



COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Fall 1992  
 COURSE REVISED IMPLEMENTATION DATE: September 2010  
 COURSE TO BE REVIEWED: January 2014  
*(four years after UPAC approval)* *(month, year)*

**OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE INFORMATION**

Students are advised to keep course outlines in personal files for future use.  
 Shaded headings are subject to change at the discretion of the department – see course syllabus available from instructor

GEOG 130	Geography	3
COURSE NAME/NUMBER	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	UFV CREDITS
Geography of Canada		
COURSE DESCRIPTIVE TITLE		

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

This course is an introduction to the geography of Canada using the concepts and methods of regional geography to examine the Canadian experience as a set of distinct regions and as a multi-cultural nation. Emphasis will be placed on the geographic analysis of current issues, and the detailed analysis of its regional and cultural character.

PREREQUISITES: None  
 COREQUISITES:  
 PRE or COREQUISITES:

**SYNONYMOUS COURSE(S):**

- (a) Replaces: \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Cross-listed with: \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Cannot take: \_\_\_\_\_ for further credit.

**SERVICE COURSE TO:** *(department/program)*

**TOTAL HOURS PER TERM:** 45

**STRUCTURE OF HOURS:**

Lectures: 45 Hrs  
 Seminar: \_\_\_\_\_ Hrs  
 Laboratory: \_\_\_\_\_ Hrs  
 Field experience: \_\_\_\_\_ Hrs  
 Student directed learning: \_\_\_\_\_ Hrs  
 Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_ Hrs

**TRAINING DAY-BASED INSTRUCTION:**

Length of course: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hours per day: \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER:**

Maximum enrolment: 36  
 Expected frequency of course offerings: Every semester  
*(every semester, annually, every other year, etc.)*

WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (lower-level courses only)  Yes  No  
 WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (upper-level requested by department)  Yes  No  
 TRANSFER CREDIT EXISTS IN BCCAT TRANSFER GUIDE:  Yes  No

Course designer(s): <u>Dr. John Belec</u>	Date approved: <u>November 2009</u>
Department Head: <u>Dr. Ken Brealey</u>	Date of meeting: <u>November 27, 2009</u>
Supporting area consultation (Pre-UPAC)	Date approved: <u>January 2010</u>
Curriculum Committee chair: _____	Date approved: <u>January 2010</u>
Dean/Associate VP: <u>Dr. Jacqueline Nolte</u>	Date of meeting: <u>January 29, 2010</u>
Undergraduate Program Advisory Committee (UPAC) approval	

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

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

1. Outline the concept of the region and apply it to the physical and human geography of Canada.
2. Discuss the regional landscapes of Canada and their genesis.
3. Appreciate the distributional patterns of the human geography of Canada and their historical and economic context.
4. Apply the methods of geography to the analysis of environmental, economic and political issues in Canada.

**METHODS:** *(Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.)*

Format of the course includes lectures, seminars and student presentations on assigned topics.

**METHODS OF OBTAINING PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):**

Examination(s)                       Portfolio assessment                       Interview(s)

Other (specify):

PLAR cannot be awarded for this course for the following reason(s):

**TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:**

*[Textbook selection varies by instructor. An example of texts for this course might be:]*

Robert Bone (2008) *The Regional Geography of Canada* 4th Edition  
Quentin Stanford (2004) *The Oxford Atlas of Canada*

**SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:**

**STUDENT EVALUATION:**

*[An example of student evaluation for this course might be:]*

Examinations (quizzes, tests, exams)	50%
Written work (assignments, reports essays)	40%
Group work (seminar participation, presentations)	10%

**COURSE CONTENT:**

*[Course content varies by instructor. An example of course content might be:]*

Part One. Introduction

1. Course Introduction
2. Themes in the Study of Canadian Geography
3. Regionalizing Canada I: Heartland and Hinterland
4. Regionalizing Canada II: Physiographic Regions
5. Bioregions of Canada
6. Natural Resources
7. Demographic patterns and processes
8. Europeans and First Nations

Part Two. Regional Studies

1. Industrial Heartland
2. Atlantic Canada
3. Quebec
4. The Shield
5. The Western Interior
6. British Columbia
7. Territorial North
8. First Nations