

**Geography 340: Settlements of Rural Canada
Fall, 2018**

Class Times:

Tuesday and Thursday, 10 – 11:30, EV1, 132

Prerequisite:

GEOG 101 (or permission of instructor)

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Course Description:

Canada's rural settlements have undergone significant change over time. In this course, we describe, explain and interpret this change by examining their evolving spatial patterns and identities. More specifically, we consider the original form and function of Canada's smallest places, the processes responsible for their decline, and how they are currently being re-invented. At the end of the course, student presentations will demonstrate the shifting identities of resource-dependent municipalities across Canada, and provide recommendations to guide their economic future.

Learning Objectives:

1. To gain knowledge and critical understanding of the key concepts, current advances, and theoretical approaches in the field of rural geography.
2. To understand the research methods of rural geographers, and how these methods are used to address the issues facing Canada's smaller settlements.
3. To improve written and oral communication skills.
4. To gain experience in working with others.

Course Management:

The course is managed through *LEARN*. Power point slides will be posted immediately before each class. Lecture attendance is necessary since the slides do not contain all the material covered in class. Required readings, and announcements will also be posted at this site.

Course Requirements (see web site for additional details)

Component	(%)	Date	Notes
Test	20	Thursday, Oct. 4 th	Long answer format
Final Exam	40	TBD	Long answer format. Covers material since test. Includes a take-home component based on student presentations (10%).
Community Transition Project	40		One formerly resource-dependent community will be studied in detail, both individually and through group work
Individual paper	30	Sunday, Nov. 11 th	Submit a 2500-word paper to digital drop box by 11:59 pm
Group presentation	10	Wednesday, Nov. 21 st	Submit slides to digital drop box by 11:59 pm. A 25-minute presentation will be given on an assigned date.

Schedule (Subject to change)

Note: all readings are posted on the web site, unless otherwise noted.

Part 1: Traditional Rural Settlements (pre 20th century)

1 September 6 Introduction to Geography 340

2. September 11 Interpreting “rural”

Woods, M. (2005) Rural Geography: Processes, Responses and Experiences. In *Rural Restructuring*. Sage Publications. Los Angeles. Pp. 3 -16.

https://books.google.ca/books?id=FRXxt1E9EEEC&printsec=frontcover&dq=editions:9pPDcEjKNZQC&hl=en&sa=X&redir_esc=y#v=onepage&q&f=false

3. September 13 The Hutterite colony: A traditional rural settlement

Janzen, R. A. and Statton, M. (2010) *The Hutterites in North America*. John Hopkins University Press. Baltimore MD. Read chapters 1 and 11.

Last day to select your municipality for study (see web site for list of potential places)

4. September 18 Traditional dispersed settlement patterns

Wonders, W. C. (1982) The Influence of the Surveyor on Rural Settlement Patterns in Canada. *Terraviva* 1: 15-26.

5. September 20 Traditional nucleated settlement patterns

Pauls, R. (2015) *Mennonites, Hydro and the Grand River: An exploration of C.F. Whebell's "Corridors: A Theory of Urban Systems" As Applied to Waterloo Township, Ontario*. University of Waterloo. Read pages 17 to 46.

6. September 25 Traditional morphology

Hodge, G. and D. Gordon (2014) *Planning Canadian Communities* (6th edition). Thomson, United States. Read chapter 3: pages 38-51.

Part 2: Declining Rural Settlements

7. September 27 Depopulation in agricultural regions

Stabler, J.C. and Olfert, M.R. (2009) “One Hundred Years of Evolution in the Rural Economy”. In Jene Porter et al. eds. *Perspectives of Saskatchewan 1905-2005*. Winnipeg: University of Manitoba Press. Read pages 125-148.

<https://books.google.ca/books?id=VlpVfAQekzUC&printsec=frontcover&dq=Perspective+s+of+Saskatchewan+1905-2005.&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjEoNf80tvJAhXRj4MKHVWDAHgQ6AEIHDA#v=onepage&q&f=false>

8. October 2 Depopulation in resource regions

Rollwagen, K. (2007) When Ghosts Hovered: Community and Crisis in a Company Town, Britannia Beach, British Columbia, 1957-1965. *Urban History Review / Revue d'histoire urbaine*, 35 (2): 25-36.

9. October 4 Test #1

Part 3: Re-inventing Rural Settlements: Approaches and Processes

10. October 11 Intervention and the Exogenous Approach

Blake, R. (2015). *Lions or Jellyfish? Newfoundland-Ottawa Relations since 1957*. University of Toronto Press. Read chapter 4: pages 125-151.

11. October 16 The Endogenous Approach

Meech, J. A. et al. (2006) Transformation of a derelict mine site into a sustainable community: the Britannia project. *Journal of Cleaner Production* 14: 349-365.

Markey, S., Halseth, G. and Manson, D. (2012). *Investing in Place: Economic Renewal in Northern British Columbia*. Vancouver, UBC Press. Read chapter 3: pages 51-83.

12. October 18 The Neo-approaches

Mitchell, C.J.A. and Shannon, M. (2018). Are in-migrant proprietors driving or enhancing cultural heritage tourism in transitioning resource-dependent communities? The case of Trinity, Newfoundland and Labrador. *The Canadian Geographer*

13. October 23 Processes: Place-branding

Stern, P. and Hall, P. (2010) Historical Limits: Narrowing Possibilities in 'Ontario's Most Historic Town'. *The Canadian Geographer* 54(2): 209-227.

Stolarick, K.M. Denstedt, M. Donald, B, Spencer, G.M. (2010) Creativity, Tourism and Economic Development in a Rural Context: The Case of Prince Edward County. *Journal of Rural and Community Development* 5(1): 238-254.

14. October 25 Processes: Counterurbanization

Vannini P. and Taggart, J. (2013) Voluntary Simplicity, Involuntary Complexities, and the Pull of Remove: The Radical Ruralites of Off-grid Lifestyles. *Environment and Planning A*, 45: 295-311.

Steel, C. E. & Mitchell, C. J. A. (2017). Economic transition in the Canadian north: Is migrant-induced, neo-endogenous development playing a role? *The Journal of Rural and Community Development*, 12(1), 56-75.

15. October 30 Processes: Rural in-migration (Arrival of new rural landowners)
- Ngo, M. and Brklacich, M. (2013) New farmers' Efforts to Create a Sense of Place in Rural Communities: Insights from Southern Ontario, Canada. *Agriculture and Human Values* 31: 53–67.
16. November 1 Processes: Heritage commodification
- Mitchell, C.J.A. and Shannon, M. (2018). Exploring cultural heritage tourism in rural Newfoundland through the lens of the evolutionary economic geographer. *Journal of Rural Studies*
17. November 6 Processes: Rural gentrification
- Guimond, L., Simard, M. (2010) Gentrification and Neo-rural Populations in the Québec Countryside: Representations of Various Actors. *Journal of Rural Studies* 26: 449-464.
- Nepal, S. and Jamal, T.B. (2011) Resort-induced Changes in Small Mountain Communities in British Columbia, *Mountain Research and Development* 31(2): 89-101.
18. November 8 Processes: Contestation in the countryside
- Masuda, J. and Garvin, T. (2008) Whose Heartland? The Politics of Place in a Rural-urban Interface. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 24(1): 112-123.
- Mair, H. (2009) Searching for a New Enterprise: Themed Tourism and the Re-making of One Small Canadian Community. *Tourism Geographies*, 11(4): 462-483.
- Luka, N. (2017). Contested periurban amenity landscapes: changing waterfront 'countryside' ideals in central Canada. *Landscape Research*, 42(3): 256-276.
- Simard, M. Guimond, L., Vézina, J. (2018). Neo-rural populations and their relations with local decision makers in rural Québec: collaboration or conflict? *GeoJournal*. DOI: 10.1007/s10708-017-9789-4

Part 4: Re-inventing rural settlements: case studies

19. November 13 In-class mandatory group planning session. Failure to attend and remain for the full 80-minutes without a valid medical reason will result in a two-mark course penalty.
20. November 15 Mandatory group planning session. Failure to attend and remain for the full 80-minutes without a valid medical reason will result in a two-mark course penalty.
21. November 20 No class: review presentation
Submit presentation slides by 11:59 pm on November 21
22. November 22 Group Presentations 1-3
23. November 27 Group Presentations 4-6
24. November 29 Group Presentations 7-9

Notes:

◆ Intellectual Property:

Students should be aware that this course contains the intellectual property of their instructor, TA, and/or the University of Waterloo. Intellectual property includes items such as: lecture content, spoken and written (and any audio/video recording thereof); handouts, presentations, and other materials prepared for the course (e.g., PowerPoint slides); questions or solution sets from various types of assessments (e.g., assignments, quizzes, tests, final exams); and work protected by copyright (e.g., any work authored by the instructor or TA or used by the instructor or TA with permission of the copyright owner). Course materials and the intellectual property contained therein, are used to enhance a student's educational experience. However, sharing this intellectual property without the intellectual property owner's permission is a violation of intellectual property rights. For this reason, it is necessary to ask the instructor, TA and/or the University of Waterloo for permission before uploading and sharing the intellectual property of others online (e.g., to an online repository). Permission from an instructor, TA or the University is also necessary before sharing the intellectual property of others from completed courses with students taking the same/similar courses in subsequent terms/years. In many cases, instructors might be happy to allow distribution of certain materials. However, doing so without expressed permission is considered a violation of intellectual property rights. Please alert the instructor if you become aware of intellectual property belonging to others (past or present) circulating, either through the student body or online. The intellectual property rights owner deserves to know (and may have already given their consent).

◆ Academic Integrity:

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/Schools 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:**

Students need 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.

◆ **Grievance:**

A student who believes that a decision affecting some aspect of his/her university life has been unfair or unreasonable may have grounds for initiating a grievance. See Policy 70 - Student Petitions and Grievances, Section 4, www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/Policies/policy70.htm. When in doubt please contact your Undergraduate Advisor for details.

◆ **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

◆ **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.

◆ **Turnitin.com**

Text matching software (Turnitin®) may be used to screen assignments in this course. Turnitin® is to verify that all materials and sources in assignments are documented. Students' submissions are stored on a U.S. server, therefore students must be given an alternative (e.g., scaffolded assignment or annotated bibliography), if they are concerned about their privacy and/or security. Students will be given due notice, in the first week of the term and/or at the time assignment details are provided, about arrangements and alternatives for the use of Turnitin® in this course.

It is the responsibility of the student to notify the instructor if they, in the first week of term or at the time assignment details are provided, wish to submit the alternate assignment.

◆ **Recording lectures:**

Use of recording devices during lectures is only allowed with explicit permission of the instructor of the course. If allowed, video recordings may only include images of the instructor and not fellow classmates. Posting of videos or links to the video to any website, including but not limited to social media sites such as: Facebook, twitter, etc., is strictly prohibited.

◆ **Co-op interviews and class attendance:**

Co-op students are encouraged to try and choose interview time slots that result in the least amount of disruption to class schedules. When this is challenging, or not possible, a student may miss a portion of a class meeting for an interview. Instructors are asked for leniency in these situations; but, a co-op interview does not relieve the student of any requirements associated with that class meeting. When a co-op interview conflicts with an in-class evaluation mechanism (e.g., test, quiz, presentation, critique), class attendance takes precedence and the onus is on the student to reschedule the interview. CECA provides an interview conflict procedure to manage these

situations. Students will be required to provide copies of their interview schedules (they may be printed from WaterlooWorks) should there be a need to verify class absence due to co-op interviews.