

# Geography (GEOG) 201

## Introductory Human Geography (Revision 5)

**Delivery mode:** [Individualized study online](#) 

**Credits:** 3



**Areas of study:** Arts, or Social Science

**Prerequisites:** None

**Precluded:** None

**Challenge:** GEOG 201 has a challenge for credit option.

**Faculty:** [Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences](#) 

**Status:** Replaced with new revision, see the [course listing](#)  for the current revision 

Overview

*Geography 201: Introductory Human Geography* is a foundation course for students enrolled in geography, global studies, and environmental studies programs, and is also suitable for those who wish simply to further their understanding of the fundamentals of human geography.

Human geographers investigate the location of people and activities throughout the world and seek to understand the reasons for their distribution. They ask questions about where things are, why they are there, and what the geographic significance of their distribution is. In this course you will examine a number of subject areas, including globalization, culture and identity, political geography, urban geography, agricultural geography, industrial geography, development, inequality, and human impacts on the natural environment.

The course is designed for students with little or no previous university experience.

## Outline

### Part I: The Geographer's Toolkit

- Introduction
- The History of Geography
- Philosophy, Conceptualization, and Methods
- Geographies of Globalization

### Part II: Cultural Geography

- Unit 5: Language and Religion
- Unit 6: Culture, Identity, and Difference

### Part III: Social Geography

- Unit 7: Political Geography
- Unit 8: Urban Geography



### Part IV: Economic Geography

- Unit 9: Agricultural Geography
- Unit 10: Industrial Geography


#### Part V: Developmental Geography

- Unit 11: A Changing Environment
- Unit 12: A Growing and Unequal World
- Unit 13: Where Does Geography Go from Here?

## Evaluation


Evaluation of students in GEOG 201 is based on two essay/presentation assignments, two essay assignments, participation in three discussion forums, and a final exam. You must achieve a grade of at least **D (50 percent)**  on the final examination and a course composite grade of at least D (50 percent) to **receive credit**  for this course.

Activity	Weight
Assignment 1: Essay/Presentation	10%
Assignment 2: Essay/Presentation	15%
Assignment 3: Essay	15%
Assignment 4: Research Essay	20%
Discussion Forums	10%
Final Exam	30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

To learn more about assignments and examinations, please refer to Athabasca University's [online Calendar](#) .

## Materials

Stanford, Quentin H., ed. 2009. *Canadian Oxford World Atlas*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Don Mills, ON: Oxford University Press.  (Print)

Norton, William, with Michael Mercer. 2016. *Human Geography*, 9<sup>th</sup> ed. Don Mills, ON: Oxford University Press.  (Print)

## Other Materials

All other materials are available online.

## Challenge for credit

### Overview

The Challenge for credit process allows you to demonstrate that you have acquired a command of the general subject matter, knowledge, intellectual and/or other skills that would normally be found in a university-level course.

Full information about [Challenge for credit](#)  can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar.

### Evaluation

To [receive credit](#)  for the GEOG 201 challenge registration, you must achieve an overall course grade of **D (50 percent)**  or greater to pass.





Activity	Weight
Assignment 1	40%
Exam	60%

Activity	Weight
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>



[Challenge for credit course registration form](#)

## Important links

- › [Academic advising](#) 
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