



Second year, 2011 – 2012

Student Guide

Welcome back to College and to Geography! This document is designed to be a reference document for the year. In it, you will find the names and contact details of lecturers, the modules you will be taking in Second Year, information on assessment and other useful items. Make sure that you do not lose it, as it may prove useful to you later on! Module lecturers are identified by their initials.

Who's in the department?

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[†] All staff have both office hours and email hours. They are more than willing to answer your questions during either of these times. For details of staff office and email hours, please see website.

Who do I contact if I have a problem on the course?

The staff contact for Second Year is Dr Jonathan Cherry. Should any issues arise during your second year in Geography (either individually or collectively) please ensure that you make contact with Dr Cherry as soon as possible.

What will I be studying?

The geographic theme that runs through all of Second Year is **CITIZENSHIP**.

During Second Year Geography you will take the following modules:

	BA and BEd	BA Only
Semester 1	<i>Geog 208 – Europe and the European Union</i> ○ Lead: AB ○ 2 units (5 ECTs)	
	<i>Geog 209 – Making of the Irish Landscape</i> ○ Lead: SH ○ 2 units (5 ECTs)	
	<i>Geog 215 – Humanitarian Action</i> ○ Lead: GOR ○ 2 units (5 ECTs)	
Semester 2	<i>Geog 214 – Landscape, heritage and identity</i> ○ Lead: JC ○ 2 units (5 ECTs)	<i>Geog 203 – Geographical Research Methods</i> ○ Lead: RMcM ○ 2 units (5 ECTs)
	<i>Geog 212 – Irish Society, Space and Inequality</i> ○ Lead: AB ○ 2 units (5 ECTs)	<i>Geog 210 – Research Methods*</i> ○ (Optional – see below) ○ Taught by Human Development ○ 2 units (5 ECTs)

Further information on these modules is available on the departmental website, at

<http://www.spd.dcu.ie/main/academic/geography/index.shtml>.



*** I am a BA. Do I have to do Geog 210?**

Not necessarily. Geog 210 is a course offered by the Human Development department to all second year HD students (therefore, if you are doing HD, you will be studying it anyway).

If you are NOT doing HD, but intend to do a dissertation in Third Year Geography, you should take Geog 210 (as it will help with your dissertation work). You then drop Geog 212. You will decide this at the beginning of the second semester. You will not be allowed to take the Dissertation option in 3rd year unless you have taken HD 206/Geog 210 and Geog 203.

Where and when are the lectures held?

All lectures take place in D211. Locations for the practical module Geog 203 will be notified in January. Lecture slots for second year geography are:

- Mondays @ 11.10;
- Tuesdays @ 10;
- Wednesdays @ 1.05 and 2 (double slot)
- Fridays @ 9 and 10 (double slot)

Are there tutorials in second year?

Yes. You will be split into groups in the first few weeks of term, and you will be told during lectures (and on the departmental noticeboard) when your tutorials begin. Tutorials will have tasks linked to them. These tasks will require you to do some work, which you will submit to the module lecturer. The marks allocated to these tasks will go towards your overall mark in that particular module.

What about fieldwork?

As part of Geog 214, all students MUST participate in a day of fieldwork. This will take place on a Saturday in March. You will be informed about this at the beginning of Geog 214, and will be expected to carry out work associated with the trip. There is a cost associated with this fieldtrip, and this will also be detailed in January.

Do I have much continuously assessed work in second year?

Each module has a continuous assessment element associated with it (generally this will be associated with tutorials), ranging from 25% to 100% of the marks for the course. You will be informed about this in lectures.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT

Continuous assessment forms an important part of the Geography course. All students are strongly advised to complete all continuous assessment and practical components fully and on time. Please note that there are NO REPEAT EXAMINATIONS available for elements assessed through continuous assessment, so marks are carried forward from summer.

Where do I find out more?

The Geography notice boards are located on the corridor outside D111. You are strongly encouraged to check these at least once a week. The departmental website also contains a lot of information on the department and on courses - <http://www.spd.dcu.ie/main/academic/geography/index.shtml>.

All modules also have an associated Moodle page. You will be given information about this page in lectures. It is essential for you to log onto this page and engage with the modules through this medium.

Geography department one-sheet policy

Beginning in academic year 2010 – 2011, the department implemented a one-sheet policy in terms of handouts for First Year. This initiative is now being rolled out to other years as we endeavour to become a greener department and college. In the same way that this student guide is on one sheet of paper, all other handouts you get in lectures (and the electronic Moodle versions) may also occupy one A4 sheet of paper. This will enable you to have a copy of key points; diagrams etc, as well as develop the skills of synopsis and note-taking, which are important for university. At the same time, we are doing one more thing for the environment.