

GEOG 2570 Geography of Canada

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Topic Outline

The required textbook reading, for each week, is set out here by topic. You are expected to read and make notes on the **entire** reading. Lectures will highlight and build upon the text readings, but will **not** be verbatim reviews. **You are, however, responsible for all material in the text, as well as any additional readings, web-sites or other materials introduced in class.**

Week 1 – Sept 11

Introduction and Course Outline Review

Week 2 – Sept 14,16,18

CHAPTER 1 ~ REGIONS OF CANADA

- The nature of regions and regional geography
- Types of regions
- Sense of place
- Canada's regions and the core-periphery model

Week 3 – Sept 21,23,25

CHAPTER 2 ~ CANADA'S PHYSICAL BASE

- Physical geography as a building block for Canada's regions
- Canada's seven physiographic regions
- The relationship between physiographic features, environment, and human occupation on the land
- Negative impacts of humans on the natural environment

Week 4 – Sept 28,30,Oct1

CHAPTER 3 ~ CANADA'S HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY 1

- Aboriginal settlement
- French and British settlement
- Immigration – 19th century

Week 5 – Oct 5,7,9

CHAPTER 3 ~ CANADA'S HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY 2

- Canada's territorial evolution
- Regional tensions and the 'One Country, Two Visions' notion
- Immigration – 20th century +
- **TEST #1 OCTOBER 9th**

OCTOBER 12th – Thanksgiving Holiday

Week 6 – Oct 14, 16

CHAPTER 4 ~ CANADA'S HUMAN FACE

- Current demographic, economic and social changes
- Impacts of populations changes on:
 - Aboriginal peoples
 - French/English balance
 - Core-periphery populations

Week 7 – Oct 19,21,23

CHAPTER 5 ~ CENTRAL CANADA - ONTARIO

- The southern industrial core
- The northern resource hinterland
- Role within Canada and North America
- Map exercise

Week 8 – Oct 26,28,30

CHAPTER 6 ~ CENTRAL CANADA - QUEBEC

- Quebec's position within Canada and the legacy of separatism
- Economic development and role in Canada / North America
- Hydro resources
- Map exercise

Week 9 – Nov 2,4,6

CHAPTER 7 ~ BRITISH COLUMBIA, PART 1

- Physical base
- B.C. and the core-periphery model
- Economic development – resource hinterland or (post)industrial core?
- Map exercise

Week 10 – Nov 9,11,13

CHAPTER 7 ~ BRITISH COLUMBIA, PART 2

- Population diversity and aging
 - The Chinese Experience in B.C.
- The sustainability of the B.C. forest industry
- **TEST #2 NOVEMBER13th**

Week 11 – Nov 16,18,20

CHAPTER 8 ~ WESTERN CANADA

- The West within Canada – from resource hinterland to upward transitional region?
- Cultural diversity
 - Aboriginal and Metis beginnings
 - Impacts of immigration
- The Prairies and the notion of Western alienation
- Map exercise

Week 12 – Nov 23,25,27

CHAPTER 9 ~ ATLANTIC CANADA

- Role as a resource hinterland
- Atlantic Canada within Canada
- Newfoundland and the cod fishery; a 'tragedy of the commons'
- Map exercise

Week 13 – Nov 30, Dec 2,4

CHAPTER 10 ~ THE TERRITORIAL NORTH

- Regional overview
- Nunavut and aboriginal influence in the North
- Evolving economic and political position within Canada, and the global economy
- Map exercise

Week 14 – Dec 7,9

CHAPTER 11 ~ CANADA: A COUNTRY OF REGIONS

- Core-periphery model and globalization
- Regionalism, multi-lateralism and Canada's future
- Last class review

**FINAL EXAMINATION TO BE CENTRALLY SCHEDULED IN THE EXAMINATION PERIOD.
LOOK FOR NOTICES ON CAMPUS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS IN CLASS ONCE THE DATE IS SET**

AND PUBLISHED.