



*Geography 342  
Geography of Wisconsin  
Semester II, 1998 - 1999*

Lecture-01 TR 2:25 - 3:40 pm  
Room 201

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Wisconsin, the place and its people evoke numerous images: the home of the Packers, America's Dairyland and part of the American agricultural, industrial and cultural heartland. It is a state of farms, forests, lakes, "Up North", factories, the Milwaukee urban area, magnificent autumns and perhaps not so magnificent winters. It has a rich and diverse cultural heritage, beer 'n brats, cheese, ethnic festivals, the Friday fish fry, deer hunting "Up North", fishing for "the big one", bubblers, the corner tavern and families. For some, Wisconsin is all this and more; for others it has quite different meanings. In this course we will look at a number of aspects of Wisconsin's physical and human landscapes, both past and present, and at the interactions between the two landscapes that shape the state and its people. As an integral part of the course we will also focus on developing, enhancing and evaluating a number of academic proficiencies that are vital to this course and your educational development. Among these proficiencies are the ability to:

- A. analyze, synthesize, evaluate and interpret information and ideas,
- B. interpret graphs, tables, diagrams, maps, photos and images and
- C. read and listen with comprehension and critical perception.

**Office Hours:**

TR 9:30 - 10:30 & 12:30 - 1:30 or by appointment

**Text:**

There is no assigned text for the course. However, readings will be put on reserve in the library or made available as handouts from a variety of sources and you will be responsible for them. A reading list (or several reading lists) will be provided. Videos may be an integral part of the course and you will also be responsible for the material presented.

**Attendance:**

Regular attendance in Geography 342 is strongly encouraged and expected. Formal attendance will be taken regularly and frequent absences will be noted. A significant part of the exams will be taken from the lecture material. It is important that you complete the assigned readings in a timely fashion and they will be the source of exam material. If you miss a class it is your responsibility to get any notes and see me about any work missed. I do not make my notes available if material is missed, but I will work with you. It is especially important that you make every effort to take the exams at their scheduled times. Make up exams may be given for valid reasons, but the residual effects of last night's party or a warm day in the depths of a Wisconsin winter are **not** valid excuses. If you miss an exam it is your responsibility to see me and if a make up is acceptable, it must be taken no later than one week after the regularly scheduled exam.

**Exams/Exercises:**

There will be three exams (including the final). The approximate dates are noted on the course outline. The format will be discussed prior to the exam. In addition there will be a number of exercises that will be done primarily in class.

**Course Grade:**

The course grade will be determined approximately as follows:

Exam # 1: 30%	Exercises: 10%
Exam # 2: 30 %	Final Exam: 30 %

**Grade Scale:**

The course grade will be determined based on the following scale:

A : 100 - 96%	B+: 91 - 89%	C+: 81 - 79 %	D+: 71 - 69%
A-: 95 - 92%	B : 88 - 85 %	C : 78 - 75%	D : 68 - 62%
	B-: 84 - 82%	C-: 74 - 72%	F: 61 % and under

**Course Concerns and Problems:**

If you have any problems with any aspect of the course, or if you have any questions or comments it will be in your best interest to see me as soon as they arise so they can be dealt with effectively. If you have a certified disability that may require special consideration, please see me early in the semester so that an appropriate response to your needs can be developed.

**Academic Misconduct:**

Cheating, other forms of academic misconduct or unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated and will be dealt with in accordance with UW System rules. Explanation of University policy on academic misconduct is found in UWS 14.03 which was made available at student orientation and can also be found in the campus library.

**Tentative Course Outline**

<u>Week</u>	<u>Lecture Topics</u>
1 (1/19, 21)	Intro. to Wisconsin/Concepts
2 (1/26, 28)	Physical & Cultural Landscapes Weather & Climate
3 (2/02, 04)	Weather & Climate/Landforms
4 (2/09, 11)	Landforms
5 (2/16, 18)	Biogeography/Review/Exam #1
6 (2/23, 25)	Natural Resources/Native American Landscapes
7(3/02, 04)	Native American Landscapes/Early European Contact
8 (3/09, 11)	Early European Settlement/"Modern Settlement Patterns
<b>3/15 - 19</b>	<b>Spring Break - Enjoy Florida (or Wisconsin)!!</b>
9 (3/23, 25)	"Modern" Settlement Patterns/Overview of the Economic Geography/Review
10 (3/30, 4/01)	Exam #2/"Up North"
11 (4/06, 08)	"Up North"
12 (4/13, 15)	Central Wisconsin
13 (4/20, 22)	Central Wisconsin/Southern Wisconsin
14 (4/27, 29)	Southern Wisconsin
15(5/04, 06)	Urban Wisconsin/Conclusion
<b>Thursday, 5/13, 1999</b>	<b>Final Exam from 1:00 - 3:00 pm</b>

