



Third year, 2011 – 2012 Student Guide

Welcome back to College and to Geography! This document is designed to be a reference document for the year. 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 Third Year is Dr Almar Barry. Should any issues arise during your third year in Geography (either individually or collectively) please ensure that you make contact with Dr Barry as soon as possible.

What will I be studying?

During Third Year Geography you will take the following modules:

	BA and BEd	BA Only
Semester 1	<i>Geog 309 – Historical Geography</i> ○ Lead: JC ○ 2 units (5 ECTs)	<i>Geog 311 – Dissertation</i> ○ (Optional) ○ Lead: Team 2 units (5 ECTs)
	<i>Geog 306 – Slums and suburbs</i> ○ Lead: RMcM ○ 2 units (5 ECTs)	
	<i>Geog 303 – Mediterranean, Middle-East and North Africa</i> ○ Lead: GOR ○ 2 units (5 ECTs)	
Semester 2	<i>Geog 314 – Children's Geographies</i> ○ Lead: TBC ○ 2 units (5 ECTs)	<i>Geog 310 – Environmental Geography</i> ○ Lead: TBC ○ 2 units (5 ECTs)
	BEd Only	<i>Geog 305 – Contemporary Geographical Issues</i> ○ Lead: TBC ○ 2 units (5 ECTs)
	<i>Geog 313 – Skills for exploring the environment</i> ○ Lead: AB ○ 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 doing a Geography dissertation. Do I take all other courses?

If you are doing Geog 311 (Dissertation), you will have to drop one other course of your choice. This is generally one of the second semester courses. You will need to inform the year co-ordinator of this decision by the end of October.

Where and when are the lectures held?

All lectures take place in D210. Locations for Geog 313 and Geog 310 will be notified in January. Slots are as follows:

Monday @ 3,
Tuesday @ 4.10,
Wednesday @ 4.10,
Thursday @ 10,
Friday @ 11.10 and 12.10 (double slot).

Are there tutorials in third year?

Yes. You will be split into groups in the first few weeks of term, and you will be told during lectures 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?

There is no specific fieldwork module in third year. However, as part of Geog 310, BA students generally carry out fieldwork both in their home area and in Dublin. Geog 313 also has a fieldwork element for BEd students. Other modules may have fieldwork built in as part of the continuous assessment tasks.

Do I have to do an essay in third year?

Not necessarily. However, each module does have a continuous assessment element associated with it (generally this will be associated with tutorials). You will be informed about these 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 a 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

Since academic year 2010 – 2011, the department has implemented a one-sheet policy in terms of handouts, 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.