Bemidji State University

GEOG 5210: 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. Note: Capstone course in the B.A. and B.S., option A. Prerequisite: Senior status geography major or minor.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 08/25/2014 - 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