

# NGEOG. 101: FUNDAMENTALS OF GEOGRAPHY

## Objective:

To expose students with the founding principles of Geography and geographical knowledge

## Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the fundamentals of Geography
2. Comprehend the key concepts of earth's evolution as a part of universe, and its major spheres.
3. Have knowledge of basic concepts and principles underlying Geographical events
4. Know various terms employed in understanding of different geographical processes and functions

## Course outline:

- Nature and Scope
  - Definitions, scope and branches of Geography
  - Roots of the discipline and basic geographic concepts
  - Themes and traditions of Geography
  - Tools of Geography
- The Universe
  - Galaxies and solar system
- The Earth as a planet
  - Celestial positions, its shape and size
  - Rotation, revolution and related phenomena
- Spheres of the earth
  - Lithosphere
  - Atmosphere
  - Hydrosphere
  - Biosphere
- Man-environment interaction
  - Population
  - Major Economic activities
  - Settlements
  - Pollution

## Lab. work:

Comprehension of atlases, map reading skills, location of places, features and relevant work related to topics of the theoretical section.

## Books Recommended:

- Arbogast, A. F. (2017). *Discovering Physical Geography, Fourth Edition*: John Wiley & Sons, Incorporated.
- Dahlman, C. H., Renwick, W. H., & Bergman, E. (2015). *Introduction to Geography: People, Places & Environment, Global Edition*: Pearson Education Limited.
- Dunbar, G. S. (2016). *Modern Geography: An Encyclopaedic Survey*: Taylor & Francis.

- Knox, P. L., & Marston, S. A. (2015). *Human Geography: Places and Regions in Global Context*: Pearson.
- Mayhew, S. (2015). *A Dictionary of Geography*: Oxford University Press.
- Nagle, G., & Cooke, B. (2017). *Ib Geography Course Book 2nd Edition: Oxford Ib Diploma Programme*: Oxford University Press.
- Petersen, J., Sack, D., & Gabler, R. E. (2014). *Fundamentals of Physical Geography*: Cengage Learning.
- Roy, A., & Trudgill, S. (2014). *Contemporary Meanings in Physical Geography: From What to Why?* : Taylor & Francis.
- Rubenstein, J. M. (2015). *Contemporary Human Geography*: Pearson Education.

Assessment			
Sr. No.	Elements	Weightage	Details
1.	Midterm Assessment	35%	Written Assessment at the mid-point of the semester.
2.	Formative Assessment	25%	Continuous assessment includes Classroom participation, assignments, presentations, viva voce, attitude and behavior, hands-on-activities, short tests, projects, practical, reflections, readings, quizzes etc.
3.	Final Assessment	40%	Written Examination at the end of the semester. It is mostly in the form of a test, but owing to the nature of the course the teacher may assess their students based on term paper, research proposal development, field work and report writing etc.