

GEOGRAPHY AND PLANNING

GPHY 101: Human Geography



Contact Time	One 2-hour lecture & one 1.5-hour lab / week
Format	Lectures, active learning laboratories, independent research
Class Assessment	10% Midterm Quiz 30% Learning Labs (best 10 of 11) 30% Geography of 'X' Research Project 30% Final Exam

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course takes a place and space-based approach to key social issues of our time involving energy, nature, economy, food, racism, spatial justice, cities, and colonialism. We will analyze the movements of people and things and work to understand how we make and remake the world by our actions. The unique feature of this course lies in its active grounding of global issues in local and hands-on fieldwork. You will learn about where you are here in Kingston just as you learn about our changing global context.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the course, successful students will be able to:

1. Discuss and analyze complex social problems using place and space-based approaches.
2. Apply geographical concepts such as place, location, space, and spatial justice to explain how fundamental inequalities (e.g. distribution of resources, health disparities, etc.) shape our world at multiple scales.
3. Explain how global social systems and our own everyday decisions draw each of us into relationships with communities and ecosystems both near and far.
4. Research, map, and analyze the route by which an object of your choice has come to your possession, emphasizing the impact on the people and places that contributed to its production.

COURSE TOPICS

- Space, Place, and Geographical Imaginations
- Globalization and International Divisions of Labour
- Uneven Economic Development
- Energy, Sustainability, and Climate Change
- Food and Agriculture
- Place Making and Identity
- Political Geographies and Settler Colonialism in Canada
- People and Nature
- Population Movement
- Cities and Social Division

COURSE READINGS

All required readings and other materials will be made available online. You do not need to purchase a textbook.