

## **Course Description**

This course focuses on the various aspects of tourism planning, policy, and development. Topics covered include: reasons for development; tourism development as a strategy for urban revitalization; tourism's links to heritage conservation and regional development; sustainability and the adverse impacts of development; cultural considerations and community participation; and the importance of context for individual tourism projects.

Course Assessment						
	Торіс	Weight	Due/location			
1.	Individual briefing note	20%	Oct 8, dropbox			
2.	2 Short answer quizzes	20%	In class			
3.	Individual Project	30%	Nov 5, dropbox			
4.	Participation in class and general preparedness	30%	Throughout term			
	Total	100%				

### **Course Learning Outcomes**

Upon successfully completing this course, you will be able to:

### **Knowledge and Understanding:**

1) Demonstrate an understanding of the policy development process (i.e. the means whereby policy problems are defined, resolved and reviewed);

2) Demonstrate a comprehensive and critical understanding of the changing policy environment and the ability of stakeholders to shape and influence it;

3) Analyse and evaluate the roles of the public and private sectors, NGOs, and professional and trade associations involved in the tourism industry in Canada and worldwide;

### Discipline/Professional and Transferable Skills:

4) Apply tourism development as a strategy for regional revitalization;

5) Display enhanced writing skills through a variety of critical and analytical assignments;

# **Attitudes and Values:**

6) Show critical appreciation of the principals of sustainability and community involvement as they pertain to tourism

# Indicative Content

The University of Guelph Course Link website will be used extensively throughout this course. Students are expected to check the site on a daily basis for regular updates to course contents. Additional relevant readings may be added to Course Link and students are expected to ensure these items are read.

### **Teaching and Learning Practices**

Lectures	Note: Most classes will begin with discussions of current events. Please bring discussion topics (hard copies, links etc.) to every class, and hand it along with your reflection in at the end of each class. These learning opportunities will form a part of your participation grade. "Discussion topics" should relate to course content. Also note, the dates below are approximate, and may change. Courselink will be used to update students in readings who are expected to check regularly for news.		
Week 1	Sept 11	Introduction and course overview	
		Defining values, politics and policy	
		Tourism defined, impacts, pros and cons	
Weeks 2	Sept 18	Preparing briefing notes	
		Work through preparation of a briefing note in class.	
		Readings:	
		• Extensive material on Courselink	
Week 3	Sept 25	Global context	
		Video: "Innovation and Impact"	
		Poverty and development choices	
		Video: Tourists HQ117 T687 2004 (sex tourism)	
		Readings:	
		Extensive material on Courselink	

Week 4	Oct 2	Political ideologies
		The way government works
		Who's who and role they play in tourism
		Political and foreign policy implications
		Exercise with news stories – different philosophical positioning
		Readings: Extensive material on Courselink
		First short answer quiz
Week 5	Oct 9	Thanksgiving
Week 6	Oct 16	The making of legislation
		Barriers, obstacles and the international policy process
		Ecotourism Game
		Readings:
		• Extensive material on Courselink
Week 7	Oct 23	Preparation for individual assignment
Week 8	Oct 30	Stakeholders
		Models of decision-making and sustainability
		Video: Destination, tourism G155.I4 D47 200
		Readings:
		Extensive material on Courselink
Week 9	Nov 6	Pros and cons of tourism
		Videos: Goose with the Golden Eggs; The problem with all-inclusives
		Readings:
		Extensive material on Courselink
Week 10	Nov 13	Corporate social responsibility vs sustainability
		Definitional problems
		Readings:
		Extensive material on Courselink
Week 11	Nov 20	Tourism and climate change
		Video: Concrete coasts G155.A1 C62 2005
		Readings:
		Extensive material on Courselink

**Strategic Planning in Tourism** 

Video: Last pockets of paradise G155.A1 L37 2005

Second short answer quiz

### **Course Resources**

# The readings can be downloaded through the Library's on-line journal access or else are provided through Courselink.

Students are expected to read at least one major newspaper weekly for developments that impact on the supply or demand of tourism, as well as sign up to at least two listservs that specialize in tourism news. Examples include:

- http://www.eturbonews.com/
- http://www.tourism-review.com/get\_email\_news.php
- Travelmole (and a whole series of newswires): http://www.travelmole.com/#3
- Reseau Veille Tourisme (in French): http://veilletourisme.ca/
- http://www.greenlodgingnews.com/
- http://www.hotelnewsresource.com/
- http://www.hospitalitynet.org/

Most of these websites also have archives and are searchable, which makes them an excellent resource for some of the assignments.

### **Course Policies**

### **Grading Policies**

Assignments are to be submitted ELECTRONICALLY in Word, spaced 1.5 through the Courselink dropbox as indicated, except for participation. A penalty (5%) per day will apply to late assignments unless accompanied by a medical certificate. Please note that these policies are binding unless academic consideration is given to an individual student. Detailed grading schemes will be posted for these assignments

In order to ensure your academic success, I will agree to re-grade a revised submission reflecting feedback for your first Assignment ONLY. The maximum additional grade will be 3%.

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that discourages misconduct. Students need to remain aware that instructors have access to and the right to use electronic and other means of detection. Please note: Whether or not a student intended to commit academic misconduct is not relevant for a finding of guilt. Hurried or careless submission of assignments does not excuse students from responsibility for verifying the academic integrity of their work before submitting it. Students who are in any doubt as to whether an action on their part could be construed as an academic offence should consult with a faculty member or faculty advisor. The Academic Misconduct Policy is detailed in the Undergraduate Calendar: https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-amisconduct.shtml

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