rasmussen.edu/student-experience/college-life/netiquette-guidelines-every-online-student-needs-to-know/> And <https://www.grammarly.com/blog/email-etiquette-rules-to-know/>

OTHER INFORMATION

1. A permitted or necessary change in mode of delivery may require adjustments to important aspects of course outlines, like class schedule and the number, nature, and weighting of assignments and/or exams.
2. Students can find answers to frequently asked questions related to remote learning here: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/covid-19/index.html>
3. When it is necessary to cancel classes due to exceptional circumstances, the instructor will make every effort to inform you via uwinnipeg email, and/or using NEXUS announcements.
4. Students have the responsibility to regularly check their University of Winnipeg e-mail addresses, as well as NEXUS announcements, to ensure timely receipt of correspondence from the University and/or their course instructors.
5. Please note that withdrawing before the VW date does not necessarily result in a fee refund.
6. No classes: October 8th – 14th, 2023; Mid-Term Reading Week.
7. The first day of classes (all) is September 5th, 2023; our class starts on the 6th. Lectures end December 4th, 2023. The Fall 2023 evaluation period runs from December 7th – 20th, 2023. See <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/dates.pdf> for all dates.

ACADEMIC REGULATIONS, POLICIES, AND ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Regulations and Policies found in the University Academic Calendar at <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/regulationsandpolicies.pdf> Particular attention should be given to subsections 8 (Student Discipline), 9 (Senate Appeals), and 10 (Grade Appeals).

A summary of important information regarding Academic Misconduct follows. Where discrepancies exist between the text below and the Course Calendar, the Course Calendar will prevail.

Academic Misconduct

Detailed information can be found at the following:

- Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedures: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/policies/academic-misconduct-policy.pdf>
- <https://pace.uwinnipegcourses.ca/sites/default/files/pdfs/publications/Academic%20Misconduct%20Procedures.pdf>
- Non-Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedures: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/policies/student-non-academic-misconduct-policy.pdf>

Misuse of Filesharing Sites. Uploading essays and other assignments to essay vendor or trader sites (filesharing sites that are known providers of essays for use by others who submit them to instructors as their own work) involves “aiding and abetting” plagiarism. Students who do this can be charged with Academic Misconduct.

Avoiding Copyright Violation. Course materials are the property of the instructor who developed them. Examples of such materials are course outlines, assignment descriptions, lecture notes, test questions, and presentation slides—irrespective of format. Students who upload these materials to filesharing sites, or in any other way share these materials with others outside the class without prior permission of the instructor/presenter, are in violation of copyright law and University policy. Students must also seek prior permission of the instructor/presenter before, for example, photographing, recording, or taking screenshots of slides, presentations, lectures, and notes on the board. Students found to be in violation of an instructor’s intellectual property rights could face serious consequences pursuant to the Academic Misconduct or Non-Academic Misconduct Policy; such consequences could possibly involve legal sanction under the Copyright Policy (<https://copyright.uwinnipeg.ca/basics/copyright-policy.html>).

Research Ethics. Students conducting research interviews, focus groups, surveys, or any other method of collecting data from any person, including a family member, must obtain research ethics approval before commencing data collection. Exceptions are research activities done in class as a learning exercise. For submission requirements and deadlines, see <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/research/human-ethics.html>

Plagiarism. Even unintentional plagiarism, as described in the UW Library video tutorial “Avoiding Plagiarism” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UvFdxRU9a8g>), is a form of academic misconduct. Similarly, uploading essays and other assignments to essay vendor or trader sites (filesharing sites that are known providers of essays for use by others who submit them to instructors as their own work) is a form of misconduct, as it involves aiding and abetting plagiarism. An updated and expanded U of Winnipeg library site outlining principles of Academic Integrity can be found at <https://library.uwinnipeg.ca/use-the-library/help-with-research/academic-integrity.html>.

Academic Integrity and AI Text-generating Tools. Students must follow principles of academic integrity (e.g., honesty, respect, fairness, and responsibility) in their use of material obtained through AI text-generating tools (e.g., ChatGPT, Bing, Notion AI). If an instructor prohibits the use of AI tools in a course, students may face an allegation of academic misconduct if using them to do assignments. If AI tools are permitted, students must cite them. According to the MLA (<https://style.mla.org/citing-generative-ai/>), “you should

1. cite a generative AI tool whenever you paraphrase, quote, or incorporate into your own work any content (whether text, image, data, or other) that was created by it
2. acknowledge all functional uses of the tool (like editing your prose or translating words) in a note, your text, or another suitable location
3. take care to vet the secondary sources it cites”

If students aren’t sure whether or not they can use AI tools, they should ask their professors.

Forms of Academic Misconduct

See online: <http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/regulationsandpolicies.pdf>

- **Plagiarism:** includes presenting other people’s published or unpublished work in part or as a whole as your own. This includes material from lab manuals, essays, journal articles, books, etc. Plagiarism also refers to submitting the same work in more than one course without both instructors’ permission and to the situation where two or more students submit identical (or nearly identical) work for evaluation when the work was to be completed individually.
- **Cheating:** includes copying another person’s answer on a test, communicating with another person during a test or exam, consulting unauthorized sources (including written

and electronic sources), obtaining a copy (of all or part) of a test/exam/assignment before it is officially available, purchasing tests, essays or other assignments and submitting the work as your own.

- Improper Academic/Research practices: include fabricating or falsifying results, using other peoples' research findings without permission, misrepresenting research results or methods, referring to non-existent sources or investigators, or contravening the University's Policy and Procedures on Research Integrity.
- Obstructing academic activities of another person: for example interfering with another person's access to pertinent resources or information to gain academic advantage.
- Impersonation: both impersonation of another individual or allowing someone to impersonate you.
- Falsification or Modification of an Academic Record: including tests, transcripts, letters of permission, etc.
- Aiding and Abetting Academic Misconduct.

Penalties for Academic Misconduct

Penalties for academic misconduct include, but are not limited to:

- Written warning
- Lower or failing grade on an assignment or test
- Lower or failing grade in a course
- Denial of admission or readmission to the University
- Forfeiture of University awards or financial assistance
- Suspension from the University for a specified period of time
- Withholding or rescinding a U or W degree, certificate or diploma
- Expulsion from the University

Procedures for Academic Misconduct

All allegations of academic misconduct must be reported initiating a process which involves several steps. These include procedures involving the instructor of the course in which the misconduct is alleged to have occurred, the Departmental Review Committee, and the Senate Academic Misconduct Committee. Students facing a charge of academic or non-academic misconduct may choose to contact the UWSA Student Advocacy Centre where Student advocates will be available to answer any questions about the process, help with building a case and ensuring students have access to representation. For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit the UWSA website at www.theuwsa.ca/academic-advocacy or call 204-786-9780.

Non-Academic Misconduct / Respectful Learning Environment

Students are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful manner on campus and in the learning environment irrespective of platform being used. Behaviour, communication, or acts that are inconsistent with a number of UW policies could be considered non-academic misconduct. See the Respectful Working and Learning Environment Policy (<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect/respect-policy.html>) and Acceptable Use of Information Technology Policy (<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/policies/acceptable-use-of-information-technology-policy.pdf>). More detailed information is outlined in the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedures: <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/institutional-analysis/docs/policies/student-non-academic-misconduct-policy.pdf>

UNIVERSITY SERVICE INFORMATION

Accessibility Services

Students with documented disabilities, temporary or chronic medical conditions, requiring academic accommodations for tests/exams (e.g., private space) or during lectures/laboratories (e.g., note-takers) are encouraged to contact Accessibility Services (AS) at 204-786-9771 or accessibilityservices@uwinnipeg.ca to discuss appropriate options. All information about a student's disability or medical condition remains confidential.
<http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/accessibility>.

Indigenous Student Services

Indigenous students seeking additional supports, academic or other, are encouraged to contact the Aboriginal Student Services Centre (ASSC). The ASSC offers a variety of support services, and was created to maintain a safe, educational and culturally sensitive environment for all Aboriginal students (First Nation, Metis and Inuit) as they pursue their academic studies at The University of Winnipeg. More information can be found at: <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/assc/>

Respectful Working and Learning Environment Policy

All students, faculty and staff have the right to participate, learn, and work in an environment that is free of harassment and discrimination. The UW Respectful Working and Learning Environment Policy may be found online at www.uwinnipeg.ca/respect.

Academic Accommodation for Religious Reasons

Students may choose not to attend classes or write examinations on holy days of their religion, but they must notify their instructors at least two weeks in advance. Instructors will then provide an opportunity for students to make up examinations without penalty. A list of religious holidays can be found at: <http://uwinnipeg.ca/academics/calendar/docs/important-notes.pdf>

Student Wellness

The University of Winnipeg provides comprehensive general and specialized counselling and health services to all students for free at the Wellness Centre, located on the first floor of Duckworth Centre (1D25). For more information see <https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/student-wellness/>

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National day of action and remembrance of violence against women - In recognition of the "National Day of Action and Remembrance of Violence Against Women," The University of Winnipeg Senate passed a motion that on December 6: there be academic amnesty for assignments, papers, participation marks, and attendance marks for that date; that no tests or exams be held after 3:30 p.m. on that date; and that classes operate on a normal schedule on that date.

Privacy

Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with their rights in relation to the collecting of personal data by the University (<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/privacy/admissions-privacy-notice.html>), especially if Zoom is being used for remote teaching (<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/privacy/zoom-privacy-notice.html>) and testing/proctoring (<https://www.uwinnipeg.ca/privacy/zoom-test-and-exam-proctoring.html>).

The instructor retains the right to make changes to the above course structure and procedures as
circumstances require.
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In the event of extenuating circumstances, the instructor reserves the right to make changes to any information presented in this document, after consulting with, or with the approval of, the class. Changes in test dates require the unanimous approval of the class.

Note: The information presented in this course is the intellectual property of the instructor(s) and is presented for the benefit of registered students only. Any audio, video, or virtual reproduction of the lectures or labs, or any posting or distribution of course materials, either in whole or in part, without the express written consent of the instructor(s) is strictly prohibited.