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Biogeography: An Ecological and Evolutionary
Approach (8th edition). 2010. C. Barry Cox & Peter D. Moore.

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Biogeography is the study of the geographic distribution of species, and biodiversity is the study of species richness and relative species abundance. Through lectures and labs, this course explores the origin, maintenance, and loss of biodiversity, from a biogeographic perspective. The course aims to provide students with a broader understanding of what constitutes biodiversity, how it has come to be, and what geographic factors help explain and drive the patterns observed today.

The course begin by examining the state of the world's biodiversity, and covers topics that include i) the major biomes of the world (marine and terrestrial), ii)

Lab Report 1	Oct. 6	20%
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Midterm exam	Oct. 17	20%
Lab Summary 2	Oct. 27	2%
Lab Summary 3	Nov. 3	2%
Lab Summary 4	Nov. 10	2%
Lab Report 2 and presentation	Dec. 1	17%
Final exam	TBD	35%

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Sept. 8

Assessing local diversity Part 1:
field work & sampling

Coursework must be word-processed, 1.5-spaced, 12-point font size. Assignments must include a list of all references cited in the text, using the APA citation style. There is for any written assignments.

All assignments must be handed in on the specified due date.

Late assignments must be placed in the dropbox on the 2nd floor of Environmental Science Building. Any work submitted after 4:30 PM will be counted as received on the following business day (including weekends).

Work submitted late will be accepted with a after the due date. Extensions after the due date will not be granted, unless supported by a verifiable medical certificate is provided (see: <http://www.illnessverification.utoronto.ca/>)

Plagiarism is a serious academic offence. Please read the faculty's guidelines on plagiarism. Do not hesitate to consult with your instructor or TA about strategies that you can use to avoid being accused of plagiarism.

The course instructor will send out important course information by email. Therefore all students are required to have a valid UTSC email address. You are also responsible for ensuring that your UTSC email address is set up and properly entered in the ROSI system.

That said, I am happy to meet with you and encourage you to set up time before or after the lecture on Tuesdays. I am certainly open to discussing lecture material, the nature of the exams, academic programs at UoT, graduate school, and/or career interests.

You may also email me questions about course material. I will make an effort to respond to you within 24 hours during weekdays. My responses will take longer during weekends because I remain offline.

EESC04 uses Blackboard as its course website. To access the EESC04 website go to the U of T portal login page at <http://portal.utoronto.ca>, and log in using your UTORid and password. Once you have logged in to the portal, look for your course modules where you'll find the

This is a small class. I remind you that cell phones and other communication devices must be turned off or in silent mode. A 10-minute break in the middle of lecture sessions will be provided. Taking photos, audio and/or video recordings are not allowed unless permission from the instructor is granted.

Students with diverse learning styles and needs are welcome in this course. In particular, if you have a disability/health consideration that may require accommodation, please feel free to approach me and/or Accessibility Services Office as soon as possible. I will work with you and Accessibility Services to ensure you can achieve your learning goals in this course. Enquiries are confidential. The UTSC Accessibility Services staff (located in S302) is available by appointment to assess specific needs, provide referrals and arrange appropriate accommodations [416-287-7560 or ability@utsc.utoronto.ca]

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