

University of Toronto
Department of Geography
GGR 340 – Health Geography
COURSE OUTLINE
Winter 2017

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Office Hours: Mondays 11-12 and Wednesdays 3:30-4:30, or by appointment

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An exploration of the aspects of health in which place or location matters. Particular attention will be paid to the role of environments (physical, social, etc.) in explaining differences in health between places, the structuring of health-related behaviour in place, and the development of health policy for places. Classroom time will be a mix of lecture, small-group exercises, and student debates.

READINGS

Readings for this course are available online through the University of Toronto library system. Any additional readings will be available through the portal, on reserve at the Robarts Library, and/or circulated in class. A schedule for the readings will be provided. Students are expected to attend all lectures having completed the assigned readings, as considerable course time will be spent in small-group discussion based on the readings.

EVALUATION

1. Critical appraisal of an article	(due Friday January 27th)	30%
2. Debate	(sign up in class, debates start February 6th)	30%
3. Final Exam	(in exam period)	30%
4. Participation	(in class during debates)	10%

COURSE POLICIES

Contacting the Instructor: Dr. Wakefield can be reached in person at her office during her office hours (or at other times by appointment). She will be happy to answer any questions you have during these times. Questions about lectures, assignments, or other aspects of the course can also be posted to the course discussion board (on the course website) at any time.

Electronic Device Use in the Classroom: The use of electronic devices in class is permitted in order to support student engagement and the exchange of ideas in the classroom. However, electronic devices are not to be used during class-time unless they are being used for class-related activities – students not complying with this expectation will be asked to leave.

**To get to UC B202 from Sidney Smith Hall: cross St. George and go through the archway into the Sir Dan quad. Go straight ahead to the next archway – once under the arch, go through the left-hand doorway (if you reach the interior courtyard you have gone too far). Take the staircase up to the 2nd floor, and then turn right – my office is the first door on the left, just past the small classroom. Note that this location is NOT accessible: I am happy to make arrangements to meet elsewhere if need be!*

Academic Integrity: Academic integrity is fundamental to learning and scholarship at the University of Toronto. At the University of Toronto, the following things are considered academic offences:

- Using someone else's ideas without appropriate acknowledgement (i.e., in-text citation)
- Copying material directly from a source and not placing the words within quotation marks
- Submitting your own work in more than one course without the permission of the instructor
- Making up sources or facts, or including references to sources that you did not use
- Obtaining or providing unauthorized assistance on any assignment including having someone else complete part or all of an assignment for you, and/or having someone rewrite or add material to your work while editing (having someone read your work is a good idea, but they should tell you what is wrong, not fix it for you)

The University of Toronto treats cases of academic misconduct very seriously. If you have any questions about what is or is not permitted in this course, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you have questions about appropriate research and citation methods, please talk to me. If you are experiencing personal challenges that are having an impact on your academic work, please speak to me or seek the advice of your college registrar. More information is available at www.artsci.utoronto.ca/osai/students.

Handing in Assignments: All written assignments are submitted electronically, and must be uploaded on the course website *before midnight* on the day the assignment is due. Students will be required to submit their assignments on the course portal. Please keep a back-up copy of all assignments even after they have been submitted, as well as rough notes and other prep work.

Late penalties, Extensions and Accommodations: A late penalty of 5% of the total value of the assignment will be deducted from the grade per day for late work (including weekend days). Extensions will of course be granted in the case of illness or other emergencies, with appropriate documentation. However, due to the nature of the debate assignment, late work will not be accepted. If you anticipate that you may be unable to participate fully in the debate because of a health concern, please come and discuss with me as soon as possible. If you require accommodation for a disability or long-term illness, or have any accessibility concerns about the course, the classroom or course materials, please contact Accessibility Services as soon as possible at disability.services@utoronto.ca.