The course covers all aspects of Montana and emphasizes a blending of time and space – wide ranging subjects such as Montana’s indigenous people, politics, the economy, wildlife, research on climate change, mineral and oil and gas exploration, environmental concerns and education challenges are included. The state is then divided into seven physiographic regions where the geography and history are of each are taught – issues such out or in migration, the economy and cultural groups are also part of the regional discussions. Transition economies such as in former timber industry communities are reviewed with ensuing cultural changes that brings.
Course includes the study of indigenous peoples of Montana – multigenerational agricultural families and relationships to a changing landscape and culture in Montana – education and economic issues are also covered — the UM culture in Missoula is studied - we do all of the above through lectures by the professor, outside speakers and readings

We do this through class discussions within the lectures - students describe their thoughts on issues such as amenity migration, zoning/planning and attitude changes as population grows and the cost of living in Montana increases

VIII. Syllabus

THIS IS MY WORKING SYLLABUS FOR HANDOUT – I DO A MORE DETAILED ONE ALMOST WEEKLY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD AND ALSO DISCUSS IT IN CLASS – THINGS COME UP IN THE NEWSPAPERS AND THROUGH HEADWATERS NEWS THAT WE ADDRESS IF THEY PERTAIN TO MONTANA’S PHYSICAL, SOCIAL/CULTURAL,HISTORIC OR ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY

THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA - GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT
MONTANA - Geography 241 - Autumn Semester 2011

Professor: Rick Graetz
Place: Skaggs – Room 117

Time: Tuesday and Thursday 5:10 PM - 6:30 PM

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Required Books

This Is Montana - A Geography/Geographic History of Montana - Graetz

Montana: A History of Two Centuries - Malone, Roeder & Lang

Testing is on reading material and lectures. Many weeks will include an outside speaker and slide and or video showings. Grading procedure and testing to be discussed.

Final Examination: To be announced

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CLASS SCHEDULE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

Reading assignments abbreviations for your books are: TIM is This Is Montana and MH is Montana A History of Two Centuries

August 30

Class introduction - No Need For A Saturday Night film - Week's reading TIM Pages 3 - 24, 25 - 35, 36 - 39, 80 - 105 MH Pages 3 - 21, 114 - 144

September 1

Geographical Overview of Montana – slide program

September 6


September 8
Montana's Mountains, Continental Divide, Glaciers

September 13
Northwest Montana - Week's reading TIM 402 - 415  MH 201 - 231

September 15
Southwest Montana - Reading TIM 169 - 202,

September 20
Montana's Politics – Speaker - Reading TIM 203-266

September 22
Test all weeks through Southwest Montana

September 27
Montana Wilderness - Urban/Wildland Interface Issues - Week's reading TIM, 106 - 136, 416 - 418

September 29
Rocky Mountain Front - Golden Triangle - Reading TIM 267 - 292

October 4
Montana Economy - Jobs – Towns in Transition - Speaker

October 6
TBA - Reading TIM 154 - 168

October 11
Glacial Lake Missoula - speaker

October 13
Central Montana - Changing Agriculture - Test Review - Reading TIM 319 - 343

October 18
Montana Weather speaker - Test all material since last quiz

October 20

Montana History – an overview of important decades and events

October 25

North Central - Northeast Montana - School Consolidation Issues – Dwindling Population Reading 293 – 318

October 27

Montana Wildlife – speaker

November 1

Life on the Montana Hi-Line - speaker

November 3

Montana Wild land Fires - speaker

November 8

Class C Montana schools and towns - speaker

November 10

Discussions of people and places – population shifts

November 15

Grizzly – Bobcat series - speaker - Reading TIM 344 - 375

November 17

Yellowstone to Yukon film – wildlife migration

November 22

Test all material since last quiz

November 24 – NO CLASS THANGSGIVING

November 29
December 1
Upper Yellowstone - Yellowstone Geysers and other Thermal Activity - Coal Bed Methane - Lower Yellowstone

December 6
Higher Education in Montana – Former UM President George Dennison

December 8
Review for Final Exam - Discussions - Final Notes
December 13 - 18 – FINAL EXAMS – questions from readings and speakers