

University of Northern British Columbia

Instructor:

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Office hours: By appointment

Time and location:

Lectures:

April 27 – May 1

UNBC Prince George campus (or via video conferencing), room and time TBD

Field work:

May 3 – May 13

Death Valley (eastern California) and Owens Valley (California)

Course description and objectives:

This course will build upon the topics and conceptual approach covered in human geography field school (GEOG-333). Students will use this foundation to experience first hand the varieties of human transformations of landscapes in Nevada and California. Based on readings, class discussion and observations and experiences from the field, students will prepare a major paper on an improved topic dealing with any aspect of political ecology relating to the sites visited.

Prerequisites:

+Minimum 30 credits of lower division study, of which at least 3 credits are human geography courses (e.g., GEOG 101, 102, 200, 202, 203, etc.), or by permission of the instructor

++Minimum 60 credits of lower division study, of which at least 6 credits are human geography courses (e.g., GEOG 101, 102, 200, 202, 203, etc.), or by permission of the instructor

Textbook:

There is no required textbook for this course.

Grading:

Grading for this course consists of the following components:

- 10% Initial proposal (due May 1)
- 10% Presentation of final proposal (due May 13)
- 25% Preliminary literature review (due by July 1)
- 50% Final paper submission (due August 31)

Lectures notes and supplemental readings

Location of lecture materials, supplementary readings and course announcements will be provided to the students as needed.

Policy on late/missed assignments or exams

Students are expected to understand the rules and regulations regarding academic offenses (e.g., plagiarism and cheating) as outlined in the undergraduate calendar (<http://www.unbc.ca/calendar/undergraduate/regulations>).

Students are expected to complete assignment by the due date and write exams on the scheduled date. Assignments that are not submitted on the due date will receive a late penalty of 10 % per day. Exceptions will be made for students in case of illness or due to serious extenuating circumstance. In the event of illness or serious extenuating circumstance, the student must inform the instructor **BEFORE** the scheduled due date. Exceptions will not be made for poor time management.

Important notice

If there are students in this course who, because of a disability, may have a need for special academic accommodations, please come and discuss this with me, or contact staff at the Access Resource Centre (arc@unbc.ca) located in the Teaching and Learning Centre, Room 10-1048 on the main campus. Students can also call the ARC at (250) 960-5682. Regional students can call the Centre toll-free at 1(888) 960-5682.