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Contact Time: One 3-hour class per week  
Format: A combination of lectures, discussions, and debates based on key texts, case studies, guest lectures and videos; and in-class seminars based on course material.  
Class Assessment:  
- Seminar activities and participation: 20%  
- Critical reflection paper: 10%  
- Film paper: 25%  
- Group presentation: 15%  
- Final Exam: 30%  

COURSE OVERVIEW  
This course offers a general introduction to Canadian geography. In the first half of the term, we will consider geographic concepts and themes that are particularly relevant to the study of Canada. The second half of the term will focus on specific case studies from Canada’s major geographic regions. The overall aim of the course is to provide students with a basic knowledge of Canadian geography as well as an appreciation for maintaining a critical perspective on this knowledge. Students will explore themes through a variety of media including lectures, written texts, assignments, films, guest lectures, and in-class discussions.

LEARNING OUTCOMES  
- Students will develop a critical understanding of key themes and concepts relating to the Geography of Canada;  
- Students will explore Canada through a geographic lens, particularly focusing on the ideas of place and scale;  
- Students will develop analytical and practical skills that will assist not only with the analysis of the material in the course but throughout their academic and professional careers;  
- Students will explore current events affecting the country through key course concepts; and  
- Students will practice working effectively both individually and as part of a group.

COURSE TOPICS  
Topics include (but are not limited to): Imagining Canada; Historical & physical geography of Canada; Urbanism and urbanization; Aboriginal Canada and the colonial encounter; Governance in Canada: Transportation, travel and mobilities; Multiculturalism and transnationalism; Separatism; Immigration; Geographies of segregation and confinement; Geographies of the Canadian economy; Atlantic Canada; Ontario and its mythic wilderness; The Territorial North; Water power & Québec; Alberta oil sands; Western Canada & agriculture; Historical geographies of BC; and, Canada in/of the World.

SELECTED COURSE TEXTS & READINGS  
Selections from the following:  
Historical Atlas of Canada (http://www.historicalatlas.ca/website/hacolp/contents.htm)  
Other readings TBA