

## Introduction to Physical Geography – Lab

GARP 0102-01A	CRN 10183	Monday	10:25 to 12:05, Bates 05
GARP 0102-01B	CRN 10184	Wednesday	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 and Week 12.
- Lab #1, #6, and #8 are planned as outdoor labs to explore the physical geography around campus and Stanley Park. 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 10/03/2012 counts as the Lab #4 (i.e. there are no additional lab meetings in Week 5).
- We have one At-Home Lab scheduled this semester (Lab #10). We will not meet for lab that week. Instead, you get to work on the lab project on your schedule.
- We have a Semester Writing Project 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 30 percent to your final course grade (see lecture syllabus for more grading details).

**GARP 0102 Physical Geography Lab Schedule (Fall 2012)**

Week	Lab	Dates	Theme(s)
Week 1		9/5	No Lab
Week 2	Lab #1	9/10, 9/12	Outdoor Lab: Cool places around campus!
Week 3	Lab #2	9/17, 9/19	Library Research Lab
Week 4	Lab #3	9/24, 9/26	The Flow of Time: New England Geography
Week 5	Lab #4	10/1, 10/3	<i>No Lab (field trip on 10/3 counts as a Lab #4)</i>
Week 6	Lab #5	10/9, 10/10	Semester Writing Project, Part 1
Week 7	Lab #6	10/15, 10/17	Streamflow in Stanley Park, Part 1
Week 8	Lab #7	10/22, 10/24	Streamflow in Stanley Park, Part 2
Week 9	Lab #8	10/29, 10/31	Topographic Maps, Google Earth, and GPS
Week 10	Lab #9	11/5, 11/7	Semester Writing Project, Part 2
Week 11	Lab #10	11/12, 11/14	At-Home Lab: Your Ecological Footprint
Week 12		11/19, 11/21	<i>No Lab (Thanksgiving Break)</i>
Week 13	Lab #11	11/26, 11/28	Hurricane Katrina: Pressure and Wind
Week 14	Lab #12	12/3, 12/5	Moisture and Precipitation
Week 15	Lab #13	12/10, 12/12	Weather Forecasting!



***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.***