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Office | Remote
Contact Time | Office Hours (TBA) or by appt.
Format | Asynchronous
Class Assessment | Combination of assignments and exams

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course offers a general introduction to Canadian geography. The first half of the term will deal with Canada’s physical, historical, political, and economic geographies with an emphasis on the perspectives and contributions of the land’s first inhabitants and minority groups. In the second half of the term we will apply our geographic knowledge to place-based case studies to relate local issues and concerns to the national context. The overall aim of the course is to provide students with a basic knowledge of Canadian geography from many different angles, as well as an appreciation for maintaining a critical perspective on this knowledge.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the completion of this course, students will be able to:

- relate key themes and concepts to Canada’s geographies;
- examine and critique scholarship and public discourse about Canada through a geographic lens;
- recognize the perspectives and contributions of marginalized groups to the geographies of Canada;
- apply knowledge of historical, economic, political, and physical geographies of Canada to contextualize current events affecting the country.

COURSE TOPICS

Physical Geographies of Canada; Climate and Climate Change; Landforms, Resource Stewardship and Extraction; Indigenous Geographies of Canada; Historical Geographies of Canada; Slavery in Canada; Migration to Canada; Cultural Geographies of Canada; Canada’s Population; Canada’s Economic Structure, Canada in the Global Context.

COURSE READINGS


Supplementary articles available online (2 per week)