Field Methods in Geography strengthens your knowledge of the types of research activities undertaken by geographers in the field. You will gain an understanding of field methods employed to collect data and address geographic research questions. In addition, the course provides an opportunity for you to share ideas and discuss with instructors and colleagues how to view a landscape through a geographer’s eyes.

This year, we won’t be able to physically go to the field together. However, through a variety of means, we will explore the physical and built environments of communities along 35 km of central Conception Bay from Brigus to Carbonear, focused on Bay Roberts. The goal is to explore how these interact with the social, cultural, and economic dynamics of people who live there. Community focal points, social diversity, pedestrian street life, architecture, public life, transportation, tourism, and past, present, and emerging physical and built morphologies are some of the issues we will address.

Some of you may be very familiar with these places: for others, they will be completely new. If you have lived in or visited these communities previously, try to see them with fresh eyes. A change of perspective (e.g. walking rather than driving through) can result in new observations. Both specific details and the general ‘sense of place’ are important in geographical fieldwork.

Meeting schedule:
Course material will be posted on-line at the beginning of Fall Term, Wednesday 9 September. Additional materials may be added as they become available.

I have scheduled on-line meetings on three Fridays at 3-week intervals. During the first meeting, Friday 11 September, 12:00 – 1:00 pm Newfoundland time, I will introduce the course, course materials, and myself. Please try to attend, as this meeting will provide valuable information about Geog 3228.

Subsequent online meetings will be held on Friday 2 October, 23 October, and 13 November. These will give you the chance to touch base with your colleagues and I, as you work through the material and the assignments.

You are encouraged to contact me by e-mail or virtual meeting. Please send me a request indicating
when you would like to chat.

**Evaluation:**

*Short quizzes (18%)*

There will be 6 short quizzes, worth 3% each, involving multiple choice questions. The quiz subjects will be divided into 6 groups, with one quiz per group.

Quiz #1: available 12:01 am Wednesday 23 Sept.; due 5:00 pm Friday 25 Sept.
Quiz #2: available 12:01 am Wednesday 30 Sept.; due 5:00 pm Friday 1 Oct.
Quiz #3: available 12:01 am Wednesday 7 Oct.; due 5:00 pm Friday 9 Oct.
Quiz #4: available 12:01 am Wednesday 21 Oct.; due 5:00 pm Friday 23 Oct.
Quiz #5: available 12:01 am Wednesday 28 Oct.; due 5:00 pm Friday 30 Oct.
Quiz #6: available 12:01 am Wednesday 4 Nov.; due 5:00 pm Friday 6 Nov

Answers will be posted by the following Monday.

*Short assignments (40%) ~4 pages each (8% each)*

There will be 5 short assignments, worth 8% each, totaling 40%. There will be a total of 6 possible short assignment groups, of which you will be asked to do one short assignments from each of 5 (five) groups. The assignment and quiz groups will be the same.

Each short assignment should be 4 to 5 pages in length. References are not required for the short assignments, and they will be based primarily on the information that you have recorded from you observations of course material.

**All 5 SHORT ASSIGNMENTS DUE: High noon, Newfoundland time, Friday 27 Nov, 2020**

*Long assignment with References and illustrations (42%) ~12 pages*

The long assignment will involve an in-depth analysis of one of the assignment topics, from the group that you did not present a short assignment for. The term assignment should be approximately 12 text pages (maximum 15), with additional pages for maps, diagrams, and photographs. References are required, and you are expected to do additional reading and research to complete the term assignment. Many of the relevant papers will be placed on the website.

**LONG ASSIGNMENT DUE: High noon, Newfoundland time, Friday 27 Nov, 2020.**