

School of Arts & Science SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

GEOG 105-001 Geography of British Columbia 2008F

COURSE OUTLINE

The Approved Course Description is available on the web @

1. Instructor Information

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2. Intended Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this 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.

3. Required Materials

(a) Texts

Brett McGillivray. *Geography of British Columbia 2nd ed.*. Vancouver: UBC Press. 2005.

(b) Other

Geography 105 Fall 2008: Assignments and Notes

Available for purchase in the college bookstore

4. Course Content and Schedule

- Sept. 2: Welcome to Geography 105
- Sept. 4: Approaches to Understanding British Columbia The Physical Geography: Landform Regions
- Sept. 9: The Physical Geography: Landform Regions
- Sept. 11: The Physical Geography: Landforms & Climate
- Sept. 16: The Physical Geography: Climate Regions
- Sept. 18: Settlement Processes and Patterns: Fur Trade
- Sept. 23: Settlement Processes and Patterns: Gold Rushes
- Sept. 25: Settlement Processes and Patterns: Utopia in B.C.
- Sept. 30: Settlement Processes and Patterns: Utopia in B.C.
- Oct. 2: Mineral Resources and Mining
- Oct. 7: EXAM # 1 (Tuesday October 7th)
- Oct. 9: Mineral Resources and Mining
- Oct. 14: Energy Resources and Development
- Oct. 16: WORK CLASS FOR ASSIGNMENT # 2 (Thursday Oct. 16th)
- Oct. 21: The Forest Resource and Industry in the Interior
- Oct. 23: The Forest Resource and Industry on the Coast
- Oct. 28: The Forest Resource and Industry on the Coast
- Oct. 30: The Fishery Resource and Industry
- Nov. 4: The Fishery Resource and Industry
- Nov. 6: EXAM # 2 (Thursday November 6th)
- Nov. 11: REMEMBRANCE DAY (Tuesday November 11th)
- Nov. 13: Agriculture
- Nov. 18: Agriculture
- Nov. 20: Tourism
- Nov. 25: Tourism
- Nov. 27: Urban British Columbia: Vancouver
- Dec. 2: Urban British Columbia: Resource Communities
- Dec. 4: Exam Review

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

(a) Assignments – 37% of the course grade

There are four assignments in the course. They vary in type and value. The dates for the explanations of the assignments and when they are due are attached. Late assignments will be penalized at a rate of 10% per day.

(b) Exams – 63% of the course grade

There are three exams in the course. The first two will be held in class and the Third will be scheduled in the college final exam period in December. Exam # 1, covers Approaches to Settlement inclusively; Exam # 2 covers Mining to Fishery inclusively; and Exam # 3 covers Agriculture to Urban inclusively. Exam # 1 is **worth 18 %** of the course grade; Exam # 2 is **worth 24%** of the course grade; and Exam # 3 is **worth 21%** of the course grade. The specific format for Exam # 1 will be outlined in class on Tuesday September 30th; for Exam # 2 on Thursday October 30th; and for Exam # 3 on Tuesday December 2nd. The specific dates for the first two exams are in the course schedule above.

6. Grading System

Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	А		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	В		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	С		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** 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 rd 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 <u>camosun.ca</u>.

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.