Syllabus
Historical Geography
Geography 320

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Text: *North America* by McIlwraith and Muller.

**Course Objectives**

1. Examine the historical role of geography in the history of local, regional, and national development.
2. Examine the influence that geography had on settlement patterns.
3. Understand the techniques used by historical geographers.

Please note that these topics require at least a general understanding of both North American history and geography. We will briefly touch on these during class, but the majority of the information will be found in the text and assigned readings. Therefore, it is important to complete the readings **BEFORE** class so that you may participate in the class discussions.

**Grades**

Final grade will use the +/- system (See the most recent catalog for the particulars) and will be determined by the following:

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Each exam will cover approximately one half of the material. Since the information presented early in the course will be used throughout the semester, the exams are cumulative. This does not mean that details from the first exam will be asked on the final, but you will be expected to know general concepts and specific methodologies. There are no make-up exams, but under special circumstances exams may be rescheduled (See below). **There will be no extra credit.**

**Attendance Policy**

You are expected to attend all classes. If you must miss a class for university reasons, please see me ahead of time. If you have an emergency (e.g. family, health) please obtain a doctor's slip, etc.... I will be reasonable about rescheduling exams, exercises, etc... when the reasons for missing class are beyond your control. However, the Spring schedule has been distributed, so leaving early for Fall Break because it was the only flight you could get is not a valid reason for missing class. Please plan in advance.

**Field Project**

The field project will involve subsurface mapping of a colonial fort site in Edenville. The class will be broken into groups and each will be responsible for collecting data using our ground penetrating radar unit. If you have any issues which would make working outside (light to moderate work) a problem, please see me as soon as possible.