

University of Toronto
Department of Geography
GGR 340 – Health Geography
COURSE OUTLINE
Summer 2020

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Office Hours: Wednesdays 7 – 8pm (live on Quercus), or by appointment

ONLINE FORMAT CONSIDERATIONS:

GGR340 is an online, asynchronous course. There will be no required live components. Lectures will be given as two x 2 hr online videos/week asynchronously. Live captioning and image descriptions can be made available upon request by emailing the instructor at any point during the course. Students will have the opportunity for on-demand live meetings to ask questions and clarifications about lecture and assessment content if needed. Students need Power Point and the ability to use Blackboard Collaborate (Ultra).

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 primarily spent in small-group exercises.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of health geography and the issues, concepts, and theories that help us understand the relationships between the environment (natural and built), human societies, and health;
- Form a research question and systematically search for appropriate literature that contributes to understanding the posed question;
- Synthesize the evidence presented in peer reviewed academic papers, to compare various aspects of the health geography research process including: hypotheses, data sources, methodologies, and recommendations;
- Understand the narrative the underpins the genre of academic writing known as a *literature review*

READINGS

Readings for this course are available online through the University of Toronto library system and will be linked through the online course system. A schedule for the readings will be provided. Students are expected to complete all the assigned readings before the lectures they are supplementary to, as considerable lecture time will be based on the readings.

EVALUATION

Item	Notes	Due Date	Grade Distribution
1. Quizzes	5 Quizzes	May 11, May 25, June 1, June 8, June 15	25 % (5 x 5% each)
2. Assignment #1		May 13 2020	10%
3. Assignment #2		May 22 2020	15%
4. Assignment #3		June 5 2020	15%
5. Final Paper		June 25 th 2020	35%

More information on each assignment is available on the course Quercus page.

COURSE POLICIES

Contacting the Instructor: Lauren Jewett can be reached during her office hours (or at other times by appointment). Office hour details for online format will be posted on Quercus and will be a mix of one-on-one student appointments and open discussion with live Q&A. She will be happy to answer any questions you have during these times. There will be a form for submitting questions at any point that will be responded to in announcements (for frequently asked questions) or directly. 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.

Late penalties, Extensions and Accommodations: **Quizzes** will not be accepted late, because answers are released the following day. For **assignments**, 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 be granted in the case of illness or other emergencies, with appropriate documentation. If you anticipate that you may be unable to meet an assignment deadline, please contact Lauren in advance to make other arrangements. 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.

This course uses Turnitin.com! When you hand in your assignments through Quercus, they will be automatically submitted to [Turnitin.com](https://www.turnitin.com). *Normally, students will be required to submit their course essays to [Turnitin.com](https://www.turnitin.com) for a review of textual similarity and detection of possible plagiarism. In doing so, students will allow their essays to be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database, where they will be used solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism. The terms that apply to the University's use of the Turnitin.com service are described on the Turnitin.com web site.*

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 in .pdf format, and must be uploaded on the Quercus course website *before the deadline* on the day the assignment is due. Please keep a back-up copy of all assignments even after they have been submitted, as well as rough notes and other prep work.