

Course Outline and Syllabus - Fall 2019
Introduction to Human Geography - GEOG 1280 A02
Department of Environment and Geography
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Course Dates:	September 4 – December 06
Lecture:	M/W/F 10:30 – 11:20 am
Lecture Location:	221 Wallace
Final Exam:	To be scheduled in the final exam period
Final Voluntary	November 18, 2019
Withdrawal date:	For more information: http://umanitoba.ca/student/records/leave_return/695.html

Required Course Textbook:

Textbook : Rubenstein. 2018/2019. Contemporary Human Geography, 4e. Pearson.

Note: *if you are using a different textbook than the 4th edition of Contemporary Human Geography, the readings designated in the outline portion of this syllabus will not correspond. The instructor offers no guarantee that the content in other textbooks will be the same as the required textbook. Consequently, you may or may not be able to answer “textbook” exam questions. You may use any book you want, but it is at your own risk.*

Course calendar description: This course studies aspects of the human world: population, settlement and resources. Not to be held with GEOG 1200 or GEOG 1201(053.120), or GEOG 1281.

Course objectives:

- To provide you with a strong background in the academic discipline of human geography
- To familiarize you to the understanding of the spatial interaction and spatial behaviour, the dynamics of human population growth and movement, patterns of culture, etc.
- To introduce you to the systematic study of patterns and processes that have shaped human understanding, use, and alteration of Earth’s surface
- More precisely you will learn how to articulate the intimate spatiality of human history and culture through the key geographic concepts of space, place, locale, location, distance, landscape, regionalization, globalization, and environment

Method of Evaluation

Students will be evaluated via two (2) in-class tests worth 25% each, and one Final Examination worth 40% and three online homework assignments worth a total of 10%.

Assessment	Percentage	Dates
Midterm Test 1	25%	September 30
Midterm Test 2	25%	November 4
Final Examination	40 %	TBA (in final exam period)

NOTE: ALL TESTS/EXAMS ARE CUMULATIVE

Homework assignments

To be found on MasteringGeography online, and to be completed and submitted online by the due dates. Student registration instructions (including this course ID) for the Mastering site are on the UM Learn course webpage.

Note: if you buy the textbook from the bookstore, the access code for the MasteringGeography website will be included for free with the package and you do NOT have to purchase it separately.

If you do not purchase the textbook new (used, or buy online, or a friend's copy), you will need to buy the code from the website or the bookstore in order to access the mastering geography website and complete the homework assignments.

The Grade distribution for this course is as follows:

A+: 90% or above (Exceptional)	C+: 65 - 69% (Satisfactory)
A: 80 - 89% (Excellent)	C: 60 - 64% (Adequate)
B+: 75 - 79% (Very Good)	D: 50 - 59% (Marginal)
B: 70 - 74% (Good)	F: ≤ 49% (Failure)

Note: Students are not permitted to submit “bonus” assignments in addition to the regular term tests and final exam to improve their grade. The grading scheme will only be adjusted for documented, extenuating circumstances.

Test and Final Exam Format

- Multiple choice, short answer, map questions and/or true and false questions will be based on lectures, assigned readings, videos, class discussions and activities, and the corresponding readings in the course textbook.
- Approximately 10-15% of the midterm and final exam questions will come from the course textbook, which may not have been covered in the lecture.
- The final exam is **cumulative** (approximately 50% of questions from course material covered in each of Midterms 1 and 2, and 50% of questions from material covered after the second midterm).
- Students who miss a test due to a documented medical or personal emergency will be offered a rewrite. **See Policy Regarding Missed Midterms.**

Test and Final Exam Regulations:

- In all tests and exams, NO dictionaries, digital dictionaries, notes, books, textbooks, cellphones, PDAs (such as Palm Pilots), smart watches, or text messaging devices are allowed.
- Students are responsible for appropriately concealing their test and exam answers in order to prevent copying by other students. Allowing another student to copy off of your test/exam is considered cheating, and therefore academic misconduct.
- Attendance will be taken at midterm tests. You are required to have photo identification at each midterm test and the final exam.
- Please consult policy regarding *Academic Integrity* below.

Policy Regarding Missed Tests

- You must inform the instructor promptly (within 48 hours by email).
- Missed tests, online quizzes and Learning curve exercises must be justified by a medical or personal emergency – appropriate supporting professional documentation must be provided within **48 hours** by email. Your medical documentation MUST be legible and state that you were UNABLE to write the test/online quiz/learning curve exercise/exam due to a medical circumstance on the day of the test or exam. A note that you “saw a doctor” is **NOT** considered medical documentation.
- Please note that reasonable reasons for missing a test/online quiz/learning curve exercise/exam do **NOT** include: vacations (even with relatives), long weekends away, other course work, other tests or quizzes on the same day etc.
- Students have six (6) days after the missed midterm test to write a makeup test. If the student is unable to complete a makeup test within the six (6) day timeframe due to extended illness or compassionate distress (documented), the student’s midterm grade will be reweighted to the final exam. It is the student’s responsibility to confirm via email the date, time, and location of the makeup test or the new due date of the online quiz or exercise.
- If in doubt about what is an appropriate reason for missing a test/online quiz/learning curve exercise/exam, please ask the instructor prior to the test or due date via email. If you have not received a response from the instructor via email, students are highly encouraged to talk to the instructor prior to the test/online quiz/learning curve exercise/exam. Once a test is started, regardless of the outcome, students will not be offered a makeup test.

The “Makeup” test format is at the discretion of the instructor, and may take any format, including any one or a combination of the following: essay, short answer questions, true and false, multiple choice etc.

Test Review:

- Test questions will NOT be returned or posted on UM Learn.
- Tests will be reviewed during lecture as soon as possible (usually within seven (7) days). While reviewing tests, students are permitted to make **handwritten notes only**. Laptops or any device capable of capturing images or sound are not permitted.
- Students are permitted to review their midterm test within seven (7) days of the in-class review. An appointment must be made via **email**.

Grades

- Midterm marks will be posted on UMLearn as soon as they can reasonably be graded.
- Final grades will be posted on the Aurora Student at the University of Manitoba website once they have been approved by the Department of Environment and Geography.
- Students have 7 days after the in-class test review to discuss any grading concerns **and to ensure their grade has been recorded on UM Learn.**
 - It is the student's responsibility to check UM Learn for their midterm grades
 - Appeals for a re-read of an exam, or an adjustment of the grade, must be made within 7 days of the in-class review. The course instructor reserves the right to adjust the grade upwards, downwards, or not at all. If after the re-read you are not satisfied with the decision you should consult the Head, Department of Environment and Geography.
- After this 7 day period, **NO** changes will be made.

Policy Regarding Missed Final Exam

- If you cannot take the final examination due to illness or compassionate distress (documented), you must fill in a request for a deferred examination with your own (home) faculty office. A courtesy email to the instructor is also appreciated.
 - You must contact your Faculty office **within 48 hours** of the exam
- Students will be notified by the Department of Environment and Geography via email when the deferred exam is scheduled.
 - Please do not email the course instructor asking for information about the deferred exam. All deferred exams are scheduled by the Department of Environment and Geography.
- Students must bring student ID or government photo identification to the deferred exam

GEOG 1280 COURSE APPROACH AND POLICIES

Course Delivery:

- Course material will be delivered primarily through lectures, videos, in class discussion, and corresponding textbook readings.
- As a courtesy, I will be posting partial course notes (fill in the blank) in PowerPoint format on *UM Learn*. It is your responsibility to access *UM learn* and download these materials: <https://universityofmanitoba.desire2learn.com/d2l/login>
 - ***Please note that I am under no obligation to post my PowerPoint notes; they are intended to assist you and not replace your personal notes.***
- The pace of the lecture is based on the partial course notes.
- For assistance with *UM Learn*:
 - Client Services Help and Solutions Centre (204.474.8600)
 - Email: support@cc.umanitoba.ca
 - 123 Fletcher Argue (Mon to Fri: 8:00 AM. - 8:00 PM)
- Students are **NOT** permitted to partially or entirely photograph, audio, or video record lectures.

- These online materials are not a substitute for coming to class, and you cannot use these notes exclusively as they will need to be supplemented by notes from lecture and the textbook. **If you miss a class, you are responsible for obtaining the missing notes from a classmate. The instructor will not provide notes for any reason.**

Communicating with your Instructor:

- **Effective September 1, 2013**, the U of M will only use your university email account for official communications, including messages from your instructors, department or faculty, academic advisors, and other administrative offices. http://umanitoba.ca/registrar/email_policy/
- All communications must be professional and courteous.
- **E-mails** must include:
- The subject heading (**GEOG 1280**, a salutation (i.e. Dear, Hello, Good Morning...), and your full name.
- Come from a University of Manitoba Account (. . . @myumanitoba.ca).
- Emails that do not conform to the above will not be returned.
- Allow at least **48 hours** for response (weekdays only).
- Emails requesting notes, information discussed in class or information found in the course syllabus will not be returned.

The VW date (Voluntary Withdrawal date)

The last date of voluntary withdraw without academic penalty is **November 18, 2019**; the results of the test 1 will be available prior to this date.

Student Expectations

- Attendance in class is expected from all students. Missed lecture notes are your own responsibility. While the PowerPoint slides are available on *UM Learn*, clarification notes are usually required in order to make sense of the material.
- Cell phones must not be used during class. This includes text messaging, web browsing, email etc. Please ensure your cell phone is turned off during lecture.
- Talking in class interferes with the learning of the student you are talking to and the students around you. Please refrain from talking during lecture. Students who talk during lecture will be required to leave the lecture hall.
- Students are encouraged to ask questions of the instructor during and after class.
- The instructor may not always be able to have a lengthy discussion with you after class, due to other commitments. Please make an appointment or see me during office hours if you require more than a quick answer at such a time.
- Inform instructor promptly if you miss a quiz, test, or final exam.
- Consult your UM email account regularly. This is how the instructor and university will communicate with you.

- Students are responsible for ensuring quiz/test /assignment grades have been recorded correctly in UM Learn. Students have five (5) days after the in-class quiz/test review or assignment return to discuss any grading concerns. After this five-day period, NO changes will be made.
- Consult *UM Learn* for PowerPoint notes and additional information
- Consult *UM Learn* Frequently for announcements, updates etc.

Why You Should Attend Lecture?

- Test questions will be taken from the lectures. Attending lecture benefits the student, because it ensures course material is reviewed at least once.
- Students who do not attend lecture run the risk of missing important information not available in the textbook or course notes.
- The course notes alone are not a substitute for attending lecture.
- Students are encouraged to bring the PowerPoint slides to class in order to include notes and clarification as the slides may not be entirely self-explanatory.
- The pace of the lecture will not allow students to copy the PowerPoint slides during class time
- If you miss a class, you are responsible for obtaining notes from a fellow student (not the instructor)

Using Copyrighted Material:

Please respect copyright. We will use copyrighted content in this course. Class lectures and other materials have been appropriately acknowledged and ensured that it is copied in accordance with copyright laws and University guidelines. Copyrighted works, including those created by me, are available for your private study and research, and you must not distribute them in any format without permission. Do not upload copyrighted works to a learning management system (e.g., UM Learn), or any website, unless an exception to the Copyright Act applies or written permission has been confirmed. For more information, see the University's Copyright Office website at <http://umanitoba.ca/copyright/> or contact um_copyright@umanitoba.ca.

Academic Integrity Policy

- Academic Integrity refers the values on which good academic work must be founded: honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility. Academic integrity includes a commitment not to engage in or tolerate acts of falsification, misrepresentation or deception. Such acts of dishonesty violate the fundamental ethical principles of the College community and compromise the worth of work completed by others.
- Students are responsible for ensuring they understand the University of Manitoba's policy on Academic Integrity (plagiarism, cheating, and examination impersonation). These policies are available in the University Catalog 2017-2018, General Academic Regulations <http://bit.ly/2asrlZN>
- The penalties for plagiarism and cheating are severe and range from receiving a grade of zero on an assignment, to academic suspension. For more information on Cheating, Plagiarism, and Fraud: <http://bit.ly/2b63fBP> & <http://bit.ly/2b63ywR>
- All work is to be completed independently unless otherwise specified. No notes, books, or electronic devices are permitted in the final exam whether accessed or otherwise.

Technology in the classroom

The general University of Manitoba policy is that all technology resources are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner.

- Computers are encouraged, though students should not participate in electronic messaging or posting activities (Facebook, texting, wikis, blogs, YouTube, etc) during class.
 - If you can not refrain from checking Facebook or playing games during the lecture, please sit at the back of the room so you don't distract other people. If your technology becomes disruptive, you will be asked to leave.
- Cell phones and portable music players must be turned off during lectures. Students are also required to remove earphones.
- If you are on call or you have an ongoing personal or family situation, you should switch your cell phone to vibrate mode and leave the classroom to take calls.
- **NO TEXTING DURING CLASS.**

Student Resources

Writing and Study Skills Support

The Academic Learning Centre (ALC) offers services that may be helpful to you as you fulfill the requirements for this course. Through the ALC, you may meet with a study skills specialist to discuss concerns such as time management, reading and note-taking strategies, and test-taking strategies. You may also meet one-on-one with a writing tutor who can give you feedback at any stage of the writing process, whether you are just beginning to work on a written assignment or already have a draft. Writing tutors can also give you feedback if you submit a draft of your paper online. (Please note that the online tutors require 48 hours, from Mondays to Fridays, to return your paper with comments.)

All Academic Learning Centre services are free for U of M students. For more information, please visit the Academic Learning Centre website at: <http://umanitoba.ca/student/academiclearning/> You can also talk to a member of the Academic Learning staff by calling 480-1481 or by dropping in at 201 Tier Building.

University of Manitoba Libraries (UML)

As the primary contact for all research needs, your liaison librarian can play a vital role when completing academic papers and assignments. Liaisons can answer questions about managing citations, or locating appropriate resources, and will address any other concerns you may have, regarding the research process. Liaisons can be contacted by email or phone, and are also available to meet with you in-person. A complete list of liaison librarians can be found by subject: <http://bit.ly/WcEbA1> or name: <http://bit.ly/1tJ0bB4>. In addition, general library assistance is provided in person at 19 University Libraries, located on both the Fort Garry and Bannatyne campuses, as well as in many Winnipeg hospitals. For a listing of all libraries, please consult the following: <http://bit.ly/1sXe6RA>. When working remotely, students can also receive help online, via the Ask-a-Librarian chat found on the Libraries' homepage: www.umanitoba.ca/libraries.

The English Language Centre has workshop and programs in advanced academic and health-sciences English (located at 520, University Centre). Homepage: <http://umanitoba.ca/student/staffdir/elc.html>

Student Accessibility Services

- University of Manitoba are committed to providing all students equal access to learning opportunities. “This means that our classroom, our virtual spaces, our practices, and our interactions should be as inclusive as possible. Mutual respect, civility, and the ability to listen and observe others carefully are crucial to universal learning.” Student Accessibility Services (SAS) is the office that works with students who have permanent, chronic, or temporary disabilities to provide and/or arrange reasonable accommodations.
- Students who have, or think they may have, a disability (e.g. mental health, attentional, learning, vision, hearing, physical, medical or temporary), are invited to contact Student Accessibility Services to arrange a confidential discussion at (204) 474-7423 (V), (204) 474- 9790 (TTY) or student_accessibility@umanitoba.ca.
- Students registered with Student Accessibility Services and who have a letter requesting accommodations are encouraged to contact the instructor early in the semester to discuss the accommodations outlined in their letter. Additional information is available at the Student Accessibility Services website: www.umanitoba.ca/student/saa/accessibility/

Important Dates: Fall 2019

Date	Significance
Wednesday, September 04	First Class Lecture
Wednesday, September 18	Registration and Revision Deadline
Monday, September 30	Midterm Test 1
Monday, October 14	Thanksgiving day (University Closed)
Monday, November 04	Midterm Test 2
Monday, November 11	Remembrance Day (University Closed)
November 12 to 15	Winter Term Break. No Classes
Wednesday, November 18	Last Day to Withdraw Without Academic Penalty
Friday, December 06	Last day of classes for Winter term
December 9 to 20	Final Exams Period

GEOG 1280 Lecture Outline

Fall 2019

(Note: there may be variation as the class progresses)

This is Geography

Reading: Chapter 1

Migration

Reading: Chapter 3

Population and Health

Reading: Chapter 2

Folk and Popular Culture

Reading: Chapter 4

Languages

Reading: Chapter 5

Ethnicities

Reading: Chapter 7

Political Geography

Reading: Chapter 8

Development

Reading: Chapter 10

Urban Patterns

Reading: Chapter 13