

Bemidji State University

GEOG 4210: The History and Development of Geographic Thought

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: *.*

Lab Hours/Week: *.*

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Development of the discipline of Geography with emphasis on both the historical and recent developments in the field. Includes a critical analysis of writing of representative geographers.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/26/1997 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. From Classical to Modern Geography: What are we trying to do?

Environmental Determinism

The Regional Tradition

The Quantitative Revolution and Spatial Science

Behavioural Geography

Humanistic Geographies

Marxist Geography

Feminist Geography

Postmodern Geographies

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. students in this course are expected to develop and refine skills and understanding in the following areas:
 1. Practice of critical reading skills.
 2. Practice of skills associated with presentation of an oral argument.
 3. Knowledge of principal figures in the historical development of modern geography as a social science.
 4. Definition of differences between Environmental Determinism, the Regional Tradition, Spatial Science, Behavioural Geography, Humanistic Geography, Marxist Geography, Feminist Geography, and Postmodern Geographies.
2. 5. Use of library research technique for the purpose of writing an essay of professional quality.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted