

# GEOG222: Geographical Study of Canada

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Class Hours: 11:30-1:00 Tuesday/Thursday

Classroom: STC 50

Office Hours: Thursday 2:30-4:30 (or by appointment)

TAs: tba

**Calendar Description** An exploration of the geographical bases of Canada's regional identity. How physical, demographic, and economic geographies have combined to create unique regions within Canada.

**Required Texts** Bone RM. 2013. *The Regional Geography of Canada*, sixth edition. Oxford University Press: Toronto. 528 pp.

**Attendance** Students are encouraged to attend class as there is extra content in class vs. the notes posted on LEARN (e.g., questions asked in class, graphics-heavy images such as maps or diagrams, DVDs screened in class, in-class discussions are valid "testable" materials). *Random attendance checks may be taken for up to a 2% bonus.*

**Course Management** The course is managed through LEARN. Users should login to LEARN regularly at <http://learn.uwaterloo.ca/> in order to access slides and read announcements.

**Lecture Schedule** (dates and topics are approximate and may be subject to change)

Week	DATE	TOPIC	READING
1	3 January	Course intro—The Geographical Study of Canada	
	5 January	Fault lines and regionalism in Canada/ Connections with Governance	CH1
2	10 January	Canada's Historical Geography and Contact	CH3
	12 January	Canada's Historical Geography and Contact / Peoples of Canada	CH3/4
3	17 January	Peoples of Canada	CH4
	19 January	Physical Geography	CH2
4	24 January	<b>Test</b>	
	26 January	Atlantic Canada	CH9
5	31 January	Atlantic Canada- Guest speaker	CH9
	2 February	British Columbia	CH7

<b>6</b>	7 February	British Columbia [ <b>Assignment 1 Due</b> ]	<b>CH7</b>
	9 February	Western Interior	<b>CH8</b>
<b>7</b>	14 February	Western Interior	<b>CH8</b>
	16 February	FILM: NfB's <i>My Village in Nunavik</i>	
		READING WEEK	
<b>8</b>	28 February	Territorial North	<b>CH10</b>
	2 March	Territorial North	<b>CH10</b>
<b>9</b>	7 March	Ontario	<b>CH5</b>
	9 March	Ontario	<b>CH5</b>
<b>10</b>	14 March	Quebec	<b>CH6</b>
	16 March	Quebec- Guest speaker	<b>CH6</b>
<b>11</b>	21 March	FILM: NfB's <i>Lumberfros</i>	
	23 March	Canada in the global community [ <b>Assignment 2 Due</b> ]	<b>CH11</b>
12	28 March	"The Ties that Bind" "Cross-Country Check-up" Course Wrap-up	<b>CH11</b>
	30 March	Flex class: additional review, exam prep.	

### Course Evaluation

Test	15%	January 24
Assignment 1	25%	February 7 by 11:59PM to LEARN Dropbox
Assignment 2	25%	March 23 by 11:59PM to LEARN Dropbox
Final exam essay	35%	To be scheduled by the Registrar.

\* If final exam mark is better than the test, the final exam will be worth 50%

**Assignments** There are two assignments for this course. The first assignment will require students to write about an event/issue through the lens of a creative work (art, music, writing). The second assignment will require students to choose an event or issue of significance within Canada, and to follow the development of this event/issue throughout the term. Additional information about the assignments will be presented in class, and will also be available on UW Learn.

Text matching software (Turnitin®) will be used to screen assignments in this course. This is being done to verify that use of all materials and sources in assignments is documented. Students will be given an option if they do not want to have their assignment screened by Turnitin®. If you want to opt out of Turnitin, please contact (tba) by January 9, 2016 for next steps. Turnitin® will be used both as an educational tool and to uncover plagiarism. You will have the opportunity to submit one draft submission to view Turnitin®'s originality report on your work, and one final submission to be viewed by TAs and the instructor.

**Submitting Assignments** The first assignment is due in class on **February 7**. The second assignment “issues” must be submitted in class and electronically to the dropbox on LEARN on **March 23**. Late assignments will receive a 10% deduction for each day the assignment is late. The instructor reserves the right to waive this deduction in these three circumstances:

1. Valid medical reason such as illness or accident (appropriate proof such as a doctor’s note is required);
2. Personal or family emergency (with suitable proof where possible);
3. Other valid reasons beyond the control of the student (to be approved on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the instructor).

As soon as possible, you must obtain a valid medical, counselor’s or other ‘proof of absence’ note explaining the reason for your absence, degree of incapacitation, dates covered by the note, etc. Please make a copy of this note and give the copy to your instructor by hand, mail or dropped off to the departmental office secretary (room EV1-115).

If you know in advance that you will not be able to meet a particular deadline for any reason, please contact the instructor to see if alternative arrangements can be accepted. Late assignments will not be accepted after the date when the majority of assignments are handed back (i.e. after the markers have graded most papers and handed these back in class).

Please ensure that you are diligent in backing up computer files and making draft copies of all assignments, as computer/disk failures, printer problems, etc, will not normally be considered a valid reason to waive the late assignment deduction. NOTE: Perhaps the easiest way to prevent computer file loss is to send to yourself an email attachment of your assignment after each significant work session.

**Academic Integrity:** In order to maintain a culture of academic integrity, members of the University of Waterloo community are expected to promote honesty, trust, fairness, respect and responsibility. The University’s guiding principles on academic integrity can be found here: <http://uwaterloo.ca/academicintegrity/> ENV students are strongly encouraged to review the material provided by the university’s Academic Integrity office specifically for students: <http://uwaterloo.ca/academicintegrity/Students/index.html>

Students are also expected to know what constitutes academic integrity, to avoid committing academic offenses, and to take responsibility for their actions. Students who are unsure whether an action constitutes an offense, or who need help in learning how to avoid offenses (e.g., plagiarism, cheating) or about “rules” for group work/collaboration should seek guidance from the course professor, academic advisor, or the Undergraduate Associate Dean. Students may also complete the following tutorial: <https://uwaterloo.ca/library/get-assignment-and-research-help/academic-integrity/academic-integrity-tutorial>

When misconduct has been found to have occurred, disciplinary penalties will be imposed under Policy 71 – Student Discipline. For information on categories of offenses and types of penalties, students should refer to Policy 71 - Student Discipline, <https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat-general-counsel/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-71>

Students who believe that they have been wrongfully or unjustly penalized have the right to grieve; refer to Policy #70, Student Grievance: <https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat-general-counsel/policies-procedures-guidelines/policy-70>

**Note for students with disabilities:** AccessAbility Services, located in Needles Hall, Room 1401, collaborates with all academic departments to arrange appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities without compromising the academic integrity of the curriculum. If you require academic accommodations to lessen the impact of your disability, please register with AccessAbility Services at the beginning of each academic term.

**Mental Health:** The University of Waterloo, the Faculty of Environment and our Departments consider students' well-being to be extremely important. We recognize that throughout the term students may face health challenges - physical and / or emotional. **Please note that help is available.** Mental health is a serious issue for everyone and can affect your ability to do your best work. Counselling Services <http://www.uwaterloo.ca/counselling-services> is an inclusive, non-judgmental, and confidential space for anyone to seek support. They offer confidential counselling for a variety of areas including anxiety, stress management, depression, grief, substance use, sexuality, relationship issues, and much more.

**Religious Observances:** Student needs to inform the instructor at the beginning of term if special accommodation needs to be made for religious observances that are not otherwise accounted for in the scheduling of classes and assignments (i.e. within one week of the first day of class).

**Appeals:** A decision made or penalty imposed under Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances (other than a petition) or Policy 71 – (Student Discipline) may be appealed if there is a ground. A student who believes he/she has a ground for an appeal should refer to Policy 72 (Student Appeals) [www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy72.htm](http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy72.htm)

**Unclaimed assignments:** Unclaimed assignments will be retained until one month after term grades become official in quest. After that time, they will be destroyed in compliance with UW's confidential shredding procedures.

**Communications with Instructor and Teaching Assistants:** All communication with students must be through either the student's University of Waterloo email account or via Learn. If a student emails the instructor or TA from a personal account they will be requested to resend the email using their personal University of Waterloo email account.

**Recording lectures:** Use of recording devices during lectures is not allowed.