

COURSE IMPLEMENTATION DATE: May 2007
 COURSE REVISED IMPLEMENTATION DATE:
 COURSE TO BE REVIEWED: March 2011
 (Four years after implementation date) (MONTH YEAR format)

OFFICIAL 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 and the material will - see course syllabus available from instructor

FACULTY/DEPARTMENT:	GEOGRAPHY	
GEOG 492	N/A	4
COURSE NAME/NUMBER	FORMER COURSE NUMBER	UCFV CREDITS
HONOURS RESEARCH PROJECT		
COURSE DESCRIPTIVE TITLE		

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

Intended to be the final step of a student's Honours Geography program, this course is devoted to the completion and presentation of a final research project. This course is intended as a vehicle by which an Honours student will demonstrate advanced library and field data collection and interpretation, and written and visual analysis in a particular geographic subject area. Upon completion of the project's written component, the student will be required to present their research in a public venue (e.g. conference, departmental presentation, etc.).

PREREQUISITES Acceptance to Honours Geography program as outlined in the calendar; completion of lower-level course requirements in Geography, 30 upper-level course credits in Geography, and a minimum of 8 upper-level credits in a related field (biology, history, etc.).

COREQUISITES:

SYNONYMOUS COURSE(S)	SERVICE COURSE TO:
(a) Replaces: _____ (Course #)	_____
(b) Cannot take _____ for further credit.	_____
(Course #)	(Department/Program)

TOTAL HOURS PER TERM: 75	TRAINING DAY-BASED INSTRUCTION
STRUCTURE OF HOUR	LENGTH OF COURSE: _____
Lectures: _____ Hrs	HOURS PER DAY: _____
Seminar: _____ Hrs	
Laboratory: _____ Hrs	
Field Experience: 30 Hrs	
Student Directed Learnin 30 Hrs	
Other (Specify): 15 Hrs	
<i>Weekly meetings with supervisor</i>	

MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT:

EXPECTED FREQUENCY OF COURSE OFFERINGS:

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Annually

WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (lower-level courses only)

Yes No

WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (upper-level requested by departme

Yes No

TRANSFER CREDIT EXISTS IN BCCAT TRANSFER GUIDE:

Yes No

AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURES:

Course Designer(s): _____ Chairperson: _____
 Dr. Michelle J. Rhodes *Maira Kloster - ACC*

Department Head: _____ Dean: _____
 Dr. Ken Brealey Dr. Eric Davis

PAC Approval in Principle Date: _____ PAC Final Approval Date: Mar. 30, 2007

LEARNING OBJECTIVES / GOALS / OUTCOMES / LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course students will:

1. Have research and data collection skills in an advanced topic in geography.
2. Be able to use information techniques and skill sets to develop an individual research project.
3. Be able to demonstrate a higher level of interpretation and analysis, as well as written discussion, of geographic materials than would be expected for the completion of a BA without an Honours designation.
4. Achieve a level of understanding of topics in a given geographic subject area so as to better prepare oneself for graduate and/or professional work.
5. Be able to confidently and legitimately present their research in an academic setting.

METHODS:

Under supervision of a faculty member, the Honours research project is student-directed and includes: library research, field data collection, lab analysis (when applicable), geographic composition, visual and oral presentation, and related tasks. (Findings may instead be presented to a UCFV Geography class attended by the Honours supervisor and appropriate faculty, if approved by the Honours supervisor.)

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):

Credit can be awarded for this course through PLAR (Please check :) Yes No

METHODS OF OBTAINING PLAR:

Because this course builds on a unique and original research project designed in consultation with a UCFV Geography instructor, it is not feasible to award PLAR.

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:

Each student, in consultation with their Honours supervisor, will devise an appropriate reading list needed to further pursue their research project. The contents of the reading list will be dependent upon the student's research topic.

SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:

Depending on the nature of the research project, students may need to use data collection equipment belonging to the Department of Geography. They may also be expected to procure additional materials (e.g. film, presentation materials, maps, etc.) as needed at their own expense.

STUDENT EVALUATION:

Each research project is tailored to the student's research interests. However, the final project evaluation will be based on the following components:

1. Literature review, to be completed, revised, and included in final project (25% of final mark)
2. Written and visual compilation of research findings (40% of final mark)
3. Visual compilation of research findings (20% of final mark)
4. Presentation of research findings (15% of final mark)

The final research project mark will be assessed primarily by the student's Honours supervisor, with additional assessment conducted by the standing departmental Honours Assessment Committee (HAC). A final mark acceptable to both the supervisor and HAC will be submitted on the student's behalf.

COURSE CONTENT:

Course content varies by research project. The requirements of the individual project will be devised in consultation with the student's Honours supervisor.