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Course Information

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A: Division: ACADEMIC DATE: JUNE 17, 1986 B: Department: SOCIAL SCIENCES New Course: Revision of Course information form: DATED: NOVEMBER, 1991 C: GEOGRAPHY 210 D: CLIMATOLOGY Subject & Course No. Descriptive Title Semester Credit F: Calendar Description: Summary of Revision: A study of physical and dynamic climatologic (Enter date & section) processes and principles. Atmospheric energy, Ex: Section C,E,F, & R moisture and momentum constitute the framework in which observed elements such as temperature, humidity | C, H, M, N and wind are employed to exemplify climatologic principles. Type of Instruction: Hours Per Week/ H: Course Prerequisites: **GEOG 110** Lecture Hrs. Laboratory Hrs. I: Course Corequisites: Seminar Hrs. NIL Clinical Experience Field Experience J: Course for which this course Practicum is a pre-requisite Shop Hrs. NIL Studio Hrs. Student Directed Learning __ K: Maximum Class Size: Other 35 TOTAL HOURS M: Transfer Credit: Requested Granted L: College Credit Transfer Specify Course Equivalents or Unassigned Credit as Appropriate College Credit Non-Transfer U.B.C. GEOG 200 (1.5 units) S.F.U. GEOG 214 (3 credits) U. Vic.1-1/2 UNITS (200 LEVEL) UNASSIGNED IN GEOGRAPHY COURSE DESIGNER(S) -DEAN DIRECTOR/CHAIRPERSON REGISTRAR

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N: Textbooks and materials to be Purchased by Students (Use Bibliographic Form):

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or a similar text chosen by the instructor subject to approval by the discipline.

The text will be updated periodically.

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- R. Course Evaluation
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- 13. Forces affecting air motion
- 14. Surface and upper air circulation
- 15. Local winds wind systems and measurements
- 16. Climatic classification and indices
- 17. Climatic controls climatic patterns
- 18. Hydrometeorology
- 19. Agroclimatology
- 20. Human comfort indices
- 21. Urban climates
- 22. Air pollution

Q. METHOD OF INSTRUCTION

Lectures, labs, workshops and class projects constitute the main methods of presentation.

Readings will be assigned to supplement lectures. Audio visual aids will be used when and where appropriate.

Field work and field trips may be organized in class time.

R . COURSE EVALUATION

The evaluation will be carried out in accordance with Douglas College policy and will include a suitable combination of the following factors.

Lab exercises with a combined value of up to 60%.
Tests and exams with a combined value of up to 50%.
Field work with a value of up to 15%.
A term project or paper with a value of up to 25%.
An individual or group presentation on an assigned topic with a value of up to 15%.

At the beginning of the semester the instructor will present the students with the evaluation procedure to be used.

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