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 323
Geography

COURSE NAME/NUMBER FACULTY/DEPARTMENT UFV CREDITS
Geography of War, Terrorism, and Peace

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:
This course in geopolitics focuses on how space and place shapes, and is shaped by, terrorism and war. Topics include: the diffusion and globalization of war and terrorism; gendered, ethnic, and religious spaces of conflict; the surveillance of and conflict in urban settings; natural resource (oil, minerals, and drugs) wars; the ecological impacts of war; and landscapes of peace, remembrance, and post-war recovery. Field trips outside of class time may be required.

PREREQUISITES: One of the following: GEOG 233, 240, 241; CRIM 214C; POSC 190, 230

SYNONYMOUS COURSE(S):
(a) Replaces:
(b) Cross-listed with:
(c) Cannot take: GEOG 300C

TOTAL HOURS PER TERM: 60

TRAINING DAY-BASED INSTRUCTION:
Length of course: Hours per day:

OTHER:
Maximum enrolment: 28
Expected frequency of course offerings: Every other year
(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): Dr. Michelle Rhodes
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Undergraduate Program Advisory Committee (UPAC) approval

Date approved:
October 18, 2009
Date of meeting:
October 30, 2009

Date approved:
November 13, 2009
Date of meeting:
December 18, 2009
LEARNING OUTCOMES:
Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. apply core human geographic concepts, including region, distribution, interaction, diffusion, landscape, ecology, and others to the study of war, terrorism, and peace;
2. explain how a geographic approach can aid in understanding how war and terrorism emerges;
3. identify geographic strategies and tools used in terrorist threat detection, appropriate response to terrorist activities; and efforts to create geopolitical stability;
4. collect and utilize information from academic materials, newspapers, websites, and other sources, so as to critically interpret conflict-related issues.

METHODS: (Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.)
Lecture and seminar. Field trips may also be scheduled.

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:]

Required Texts:

Additional required readings:

SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:
No extra supplies or materials required.

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

Midterm exam (take-home) 20%
Landscape presentation 20%
Field trip attendance and/or participation 5%
Literature review 25%
Final exam 30%
COURSE CONTENT:

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

Week 1: Introduction, Course Syllabus; Defining War, Terrorism, and Peace; The Cold War and post-Cold War Global Maps of Conflict

Week 2: Political Geography: history, concepts and contributions; War and Terrorism as a Geographic Phenomena; Diffusion of war and terrorism: The neighbourhood effect, globalization, and “glocalization”

Week 3: Geographic technologies in surveillance and war; Surveillance and the control over space; preparation and response

Week 4: Domestic Terrorism in North America; Geography of Violence and Development

Week 5: Impacts of Warfare and Terrorism on the Gendering of Spaces; Religion, Migration, and Conflict

Week 6: Ethnic Cleansing and Genocide

Weeks 7-8: Resources and Conflict

Weeks 9-10: Urbicide and the Urban Geography of War and Terrorism; Post 9-11 New York City; The Geography of Military Industrial Complexes

Week 11: Landscapes of War, Terrorism and Peace, from the Cold War and Beyond; Constructing Loss: Landscapes of remembrance—Case studies from the US, Japan, Germany, etc.

Week 12: Environmental Factors during Wartime; Ecological Impacts of War and Terrorism

Weeks 13-14: Ecological Impacts of War and Terrorism; Geographies of Peace and Diplomacy