

CAMOSUN COLLEGE
GEOGRAPHY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
ASSOCIATE OF ARTS PROGRAM

Course Number: GEOGRAPHY 105

Semester: WINTER 2005

Program: ASSOCIATE OF ARTS AND UNIVERSITY-
TRANSFER

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WELCOME TO GEOGRAPHY 105!

Camosun College Calendar Description:

Introduction to the physical and human geography of British Columbia. The course takes a topical approach to examine the physical, economic, resource, settlement and social geography of the province, with attention paid to the landscape, character and images of its regions.

Prerequisites: C+ in English 12 or assessment

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course, the student will be able to:

1. Distinguish between regional and topical geography.
2. Use appropriate techniques and information sources in the geographic study of British Columbia.
3. Describe the physical and human geography of British Columbia.
4. Describe and analyze, using geographic themes and approaches, topics related to the Geography of British Columbia, such as resource management and use, settlement patterns and development, and regional identities and issues.

Learning Resources:

The required textbook for the course is:

McGillivray, Brett. *British Columbia: People and Landscapes In Transition*. Vancouver: UBC Press, 2000. The textbook is available for purchase from the Camosun College Bookstore.

Website materials include notes written by the instructor for each topic in the course and are found in the "Course Contents" area of the course site.

A package of exercises and assignments for the course, available for purchase from the Camosun College Bookstore.

For students who live outside of the Victoria area, arrangements will be made for you to purchase the textbook and exercise package from the bookstore.

Learning Sequence:

This section of Geography 105 is delivered through BC Campus, using Webct. The quality, content and standard of the course is identical to a classroom section of the course at Camosun College.

To deliver this course, a combination of materials is used. They include the readings from the course textbook, contents on the course website, and audio programs.

The assigned readings from the textbook are to be treated like assigned readings in a regular classroom section. The contents written by the instructor are similar to lecture notes. They are designed to provide, clarify and enhance the essential content of the course. The audio programs offer a further source of material for the course. Each program focuses on topics related to the course. The programs are found at <http://weaver.disted.camosun.bc.ca> and can be heard using "Real Player". They are 30 minutes each in length.

The topic and speaker for each program is listed below in the Detailed Course Schedule.

The programs can also be heard on CKMO Radio - Village 900 - at AM900. The broadcast range is southern Vancouver Island. A program is broadcast twice during the appropriate week at 5:30pm on Monday.

Below is a detailed course schedule, listing dates, readings, audio programs, exercises assignments and exams. Please read it very carefully before beginning the course.

If you have any questions pertaining to this material, please do not hesitate to contact the instructor.

DETAILED COURSE SCHEDULE

WEEK 1: January 10 - 14

Orientation to Geography 105 and to the Course Site

WEEK 2: January 17 - 23

Topic: Approaches to Understanding the Geography of British Columbia

Course Contents: Read Unit 1

Textbook: Read Chapter 1

Audio Program: *The Heartlands of British Columbia*: Jody Paterson, columnist with the *Times Colonist* newspaper, discusses the challenges facing British Columbia's Heartland regions based on her series of articles published in August 2003.

WEEK 3: January 24 - 30

Topic: The Physical Geography of British Columbia - Physiographic Regions

Course Contents: Read Physiographic Regions in Unit 2

Textbook: Read Pages 21 - 30

Audio Program: *Physiography and Geomorphology of British Columbia*: Dr. Tark Hamilton from Camosun College provides an insightful and informative understanding of the varied landscapes in the province and the reasons for them.

Exercise: Begin Exercise # 1 in the Exercise Package (Due: Tuesday Feb. 8th)

WEEK 4: January 31 - February 6

Topic: The Physical Geography of British Columbia - Climate & Biogeography

Course Contents: Read Climate & Biogeography in Unit 2

Textbook: Read Pages 30 - 36

Audio Program: *Weather and Climate of British Columbia*: Mark Madryga, Meteorologist with Global Television in Vancouver and with Environment Canada, talks about the factors that influence the province's weather and climate.

Exercise: Complete Exercise # 1 (Due: Tuesday Feb. 8th)

WEEK 5: February 7 - 13

Topic: Settlement: Early Exploration, The Fur Trade and The Gold Rushes

Course Contents: Read Unit 3

Textbook: Read Chapter 4

Audio Program: *The Cariboo Gold Rush and Barkerville*: Richard Wright, editor of the Wells News, historical writer, and historical interpreter at Barkerville, provides an insightful view of what it was like during the Cariboo Gold Rush and in the town of Barkerville.

Exercise: Complete Exercise # 2 in the Exercise Package (Due: Tuesday Feb. 15th)

WEEK 6: February 14 - 20

Topic: Settlement: Utopian Settlements in British Columbia

Course Contents: Read Unit 4

Audio Program: *The Doukhobors*: Koozma Tarasoff, historian and author of many articles and books about the Doukhobors in Canada offers an excellent account of the Doukhobor life and landscape in British Columbia.

Exam # 1 to be written this week (Due: Tuesday Feb. 22nd)

WEEK 7: February 21 - 27

Topic: The Mining Industry

Course Contents: Read Units 5-A & 5-B

Textbook: Read Chapters 10 & 11

Audio Program: *Energy Development*: Stuart Hertzog, an environmental researcher and writer, who has been working on issues in energy and air quality in B.C., discusses the energy development and concerns in the province.

WEEK 8: February 28 - March 6

Topic: The Forest Industry

Course Contents: Read Unit 6

Textbook: Read Chapter 8

Audio Program: *The Forest Industry*: John Allen, President and CEO of the Council of Forest Industries in Vancouver, explains the importance of and challenges facing the forest industry in British Columbia.

Exercise: Complete Exercise # 3 in the Exercise Package (Due: Tuesday March 8th)

Assignment # 1 Due This Week on Tuesday March 1st

WEEK 9: March 7 - 13

Topic: The Fishing Industry in British Columbia

Course Contents: Read Unit 7

Textbook: Read Chapter 9

Audio Program: *Fisheries in British Columbia*: Ian Gill, President and Founder of Ecotrust Canada, discusses the allocation of fishing licences for commercial fishers and how this allocation has impacts on the fishery resource, First Nations, and communities on the coast.

Exercise: Complete Exercise # 4 in the Exercise Package (Due: Tuesday March 15th)

WEEK 10: March 14 - 20

Topic: The Tourism Industry in British Columbia

Course Contents: Read Unit 9

Textbook: Read Chapter 14

Audio Program: *Tourism in British Columbia*: Rick Lemon, Vice President of Tourism Operations for Tourism BC, discusses the importance of tourism in the province and the trends and challenges facing the industry

Exam # 2 to be written this week (Due: Tuesday March 22nd)

WEEK 11: March 21 - 27

Topic: Agriculture in British Columbia

Course Contents: Read Unit 8

Textbook: Read Chapter 12

Audio Program: *The Wine Industry on Southern Vancouver Island*: Marilyn Venturi, co-owner of the Venturi - Schulze Winery in Cobble Hill, discusses the growth and state of the wine industry in this region.

Exercise: Complete Exercise # 5 in the Exercise Package (Due: Tuesday March 29th)

WEEK 12: March 28 - April 3

Topic: Contemporary Urban Development: Vancouver and its Role

Course Content: Read Unit 10

Audio Program: *Urban Planning in Vancouver*: Dr. Ann McAfee, Co-Director Of Planning for the City of Vancouver, explains the role of

planning in the city and discusses planning initiatives and issues in Vancouver.

Exercise: Begin work on Exercise # 6 (Due: Tuesday April 12th)

WEEK 13: April 4 - 10

Topic: Contemporary Urban Development: Urban Relationships and Systems

Course Content: Read Unit 11

Textbook: Read Chapters 15 & 16

Audio Program: *Resource Communities in North Central British Columbia*: Dr. Greg Halseth, Professor of Geography at the University of Northern British Columbia and Canada Council Chair for Rural Small Town Studies, examines the changing economies and communities in north central British Columbia.

Exercise: Complete Exercise # 6 (Due: Tuesday April 12th)

Assignment # 2: Posting to be done by 9:00pm on Tuesday April 5th

WEEK 14: April 11 - 15

Overview of Exam # 3 to be posted on the course site on Monday April 11th

EXAM # 3 IN THE CAMOSUN FINAL EXAM PERIOD (April 18 - 23 & 25 - 26, 2005)

Assessment Plan

Your grade for the course will be determined by your results in the following categories:

Exam # 1: 20% of the course grade

Exam # 2: 18% of the course grade

Exam # 3: 21% of the course grade

Exercises: 25% of the course grade

Assignment# 1: 7% of the course grade

Assignment # 2: 9% of the course grade

The exams will be based on the textbook readings, course contents and audio programs. Exams # 1 and 2 are scheduled during the semester. Exam # 3 is scheduled during the final exam period at Camosun. Exam # 1 will cover Approaches to Utopian Settlement inclusive; Exam # 2 will cover Mining to Fisheries inclusive; and Exam # 3 will cover Tourism to Urban Systems inclusive. More detailed information about each exam will be available closer to the exam. For students who do not live in the Victoria area, arrangements will be made for you to write the exams in your community.

There are six exercises in the course and they are worth 3 to 5% each of the course grade. They are an integral part of the course as they provide an opportunity to apply or augment the course material to the development of your knowledge and understanding of the subject matter. The exercises are in an exercise package that can be purchased through the Camosun Bookstore. The completed exercises can be either handed in at the instructor's office or emailed to the instructor by the appropriate date. Late exercises will be penalized at the rate of 10% per day and after the fifth day will not be accepted.

Assignment # 1 involves the completion of a self-guided historical field trip in downtown Victoria; whereas Assignment # 2 focuses on an examination of a resource issue in the province. Both assignments are found in the Exercise and Assignment package. Assignment #1 is due on Tuesday March 1st; and your posting in response to Assignment #2 is to be on the course site by 9:00pm on Tuesday April 5th.

The grading scale for this course is that which is used at Camosun College:

		% Grade	
95 - 100	A+	70 - 74	B-
90 - 95	A	65 - 69	C+
85 - 89	A-	60 - 64	C
80 - 84	B+	50 - 59	D
75 - 79	B	0 - 49	F

Please note that the last day to withdraw from the course without receiving a failing grade is Monday March 14, 2005.

Prior Learning Assessment

Information on Prior Learning policies at Camosun College can be found at www.camosun.bc.ca/calendar/

Disability Support Services

Information about disability support services for students can be found at www.camosun.bc.ca/apfn/dss.php

Academic Policies and Assistance

Information about academic policies and procedures, admissions and registration, and fees and financial aid at Camosun College can be found online at the College's Calendar site at www.camosun.bc.ca/calendar/