



**School of Arts & Science**  
**SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT**  
**GEOG 100-01**  
**Ecosystems and Human Activity**  
**2008F**

## COURSE OUTLINE

The Approved Course Description is available on the web @ \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Instructor Information

(a)	Instructor:	Barry Weaver		
(b)	Office Hours:	Monday 11:30 – 1:30; Tuesday 11:30 -12:30; Wednesday 10:30 – 12:30; Thursday 11:30 – 12:30; Other Times by Arrangement		
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### 2. Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a knowledge of ecological systems and the impact of human activity on those systems.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of key environmental issues.
3. Demonstrate a knowledge of courses of action which address environmental concerns.

### 3. Required Materials

#### (a) Texts

Philip Dearden & Bruce Mitchell. *Environmental Change and Challenge* 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Don Mills: Oxford University Press. 2005.

#### (b) Other

*Geography 100 Section 01 Fall 2008: Exercises*

*Geography 100 Sections 01& D01: Article Package*

Both are available for purchase at the college bookstore

#### 4. Course Content and Schedule

Sept. 1	Labour Day
Sept. 2	<i>"The New Maybe"</i> – Welcome to Geography 100
Sept. 8	<i>"Are We Family"</i> – Understanding the Environment
Sept. 10	Understanding the Environment
Sept. 15	<i>"Wondering Where the Lions Are"</i> – Topographic Map Seminar
Sept. 17	Topographic Map Exercise
Sept. 22	<i>"Pussy Willows, Cat-Tails"</i> – Ecosystem Structure
Sept. 24	Ecosystem Change
Sept. 29	Ecosystem Relationships
Oct. 1	<i>"You're Everywhere"</i> – Human Population
Oct. 6	<i>"The Heart of the Melt"</i> – Climate Change
Oct. 8	<i>"Courage"</i> – EXAM # 1
Oct. 13	Thanksgiving – No Class
Oct. 15	Climate Change
Oct. 20	<i>"If A Tree Falls"</i> – The Forests
Oct. 22	The Forests
Oct. 27	<i>"Nautical Disaster"</i> – The Oceans
Oct. 29	The Oceans
Nov. 3	<i>"Seeds On The Wind"</i> – Agriculture
Nov. 5	<i>"Ahead By A Century"</i> – EXAM # 2
Nov. 10	Agriculture
Nov. 12	<i>"Vanishing"</i> – Protected Places
Nov. 17	Protected Places Exercise
Nov. 19	<i>"Scanning The Crowds"</i> – The Urban Environment
Nov. 24	The Urban Environment
Nov. 26	<i>"When It's Gone, It's Gone"</i> – Energy
Dec. 1	Energy
Dec. 3	<i>"A Beautiful Thing"</i> – The Geography of Hope

\*\* The titles for each topic are taken from Canadian Singers including The Tragically Hip, Gordon Lightfoot, Bruce Cockburn & Bare Naked Ladies.

#### 5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

##### (a) Exercises – worth 40% of the course grade

There are seven exercises in the course. They widely vary in type. The explanation/completion dates as are the due dates are given in the attached schedule. **Late exercises will be penalized at the rate of 10% per day.**

##### (b) Exams – worth 60% of the course grade

There are three exams in the course. Two of the exams will be held in class and The third will be held during the college final exam period in December. Exam # 1 is **worth 18%** of the course grade and covers Understanding the Environment to Human Population inclusive; Exam # 2, **worth 19%** of the course grade, covers Climate Change to The Oceans inclusive; and Exam # 3, **worth 23%** of the course grade, covers Agriculture to The Geography of Hope inclusive. Overviews for each exam will be given in class.

## 6. Grading System

### Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D	Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted; a course with a "D" grade cannot be used as a prerequisite.	1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

### Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy E-1.5 at [camosun.ca](http://camosun.ca) for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete:</i> A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	<i>In progress:</i> A temporary grade assigned for courses that, due to design may require a further enrollment in the same course. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course. (For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3 <sup>rd</sup> course attempt or at the point of course completion.)
CW	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.

## 7. Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

### LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College calendar, at Student Services or the College web site at [camosun.ca](http://camosun.ca).

## STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism**. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services and on the College web site in the Policy Section.