

GEO 105-601 World Regional Geography  
Hybrid Course Syllabus Fall 2011

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Geography is a unique discipline that links human societies and the natural environments in which they live. Geographers seek to explain the spatial relationships between and among geographic regions of the world. It includes the study of demographic and cultural (political, economic, and historic) forces related to the physical environments of selected regions. The interrelationships between developed and developing regions will be the focus of study and analysis. Also the linkages and barriers between geographic regions and the role of the United States in an increasingly interconnected world will be examined. This course will teach you models, theories, and concepts that geographers use to describe and explain geographic phenomena.

TEXT: Pulsipher & Pulsipher (2011) *World Regional Geography: Global Patterns, Local Lives, 5<sup>th</sup> ed.*

**NOTE:** Please be aware that we have a writing lab through the LARC to help students with their written assignments. We also have online writing helps for students at-  
<http://www.pearsoncustom.com/pcmedia/rrcmcl/>

COURSE GRADING & EVALUATION:

Your course grade is based on the accumulated score from all of the quizzes and assignments for the class. If you are unable to complete the coursework in the 3.5 weeks you must request an extension before the last day of the semester. You must have completed 75% of the coursework to receive an incomplete. Late work will only be accepted with the instructor's permission beforehand.

<u>ASSESSMENT</u>	<u>Total Points Possible</u>
Non-cumulative Online Exams (2 X 100 pts. each)	200
Online Map quizzes (3 X 50 pts.)	150
Essays (1 X 50 pts, 1 X 100 pts.)	150
<u>Attendance</u>	<u>50</u>
Total	550

Grading Scale: A = 550-495, B = 494-440, C = 439-385, D = 384-330, F = 329-0

**Class Schedule, Readings & Assignment Due Dates:**

- 11/4 Ch. 1 – Geography  
Ch. 2 – North America
- 11/5 Ch. 2 – North America  
Ch. 3 – Middle & South America  
Ch. 4 – Europe
- 11/11 **Essay 1 due by 5 pm**  
**Map Quiz 1 due by 5 pm**  
Ch. 5 – Russia & Post-Soviet States  
Ch. 6 – North Africa & Southwest Asia
- 11/12 Ch. 6 – North Africa & Southwest Asia  
Ch. 7 – Sub-Saharan Africa  
Ch. 8 – South Asia
- 11/18 **Exam 1 due by 5 pm**  
**Map Quiz 2 due by 5 pm**  
Ch. 8 – South Asia  
Ch. 9 – East Asia
- 11/19 Ch. 9 – East Asia  
Ch. 10 – Southeast Asia  
Ch. 11 – Oceania  
**Our last class together!**
- 11/23 **Exam 2 due by 5 pm**  
**Essay 2 due by 5 pm**  
**Map Quiz 3 due by 5 pm**

**Note: ALL Map Quizzes and Exams will be taken on D2L to be completed before 5pm MST on the date they are due. Essays are to be turned in to the Dropbox on D2L by 5pm on the date they are due.**

### **Exams:**

The two non-cumulative exams will be taken on D2L. They will consist of 50 multiple-choice questions (at 2 points each) and 10 short-answer questions (at 5 points each). Students will have 2 hours to complete the exam once it is started. Exam 1 will cover the material in chapters 1-5. Exam 2 will cover the material in chapters 6-11.

### **Map Quizzes:**

The three map quizzes will be taken on D2L. They will consist of 25 multiple-choice questions (at 2 points each). Students will have 30 minutes to complete the quiz once it is started. Map quiz 1 will cover the material in chapters 1-4. Map quiz 2 will cover the material in chapters 5-8. Map quiz 3 will cover the material in chapters 9-11.

### **Essays:**

It is important to show your knowledge of geography by completing TWO essays. Everyone will complete Essay 1 – “The Geography of Me” which is worth 50 points. There will be a selection of essays choices for Essay 2 which is worth 100 pts. Essays should be from **2 to 4 pages in length, 1.5-spaced, in a 12 pt. legible font.** Please make sure you **include a list of any sources** that you used in your essay. Also, please upload your essay through D2L to the designated Dropbox. Geographers use APA style for citations, but MLA or Chicago styles are also acceptable.

### **ODDS & ENDS:**

**PLEASE DO NOT PROCRASTINATE.** To be successful in this course you must read the chapters BEFORE you take the quizzes and write the short answers. It is also helpful to listen to current news reports and read about what is happening in the regions of the world that you are studying. You will have 3.5 weeks to complete this course so please make sure you plan and schedule your time wisely so that you can complete all the coursework by November 23rd.

**NB:** RRCC will provide accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. To request an accommodation, please contact the Office of Special Services; Director, Jacquie Stanton at your earliest convenience. The Office of Special Services located in the Learning and Resource Center (LARC) in Room 1185. You may contact Jacquie at 303.914.6731 V/TDD or email [jacquelyn.stanton@rrcc.edu](mailto:jacquelyn.stanton@rrcc.edu)

**24 Hour Ehelpdesk: 1-888-800-9198 or <http://help.cccs.edu>**

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