








Geography (GEOG) 201

Introductory Human Geography (Revision 6)

Status:	Replaced with new revision, see the course listing  for the current revision 
Delivery mode:	Individualized study online  with eText 
Credits:	3
Areas of study:	Arts or Social Science
Prerequisite:	None
Precluded:	None
Challenge:	GEOG 201 has a challenge for credit option.
Faculty:	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences 

Overview

“Geography is one of the oldest academic disciplines.” Put simply, it is to write [-graphy] of the earth [geo-]. Geography 201: Introductory Human Geography will help you understand where people are located across the world and their relationship to these places. This course introduces you to the field of human geography by showing its breadth, its history, its “tool kit,” and its importance as an integrative means of studying the human experience. Geography is important because it provides a means for understanding problems facing humanity in the twenty-first century, be they problems at the neighbourhood, regional, national, or global scales.



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

Outline

GEOG 201 is divided into twelve units:

- Unit 1: What Is Human Geography?
- Unit 2: Population and Health Geography
- Unit 3: Uneven Development and Global Inequalities
- Unit 4: Geographies of Culture and Religion
- Unit 5: Geographies of Identity and Difference
- Unit 6: Political Geography
- Unit 7: An Urban World
- Unit 8: Urban Form and the Social Geography of the City
- Unit 9: Geographies of Food and Agriculture
- Unit 10: Geographies of Energy, Industry, and Services
- Unit 11: Geographies of Globalization
- Unit 12: Humans and the Environment

Evaluation


To **receive credit**  for GEOG 201, students must complete and submit all of the assignments and write the midterm and final examinations. Students must achieve a minimum grade of D (50 percent) on both the midterm and final examinations and an overall grade of at least **D (50 percent)**  for the course.

Activity	Weight
Assignment 1: Mapping	25%
Assignment 2: Media Analysis of Popular Culture	15%
Assignment 3: Comparison of Two Locations	30%
Midterm Exam	15%
Final Exam	15%
Total	100%

The **midterm and final examinations** for this course must be requested in advance and written under the supervision of an AU-approved exam invigilator. Invigilators include either ProctorU or an approved in-person invigilation centre that can accommodate online exams. Students are responsible for payment of any invigilation fees. Information on exam request deadlines, invigilators, and other exam-related questions, can be found at the [Exams and grades](#) section of the Calendar.

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

Materials

Michael Mercier and William Norton. *Human Geography*, 10th edition. Oxford University Press, 2019.  (eText)

eText

Registration in this course includes an electronic textbook. For more information on [electronic textbooks](#), please refer to our [eText Initiative site](#).

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. The challenge evaluation is a take-home assignment and an online exam.

Activity	Weight
Assignment 1	33%
Online Exam	66%
Total	100%



[Challenge for credit course registration form](#)

Important links

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- > [Program planning](#) [↗](#)
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- > [Support services](#) [↗](#)

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