

Introduction to Physical Geography – Lab

GARP 0102-01A	CRN 10715	Monday	10:25 to 12:05, Bates 05
GARP 0102-01B	CRN 10716	Wednesday	10:25 to 12:05, Bates 05
GARP 0102-01C	CRN 10717	Friday	10:25 to 12:05, Bates 05

Our Physical Geography Lab expands your knowledge and appreciation of Physical Geography – here you can put your knowledge to use and experience the natural world around us. Some of our activities reach out into new directions and explore topics not covered elsewhere in the course. We will also spend time, as needed, to review material, answer questions, and discuss geography-related items.

- There is no lab manual. Instead, the projects and activities are distributed at the start of each lab period.
- All lab projects and activities should be completed during the respective lab session (unless stated otherwise).
- I encourage you to work with a partner. However, you are each responsible for your own work.
- Attendance is mandatory. Missing lab leaves a huge gap in your learning process. No make-up labs.
- Please bring each week: notebook, textbook, 3-ring binder, calculator, pencils, etc.



Some Details

- No lab in Week 1, 12, and 15.
- Lab #1 and #6 are outdoor labs. We will explore the physical geography in the immediate vicinity of campus and Stanley Park. Please dress appropriately for about 1.5 hours of easy trail hiking: NO flip flops, sandals, dress shoes, etc. – you will not be allowed to participate in the outdoor labs!
- Our All-Day Field Trip on 10/14/2011 counts as the Lab #5 (i.e. there are no additional lab meetings in Week 6).
- We have one At-Home Lab scheduled this semester (Lab #2). We will not meet for lab that week. Instead, you get to work on the lab project on your schedule.
- We have a project lab that you will work on over the course of the semester. Detailed information will be provided.
- It is possible to ‘switch’ lab days in a given week to account for unavoidable situations.

➔ *Please consult with me in advance if you have any concerns about participating in our outdoor labs – we can create an alternative lab project if necessary.*

➔ *Adjustments to this schedule and lab projects may be required to account for unforeseeable or unavoidable situations during the semester, for example inclement weather during our outdoor labs.*

Lab Grading

Each lab project is graded. The mean of your lab projects is your lab grade and contributes 25 percent to your final course grade (see lecture syllabus for more grading details).

GARP 0102 Physical Geography Lab Schedule (Fall 2011)

Week	Lab	Dates	Theme(s)
Week 1		9/7, 9/9	No Lab
Week 2	Lab #1	9/12, 9/14, 9/16	Outdoor Lab: Cool places around campus!
Week 3	Lab #2	9/19, 9/21, 9/23	At-Home Lab: Your Ecological Footprint
Week 4	Lab #3	Monday, 9/26 Wednesday, 9/28 Friday, 9/30	New England Geography: The Flow of Time Semester Project Part 1: Library Research Semester Project Part 1: Library Research
Week 5	Lab #4	Monday, 10/3 Wednesday, 10/5 Friday, 10/7	Semester Project Part 1: Library Research New England Geography: The Flow of Time New England Geography: The Flow of Time
Week 6	Lab #5	10/10, 10/12, 10/14	No Lab (field trip on 10/14 counts as a lab)
Week 7	Lab #6	10/17, 10/19, 10/21	Streamflow in Stanley Park (Part 1)
Week 8	Lab #7	10/24, 10/26, 10/28	Streamflow in Stanley Park (Part 2)
Week 9	Lab #8	10/31, 11/2, 11/4	Climate Change and the Greenhouse Effect
Week 10	Lab #9	11/7, 11/9, 11/11	Semester Project Part 2: Revise/Review/Improve
Week 11	Lab #10	11/14, 11/16, 11/18	Semester Project Part 3: Revise/Review/Improve
Week 12		11/21, 11/23	No Lab (Thanksgiving Recess)
Week 13	Lab #11	11/28, 11/30, 12/2	Hurricane Katrina: Pressure and Wind
Week 14	Lab #12	12/5, 12/7, 12/9	Weather Forecasting!
Week 15		12/12	No Lab



***If you feel that you are not progressing as well as you hoped, please feel free to talk to me.
The sooner the better! Please do not wait until the end of the semester.***