GEOG 120: Human Geography
Mondays and Wednesdays 11:30 to 12:45, ED 209
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Course Description:
Explanation of human placement in and interaction with the natural environment; assessment of concepts, processes and patterns as related to distribution of human phenomena, including economic activity and settlement types. Questions that animate this course include:

- How does geography, with its emphasize on space and place, differ from other social sciences like sociology, political science, economics, and anthropology?
- What roles do natural environments and physical constraints play on the development of economies and cultures?
- How do power relations produce inequalities in human geographies?
- Is the world becoming more homogeneous, or is the local scale still important?

Learning Outcomes:
By the end of this course a competent and well-versed student will be able to:

- Summarize current issues, debates, and subfields in human geography
- Understand how power relations produce sameness and difference
- Engage his/her peers in discussion and debate
- Make arguments based on supporting evidence

Required Readings:
Your required textbook for this course is available at the University Bookstore:

Required Assignments and Evaluation:

Grading Scheme:
Proposal and annotated bibliography (Due Feb 7) ........................................... 10 %
Midterm Exam (February 28) ................................................................. 20 %
Research paper (March 21) ................................................................. 25 %
Workbooks......................................................................................... 15 %
Final exam ......................................................................................... 30 %
Proposal and Annotated Bibliography:
You will submit a research proposal of 500 words that lays out your topic of research, your proposed thesis statement, and your approach to building your argument(s). You will also submit an annotated bibliography that will consist of 4 academic entries of no longer than 100 words each. These entries will provide a short summary of the source’s main arguments and assess the value of the source to your research.

Research Paper:
You will submit a research paper of a maximum of 1500 words in which you will examine in more detail a topic related to the course. The paper must make use of at least 5 academic sources and apply themes and approaches learned in class and the textbook.

Workbooks:
Collaboration and teamwork are essential skills in almost any career. In GEOG 120 you will be assigned to a working group and asked to keep a workbook that you will hand in on Wednesdays. This small group will be your home in the course where you will discuss weekly questions and record your discussion. Periodically you will be asked to report back to the larger class. Your final workbook mark will be compiled from the quality of your responses as a group and adjusted based on peer and self-evaluations.

Policies:
1. Students are expected to access required information about this course through UR Courses including assignment details and lecture notes.
2. Students are expected to attend ALL classes and make every attempt to be on time.
3. Readings will serve as the basis for course lectures and class participation. Students are expected to read the required weekly readings before the class.
4. Students are expected to participate in a respectful manner in class discussions and small groups.
5. Plagiarism (the representation as one's own any idea or expression of an idea or work of another in any academic examination or term test or in connection with any other form of academic work) will not be tolerated. Students are expected to read and comply with https://www.uregina.ca/arts/student-resources/avoiding-academic-misconduct/index.html
5. Late penalties of 5% of the assignment’s value per day (including weekends) will be applied to all written work.
6. Students are encouraged to use the Student Success Centre for help with their assignments. Find a complete range of services at http://www.uregina.ca/student/ssc
7. If you are a student with special needs and may benefits from accommodations, please come and discuss this with me, as well as contacting the Centre for Student Accessibility at http://www.uregina.ca/student/accessibility
8. Students should make every attempt to attend office hours to have their course-related questions answered. They can expect to wait 2 days for replies to their emails to the instructor.

**Course Schedule:**

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