

**ORIENTEERING COURSE OUTLINE**  
Spring 2005

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**A. COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The purpose of this class is to provide an overview of some basic principles of land navigation by map and compass. It is hoped this will increase the student's ability to get around in the backcountry without getting lost or wandering off a cliff. Classroom time will be used to review basic aspects of trip preparedness, topographic maps, compasses, and principles of navigation. This will include various hands-on exercises. We will also do practical outdoor sessions near Camosun College's Interurban Campus. Some will be led by the instructor, and the last will be a self-guided orienteering exercise for small groups of students. We will be in the bush, so be sure to wear sturdy, expendable clothing.

**B. LOGISTICS**

**We will meet at Interurban Campus, and you must arrange your own transportation to get there!** Classroom: Campus Centre 250.

Students are responsible for bringing:

Sturdy hiking shoes.	Ruler, calculator, pens, pencils, etc.
Rain gear.	Notebook and plastic bag to cover it
Warm clothing (more than you think you will need).	
Hat.	
Water.	
Snacks.	
Sunscreen.	

The ET program will provide maps and compasses.

**C. ATTENDANCE**

Students must attend the entire day. Failure to do so will result in an incomplete grade for the course.

**D. SAFETY**

Outdoor field work can be fun and satisfying, but it is also serious and unpredictable – people get injured in unlikely (usually embarrassing) situations. Please work carefully and don't take silly risks. No running or pushing people into things, and watch out for branches snapping back from the person in front of you.

## E. EVALUATION

Orienteering is just one portion of ENVR 202. The following percent breakdown just applies to this component, and final marks in this module will be merged with the others to determine your overall grade for the course.

Written assignment	60%
Participation	40%

- Written assignment: An assignment will be given to you at the beginning of the day. It will cover material from all of the day's activities. You may work in consultation with others, but complete and hand in your own individual assignment. This is due at the end of the day.
- Participation: All students will start with full marks in this category. Make sure you participate in all aspects of the day – don't let someone else take all the compass bearings! Participation marks may also be lost for rude, reckless or otherwise unpleasant behaviour (e.g. lateness, not paying attention, ignoring instructions, disregarding individual and group safety, etc.). Naturally, I doubt any of this will happen.

## F. SCHEDULE

### **May 17 or 18, 2005:**

9:00 – 11:45:

- Classroom lecture, indoor and outdoor exercises (Interurban Campus).

11:45 – 12:30:

- Lunch break.

12:30 – 4:00:

- Field exercises north of Interurban Campus (ending at Bruce Hardy's house on Viaduct Ave.).