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Office Hours/Policy on Answering Student Emails:
Office Hours: by appointment
Email Policy: Student emails will be answered within 24 hours of receipt during the week and within 72 hours over the weekend

Time and Location:
Thursdays
L01 11:00-13:45 Zoom meeting room
B01 14:00-14:50 Zoom meeting room

This online course will be synchronous with weekly meetings on Zoom with some asynchronous work such as pre-recorded webinar attendance.

To best succeed in the course, students are encouraged to participate in the asynchronous learning tasks using the D2L learning environment and synchronous Zoom sessions. When unable to participate live due to the time difference or unforeseen circumstances, inform the instructor in advance and propose and implement an alternative participation activity (e.g., watch the recordings, submit a brief reflection, and actively contribute to the follow-up online discussion).

Prerequisite/Co-Requisite:
48 units (8 full course equivalents).

Course Description:
A study of management, practice and leadership issues for professionals working in community development and interdisciplinary teams, as well as in private, non-profit and public community-based organizations and businesses. Partnerships and community action are examined as components of rehabilitation practice.
Overarching Theme

This is a synchronous online course. This course will use a variety of approaches to examine community development theories and practice including community-based group work, analysis, research, in-class presentations and meaningful in-class discussions. This course, in line with Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies principles, provides a foundation academic and professional inquiry aimed at interrogation of understandings and experiences of community and community development. The course relies on in-class participation and group work.

Global Objectives

Course participants will explore and actively engage in the knowledge and skills enabling them to initiate and participate in community development projects and understand their role as rehabilitation practitioners in community development. Key concepts covered will include community building, social capital, asset building (versus needs assessment), partnership, empowerment, inclusion, community capacity, leadership, social determinants of health, and community sustainability. Course participants will meaningfully explore community development constructs from an individual, professional, and systems perspectives. For the purpose of this course, a broad definition of community will be embraced which will include place-based communities as well as interest-based communities, and other communities of circumstance with an emphasis on grass-roots community development. Course objectives will draw from local, national and international community development initiatives. Learning opportunities will utilize a community development textbook and other related readings, discussions, analysis of theories, participatory in-class activities, assignments, and reflection

Course Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

• Demonstrate knowledge of the principles and theories of community development.
• Demonstrate ability to constructively reflect on individual / professional engagement with communities.
• Demonstrate strategies for individual community capacity building, and community mobilization
• Engage actively in a community development project and demonstrates an ability to analyze it through the lens of community development.
• Demonstrate an ability to work in a team environment
• Demonstrate an ability to present research and project outcomes to an audience.
Learning Resources

Required Textbooks

Brown & Hannis (2011). Community Development in Canada (2nd ed). Toronto, Pearson.2. Additional required weekly readings will be posted on D2L or given out in class.

A Note regarding readings

A list of required readings will be outlined on D2L and links and documents will be made available, where possible. Required readings have been chosen carefully to inform you and enhance the lecture material. **Students are REQUIRED to complete assigned readings BEFORE each lecture.** Instructors will proceed in class on the assumption that students have read completely the assigned readings. Students should be aware that many of the readings they will be assigned may be of an unfamiliar nature and style. **Students should allot sufficient time to allow for several reads of the assigned material.**

Learning Technology Requirements

Brightspace (by D2L) is located on the University of Calgary server and will be used extensively for communication with students. **It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that they receive all posted communications and documents and that they receive emails sent by instructors or fellow students through D2L.** Only your @ucalgary.ca email address may be linked to D2L. Please ensure that you are regularly checking your @ucalgary.ca account.

In order to successfully engage in this course you are required to have reliable access to the following technology:

- A computer with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security and malware updates;
- A current and updated web browser;
- Webcam (built-in or external);
- Microphone and speaker (built-in or external), or headset with microphone;
- Current antivirus and/or firewall software enabled;
- Broadband internet connection

Most current laptops will have a built-in webcam, speaker and microphone. A laptop, desktop, tablet or mobile device is required for D2L access. If you need help accessing or using D2L, please visit the Desire2Learn resource page for students: http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/d2l-student/.

Evaluation

The University policy on grading and related matters is described in section F of the 2020-2021 Calendar.
In determining the overall grade in the course, the following weights will be used:

**Core readings group presentation: Value: 15%**

Student groups (TBD) will facilitate one discussion related to core weekly required readings. The duration of these presentations will be approximately 30-45 minutes. Presentations will run weekly from September 24th – November 5th.

**Weekly quizzes: Value 20%**

Weekly quizzes will be available at the beginning of each class on D2L starting on September 17th. The quizzes will be based on the required readings for that week. The quiz will be available for 30 minutes (11:00am-11:30am MT). Make-up quizzes will not be available.

**Community Investigation/Presentation Total Value 35%**

- In groups of 4 to 5 students (TBD), students will find, investigate and analyze a community development project and the processes used by the community to generate solutions and take collective action to solving problems using community development principles. Communities, processes, criteria and projects will be discussed within the first month of class.

- Group Presentation (15%) Dates: November 26th and December 3rd, 2020
  Student groups will present on their community investigation. The presentation should offer a dynamic and sophisticated analysis of the community, collective action and processes based on your knowledge of community development principles. The duration of these presentations will be 35 minutes.

- Research Paper (20%) Due: November 26th, 2020. Students will write a brief (5-6 pages) INDIVIDUAL research paper relating their learning of community development principles and how their community investigation experience relates to community rehabilitation practice.

**Final Exam-Value 30%**

Students will complete a final exam. The exam will be scheduled by the Registrar in the final exam period. The quiz will cover critical content areas covered through the class readings / discussions / lectures.

The details of each assignment and a rubric for each assignment will be posted on D2L.
A Note regarding Writing Assignments:
Writing skills are important to academic study in all disciplines. In keeping with the University of Calgary’s emphasis on the importance of academic writing in student assignments (section E.2 of 2020-21 Calendar), writing is emphasized, and the grading thereof in determining a student’s mark in this course. The Bachelor of Community Rehabilitation values excellence in writing. Competence in writing entails skills in crafting logical, clear, coherent, non-redundant sentences, paragraphs and broader arguments, as well as skills with the mechanics of writing (grammar, spelling, punctuation). The University of Calgary offers a number of instructional services through the Students’ Success Centre’s Writing Support Services (http://www.ucalgary.ca/writingsupport/) for students seeking feedback on assignments or seeking to improve their general writing skills. Students are strongly encouraged to take advantage of these programs.

Grading Scheme:

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Missed Components of Term Work:

Late assignments will receive a late penalty of 5% per day and will not be accepted after 72 and will automatically receive a mark of zero. Students who miss a quiz will receive a mark of zero. There will be NO exceptions to this policy.

Extensions will NOT be granted on any assignment or quizzes. The only exceptions to this are those in keeping with the University Calendar (debilitating illness, religious conviction, or severe domestic affliction) that are received in writing and with supporting documentation. Please note that while absences are permitted for religious reasons, students are responsible for providing advance (14-day) notice and adhering to other guidelines on this matter, as outlined in the University Calendar (https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-4.html).
Guidelines for Zoom Sessions

Zoom is a video conferencing program that will allow us to meet at specific times for a ‘live’ video conference, so that we can have the opportunity to meet each other virtually and discuss relevant course topics as a learning community.

To help ensure Zoom sessions are private, do not share the Zoom link or password with others, or on any social media platforms. Zoom links and passwords are only intended for students registered in the course. Zoom recordings and materials presented in Zoom, including any teaching materials, must not be shared, distributed or published without the instructor’s permission.

The use of video conferencing programs relies on participants to act ethically, honestly and with integrity; and in accordance with the principles of fairness, good faith, and respect (as the Code of Conduct). When entering Zoom or other video conferencing sessions, you play a role in helping create an effective, safe and respectful learning environment. Please be mindful of how your behaviour in these sessions may affect others. Participants are required to use names officially associated with their UCID (legal or preferred names listed in the Student Centre) when engaging in these activities. Instructors/moderators can remove those whose names do not appear on class rosters. Non-compliance may be investigated under relevant University of Calgary conduct policies. If participants have difficulties complying with this requirement, they should email the instructor of the class explaining why, so the instructor may consider whether to grant an exception, and on what terms. For more information on how to get the most out of your zoom sessions visit: https://elearn.ucalgary.ca/guidelines-for-zoom/.

If you are unable to attend a Zoom session, please contact your instructor to arrange an alternative activity. Please be prepared, as best as you are able, to join class in a quiet space that will allow you to be fully present and engaged in Zoom sessions. Students will be advised by their instructor when they are expected to turn on their webcam (such as for group work, presentations, etc).

The instructor may record online Zoom class sessions for the purposes of supporting student learning in this class – such as making the recording available for review of the session or for students who miss a session. Students will be advised before the instructor initiates a recording of a Zoom session. These recordings will be used to support student learning only.

Attendance

While there is no specific grade for attendance, a student’s mark on any component of the inclass research project will include a component of participation in class and in group work. See more detail son each assignment’s rubric on D2L.

Students are expected to take notes during class and should not rely solely on material supplied by the instructors.
Conduct During Lectures/Seminars
The classroom should be respected as a safe place to share ideas without judgement - a community in which we can all learn from one another. Students are expected to frame their comments and questions to lecturers in respectful and appropriate language, always maintaining sensitivity towards the topic. Students, employees, and academic staff are also expected to demonstrate behaviour in class that promotes and maintains a positive and productive learning environment.

As members of the University community, students, employees and academic staff are expected to demonstrate conduct that is consistent with the University of Calgary Calendar, the Code of Conduct and Non-Academic Misconduct policy and procedures, which can be found at https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/forms/title.

Electronic Devices
The Bachelor of Community Rehabilitation program aims to create a supportive and respectful learning environment for all students. The use of laptop and mobile devices is acceptable when used in a manner appropriate to the course and classroom activities. However, research studies have found that inappropriate/off-topic use of electronic devices in the classroom negatively affects the other students in class.

Students are responsible for being aware of the University’s Internet and email use policy, which can be found at https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/electronic-communications-policy.pdf.

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY POLICIES AND SUPPORTS

Copyright
All students are required to reach the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright (https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/acceptable-use-of-material-protected-by-copyright-policy.pdf) and requirements of the Copyright Act (https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html) to ensure they are aware of the consequences of unauthorized sharing of course materials (including instructor notes, electronic versions of textbooks, etc.). Students who use material protected by copyright in violation of this policy may be disciplined under the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html.

Instructor Intellectual Property
Course materials created by instructors (including course outlines, presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the instructor. These materials may NOT be reproduced, redistributed or copied without the explicit consent of the professor. The posting of course materials to third party websites such as note-sharing sites without permission is prohibited. Sharing of extracts of these course
materials with other students enrolled in the course **at the same time** may be allowed under fair dealing.

**Academic Accommodations**

It is the student’s responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The Student Accommodations policy is available at [https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/access/prospective-students/academic-accommodations](https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/access/prospective-students/academic-accommodations). Students needing an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities ([https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/procedure-for-accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities.pdf](https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/procedure-for-accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities.pdf)). Students who require an accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their instructor.

SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodations to instructors. For additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit [www.ucalgary.ca/access/](http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/).

**Academic Misconduct**

The University of Calgary is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity and honesty. The University of Calgary has created rules to govern all its members regarding the creation of knowledge and the demonstration of knowledge having been learned.

Academic Misconduct refers to student behaviour that compromises proper assessment of a student’s academic activities and includes (but is not limited to): cheating, fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, unauthorized assistance, failure to comply with an instructor’s expectations regarding conduct required of students completing academic assessments in their courses, and failure to comply with exam regulations applied by the Registrar.

For information of the Student Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedures, please visit;  

Additional information is available on the Academic Integrity website at: [https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity](https://ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success/learning/academic-integrity).

**Recording of Lectures**

Audio or video recording of lectures is prohibited except where explicit permission has been received from the instructor.
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Student information will be collected in accordance with typical (or usual) classroom practice. Students’ assignments will be accessible only by the authorized course faculty. Private information related to the individual student is treated with the utmost regard by the faculty at the University of Calgary.

Appeals
If there is a concern with the course, academic matter or a grade, first communicate with the instructor. If these concerns cannot be resolved, students can proceed with an academic appeal, as per Section I of the University Calendar. Students must follow the official reappraisal/appeal process and may contact the Student Ombuds’ Office (http://www.ucalgary.ca/ombuds) for assistance with this and with any other academic concerns, including academic and non-academic misconduct. Students should be aware that concerns about graded term work may only be initiated within 10 business days of first being notified of the grade. https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/i-2.html

MEDIA RECORDING
Please refer to the following statement on media recording of students: https://elearn.ucalgary.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Media-Recording-in-Learning-Environments-OSP_FINAL.pdf

Media recording for lesson capture
The instructor will use media recordings to capture the delivery of a lecture. These recordings are intended to be used for lecture capture only and will not be used for any other purpose. Although the recording device will be fixed on the Instructor, in the event that incidental student participation is recorded, the instructor will ensure that any identifiable content (video or audio) is masked, or will seek consent to include the identifiable student content to making the content available on University approved platforms.

Media recording for self-assessment of teaching practices
The instructor may use media recordings as a tool for self-assessment of their teaching practices. Although the recording device will be fixed on the instructor, it is possible that student participation in the course may be inadvertently captured. These recordings will be used for instructor self-assessment only and will not be used for any other purpose.

Sexual Violence Policy
The University recognizes that all members of the University Community should be able to learn, work, teach and live in an environment where they are free from harassment, discrimination, and violence. The University of Calgary’s sexual violence policy guides us in how we respond to incidents of sexual violence, including supports available to those who have experienced or witnessed sexual violence, or those who are alleged to have committed sexual violence. It provides clear response procedures and timelines, defines complex concepts, and
addresses incidents that occur off-campus in certain circumstances. Please see the policy available at https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/sexual-violence-policy.pdf

**Resources for Support of Student Learning, Success, Safety and Wellness**

- Student Success Centre: http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/
- Student Wellness Centre: http://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/
- Distress Centre: http://www.distresscentre.com/
- Library Resources: http://library.ucalgary.ca

**Wellness and Mental Health Resources**
The University of Calgary recognizes the pivotal role that student mental health plays in physical health, social connectedness and academic success, and aspires to create a caring and supportive campus community where individuals can freely talk about mental health and receive supports when needed. We encourage you to explore the excellent mental health resources available throughout the university community, such as counselling, self-help resources, peer support or skills-building available through the SU Wellness Centre (Room 370 MacEwan Student Centre, https://www.ucalgary.ca/wellnesscentre/services/mental-healthservices) and the Campus Mental Health Strategy (http://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/).

**Student Ombuds’ Office**
The Student Ombuds’ Office supports and provides a safe, neutral space for students. For more information, please visit www.ucalgary.ca/ombuds/ or email ombuds@ucalgary.ca

**Student Union (SU) Information**
The SU Vice-President Academic can be reached at (403) 220-3911 or suvpaca@ucalgary.ca; the SU representatives for the Cumming School of Medicine can be reached at medrep1@su.ucalgary.ca or medrep2@su.ucalgary.ca.

**Student Success Centre:** The Student Success Centre provides services and programs to ensure students can make the most of their time at the University of Calgary. Our advisors, learning support staff, and writing support staff assist students in enhancing their skills and achieving their academic goals. They provide tailored learning support and advising programs, as well as one-on-one services, free of charge to all undergraduate and graduate students. For more information visit: https://www.ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success

**Emergency Evacuation/Assembly Points**
As part of the University of Calgary Emergency Evacuation plan, students, faculty, and staff should locate the closest Assembly Point in case of Fire Alarm. Safety signage is posted throughout the campus showing the locations and the possible route to these locations. All students, faculty, and staff are expected to promptly make their way to the nearest Assembly Point if the Fire Alarm is activated. No one is to return into campus facilities until an all clear is
given to the warden in charge of the Assembly Area. For more information, see
http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/node/55
https://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/building-evacuation/assembly-points

Safewalk
Campus security will escort individuals, day or night, anywhere on campus (including McMahon Stadium, Health Sciences Centre, Student Family Housing, the Alberta Children's Hospital and the University LRT station). Call 403-220-5333 or visit
http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk. Use any campus phone, emergency phone or the yellow phone located at most parking lot pay booths. Please ensure your personal safety by taking advantage of this service.
Class Schedule

The following is a list of topics for class, associated readings, and assignment due dates. Please note that unforeseen circumstances may cause changes to the schedule with respect to the timing of topics and readings and most especially with the availability of guest speakers. Students will be notified of all changes in a timely manner by way of email and D2L announcements.

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<td>Social Determinants of Health, Skill Development, Case Studies</td>
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<td>Participatory Action Research and Principles to Guide Action</td>
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<td>Leadership, Indigenous and International community development</td>
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Community Development Investigation paper due
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