

Last Revised: January 2022

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title: Introduction to Human Geography

Course Number: GEOG 100

Credits: 3

Total Weeks: 14 (Fall, Spring)
12 (Summer) **Total Hours:** 39

Course Level: First Year Second Year
 New Revised Course
 Replacement Course

Department: Social Sciences **Department Head:** A. McDougall **Former Course Code(s) and Number(s) (if applicable):** N/A

Pre-requisites (If there are no prerequisites, type NONE): NONE

Co-requisite Statement (List if applicable or type NONE): NONE

Precluded Courses: N/A

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course takes a geographical perspective to explore the social and environmental issues that shape our world today. Consideration of the historical roots of globalization will help students to learn about a variety of topics such as population, migration, cultural change, economic development, and human impacts on nature. Field trips will also be included as part of the course content.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- account for the emergence and development of geographic knowledge through history
- demonstrate spatial literacy by being able not just to identify locations on the map but also to characterize relationships between them
- articulate the role of the age of exploration in establishing the foundations for globalization
- identify links between spatial features and related economic, social, and political phenomena
- form reasoned opinions in contemporary debates regarding political and environmental conflicts

INSTRUCTION AND GRADING

Instructional (Contact) Hours:

Type	Duration
Lecture	39
Seminars/Tutorials	
Laboratory	
Field Experience	
Other (<i>specify</i>):	
Total	39

Grading System: Letter Grades Percentage Pass/Fail Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory Other

Specify passing grade: 50%

COURSE OUTLINE

Evaluation Activities and Weighting (total must equal 100%)

Assignments: 10% <i>Specify number of, variety, and nature of assignments:</i> Short composition	Lab Work: %	Participation: 5% <i>Specify nature of participation:</i> In-class and online discussion participation	Project: 15% <i>Specify nature of project:</i> Photo essay project
Quizzes/Test: 20%	Midterm Exams: 20%	Final Exam: 30%	Other: % <i>Specify:</i>

TEXT(S) AND RESOURCE MATERIALS

Required eText: *Intro to Human Geography Using ArcGIS Online* (J. Chris Carter)

COURSE TOPICS

List topics and sequence covered.

Week	Topic
Week 1	Introduction to Human Geography
Week 2	The Geographic Tradition
Week 3	Cartography and Power
Week 4	Indigenous Peoples and Places
Week 5	Hearths of Civilizations and Early Empires
Week 6	The Age of Exploration I: The Spice Trade
Week 7	The Age of Exploration II: The New World MID-TERM EXAM
Week 8	Population Dynamics
Week 9	Contemporary Issues in Migration
Week 10	Political Geography
Week 11	Issues in Development
Week 12	Climate and Society
Week 13	Global Futures
Week 14	FINAL EXAM

NOTES

1. Students are required to follow all College policies. Policies are available on the website at: [Coquitlam College Policies](#)
2. To find out how this course transfers, visit the BC Transfer Guide at: bctransferguide.ca