



School of Arts & Science
SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT
GEOG 100-D01
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* 2nd ed. Don Mills: Oxford University Press. 2005.

(b) Other

Geography 100 Section D01 Fall 2008: Exercises

Geography 100 Sections 01& D01: Article Package

Both are available for purchase at the college bookstore

4. Course Content and Schedule

- Week 1:** Orientation
Week 2: *“Are We Family”* – Understanding the Environment
Week 3: *“Pussy Willows, Cat-Tails”* - Ecosystems
Week 4: *“You’re Everywhere”* – Human Population
Week 5: *“The Heart of the Melt”* – Climate Change
Week 6: *“If A Tree Falls”* – The Forests
Week 7: *“Nautical Disaster”* – The Oceans
Week 8: *“Seeds in the Wind”* - Agriculture
Week 9: *“The Dire Wolf”* – Wild Species
Week 10: *“Vanishing”* – Protected Places
Week 11: *“Scanning the Crowds”* – The Urban Environment
Week 12: *“When It’s Gone, It’s Gone”* - Energy
Week 13: *“A Beautiful Thing”* – The Geography of Hope
Week 14: Exam Review

** 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 work weeks and the due dates are given in the online course outline. **Late exercises will be penalized at the rate of 10% per day.**

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

There are two exams in the course. The midterm exams is scheduled during the term; the final exam will take place during the college final exam period. Each exam is worth 30%. Overviews and formats for the exam will be posted online on the course site.

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
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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 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 ^d 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.

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.