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## COURSE OUTLINE

### Digital Cartography

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Contact: [ianoc@uvic.ca](mailto:ianoc@uvic.ca) or 250-721-7338  
Office Location: DTB B322  
Office Hours: See CourseSpaces, *or by appointment*  
Class Meetings: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 12:30 pm to 1:20 pm  
Location: ELL 162

Labs: You must be registered in a Lab Section that you attend.

#### COURSE OBJECTIVES

introduces the art and science of cartography;  
consolidate understanding of fundamentals of geographic information;  
introduce thematic mapping;  
introduce map design concepts;  
complete a map design and creation project.

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#### LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. overview of the history and evolution of cartography;
2. ability to apply core concepts in thematic map design.

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#### PRE-REQUISITES

Geography 222 and Geography 226

#### REQUIRED TEXT

There is no required textbook for this course, however weekly readings and online learning resources will be provided on CourseSpaces throughout the course.

#### EVALUATION

Midterm Exam (

Important note: This class includes both labs and a final project. The final project takes considerable time to complete. However, with sufficient planning, the task should not be onerous. Much of the work for the project occurs in the last third of the semester. Please make sure you schedule your time effectively.

Exam Format: The questions for the midterm exam and final exam will be based on lectures, posted learning resources and class discussion. The midterm test will cover only the topics discussed immediately preceding it. The final exam is comprehensive. Format includes a combination of short-answer and multiple-choice questions. Electronic devices for use during exams are limited to non-graphing scientific calculators unless otherwise expressly permitted by the course instructor.

## GRADING SYSTEM

As per the Academic Calendar:

Grade	Grade point value	Grade scale	Description
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## GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Geography Department website: [uvic.ca/socialsciences/geography/](http://uvic.ca/socialsciences/geography/)

Undergraduate Advising: [geogadvising@uvic.ca](mailto:geogadvising@uvic.ca)

Department Chair: Dr. Johannes Feddema [geogchair@uvic.ca](mailto:geogchair@uvic.ca)

## COURSESPACES

CourseSpaces learning management systems (LMS) will serve as the main avenue of communication (<http://coursespaces.uvic.ca>). Please monitor the page on a regular basis for course announcements. If you are having difficulty logging in or password problems, contact the Computer Help Desk Email: [helpdesk@uvic.ca](mailto:helpdesk@uvic.ca), Tel: 250-721-7687

## IMPORTANT COURSE POLICIES

A high level of student cooperation and participation, involving asking and answering questions is expected. Students are expected to attend all lectures, take notes and be punctual for class.

Cell phones and portable music players must be turned off or silenced during lectures.

Topic handouts based on lecture presentations will be provided before the beginning of class meetings on CourseSpaces. These handouts will be removed seven days after the posting date. Students are responsible for downloading/saving and completing notes packages. *If you miss any material, make arrangements to get handouts from a fellow student, not from the instructor.*

Students must complete all evaluation components to obtain credit. Failure to complete an any evaluation component without permission from the instructor, will result in an 'N' grade, which equals a Grade Point Value of 0.

Students will not be permitted to write make-up tests except for documented medical or compassionate reasons. Please inform the instructor of your situation promptly and present written proof within five working days. Any make-up test or examination may not follow the same format as the in-class one.

Late assignments will be penalized 25% for a 24 hour time period (including weekends and holidays). After that they will no longer be accepted for grade and will receive 0%. Exceptions will only be granted for documented medical or compassionate reasons. Written proof must be provided within five working days. *Only the course instructor can grant exceptions.*

Details regarding your labs and their marks are managed by the course Lab Instructors. Please discuss any issues or questions on labs with your Lab Instructor first. Any discrepancy with lab grades must be reported to your Lab Instructor, the Senior Laboratory Instructor, or the Course Instructor within seven days of receiving the marked assignment.

Please attend only the laboratory section for which you are registered. If you must miss a lab for exceptional circumstances, please make arrangements with your TA in advance to attend another section. This however does not change the due date

## PLAGIARISM

Academic dishonesty (plagiarism, cheating) is a very serious matter in any academic institution and is dealt with severely at the University of Victoria. *The responsibility of the institution:* Instructors and academic units have the responsibility to ensure that standards of academic honesty are met. By doing so, the institution recognizes students for their hard work and assures them that other students do not have an unfair advantage through cheating on essays, exams, and projects. *The responsibility of the student:* Plagiarism sometimes occurs due to a misunderstanding regarding the rules of academic integrity, but it

