

Canada and its Regions

GEG 2109

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A day of introductions...

- Myself
- Teaching Assistants
- The course
 - Syllabus
 - Lectures
 - Expectations
 - How to make the most of our time together

About me

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About your Teaching Assistants

- Each student will be assigned to a specific Tutorial Section
- The Teaching Assistant for your Tutorial Section will be your key connection to the course as you will visit them in office hours and they will be grading your assignments.
- They are your first stop for questions!

About your Teaching Assistants

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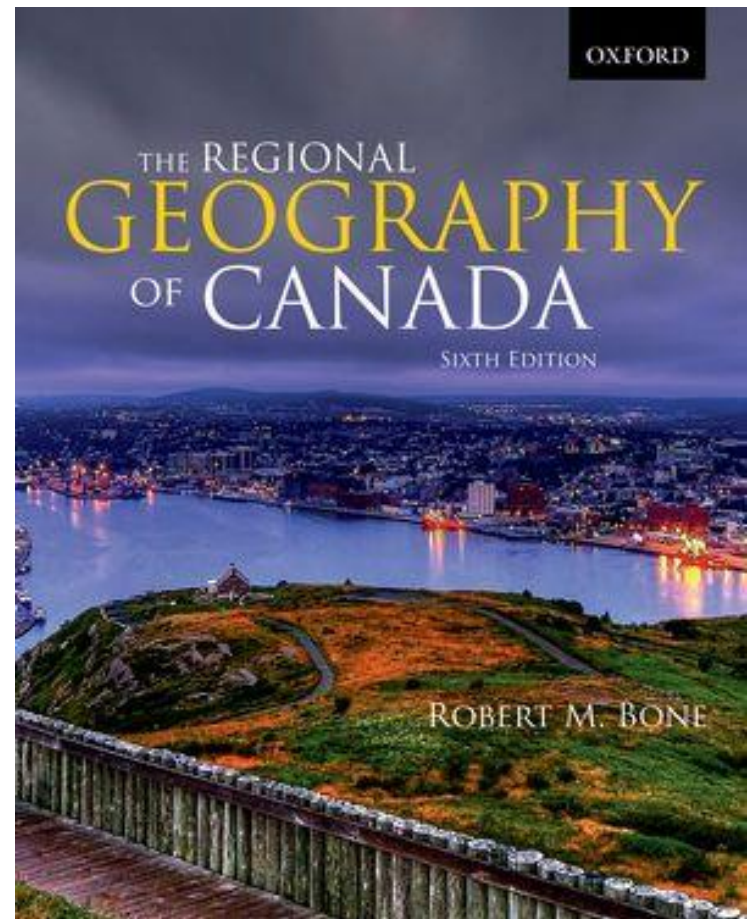
Course Syllabus

Required Course Text:

Bone, R. (2014)

The Regional Geography
of Canada

Available at the bookstore,
used copies, loan from
library



Course Assessment

Assignment #1: De-coding Regional Identity	15%
In-class midterm	15%
Assignment #2: Research Paper	35%
Final Exam	35%

Our Course Website

What you'll find:

- ☐ Syllabus
- ☐ Schedule
- ☐ Lecture slides
- ☐ Discussion board
- ☐ Grades
- ☐ Announcements



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<https://echo360.org.uk/>

<https://uottawa.blackboard.com/webapps/login/?action=login>

<https://web.uottawa.ca/email/>

How to make the most of our time together...

Making GEG 2109 an inclusive space

Ground rules for in-class and tutorial discussion in GEG 2108:

Tips to succeed

- Attend the lectures → I put more focus on lecture content (and associated readings) than anything else
- Build a glossary of important terms as you go
- Create test questions for each reading/lecture as you go so that you are ready to study (the midterm sneaks up quickly!)
- Read before coming to class

Things I might add...

- COURTESY!
 - Running late/ Packing up
 - Talking during lecture
 - Cell phones!
- Expectations about replies...
- Grammar
- Office hours
- Humour

A note about control....



How to make the most of our time together...

Contributing to GEG 2109

- Maximize your engagement with the course by linking the ideas with things that go on outside of the classroom!
- Submit interesting (and appropriate) material to me by email to share at the start of class
- Sharing photos, videos, articles, events, etc. for the lectures and website
- Extra credit assignment (TBD)

WARNING!

In this course you will...

- Have to read
- Have to show up
- Sit through some awkward moments of silence until somebody bravely offers an answer
- Come across ideas you've never thought of before
- Be expected to perform to the BEST of your abilities
- AND maybe even find ways to engage the ideas you learn in here....with the world out there.

PHILOSOPHICAL RANT

- Education is NOT just about getting a degree that will get you a “good” job— it is also about becoming a well-rounded individual
- It is NOT enough to just show up to your classes – make the content meaningful!
- If we can't create a culture in the classroom where we can talk about important and complex ideas, then we might just be doomed.

Frame of Reference

- Where are you from?
- Did your parents go to University?
- What are your hobbies?
- What do you believe in?

INCLUSIVITY IN THE CLASSROOM

- Submit Accommodations forms
 - May need a note-taker
 - Notice for absences
- Encourage you to meet with me to talk about how we can make the classroom a more inclusive place
- While we will use Echo360 in the classroom, it will not be used for any formal grades as not every student may be able to participate
- Slides will be posted for you, I welcome feedback on how to make them more accessible

University and Your Health

University of Ottawa Mental Health Services

- 613-564-3950
- Or visit: <http://www.uottawa.ca/health/services/mentalhealth>

Good 2 Talk

Post-secondary Student Help Line

- 866-925-5454
- Or visit: <http://www.good2talk.ca/>

A brief introduction to the course...

“Introduction to the regional
geography of Canada
based on physical,
historical, economic, social,
and political criteria.”

Echo 360 Activity

In which of Canada's six regions were you born?

- Ontario
- Quebec
- British Columbia
- Western Canada
- Atlantic Canada
- Territorial North
- I was born outside of Canada

Echo 360 Activity

If you could go to any of Canada's six regions this year, which would you choose?

- Ontario
- Quebec
- British Columbia
- Western Canada
- Atlantic Canada
- Territorial North

Echo 360 Activity

Canada has 10 provinces and 3 territories. How many of these 13 lands have you visited?

- 1-2
- 3-5
- 6-8
- 9-12
- All of them!

Video of Canada's Regions

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fUp2Xo-05os>

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See you on Thursday!

