

GEO 105-601 WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY

RRCC SPRING 2010

East Building 1452

Fri: 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Sat: 8:00 am – 5:30 pm

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Course Description

Geographers describe and account for the spatial distribution of phenomena. Put another way, geographers attempt to explain why things happen the way they happen where they happen. In doing so, geographers examine a wide range of topics, from physical ones such as climate and landforms, to human ones such as population and economics. In this world regional geography course we will examine the physical and human phenomena that characterize the major regions of our world. As the title of our text, *Globalization and Diversity*, suggests, these regions, and the environments and societies that comprise them, are marked by both uniqueness and an increasing degree of interconnectedness.

Competencies to Master

1. Describe the physical and human characteristics of the world's major regions, and understand interactions of human and physical phenomena within and across regional boundaries.
2. Understand how physical and human processes act and interact to influence the distribution of physical systems, natural resources, human populations, economic wealth, and other phenomena across Earth.
3. Use maps and other geographic tools to locate and derive information about people, places, and environments.
4. Apply knowledge of people, places, and environments to better understand history, explain the present, and plan for the future.

Text

Rowntree, Lewis, Price, and Wyckoff. *Globalization and Diversity*. 2nd Ed, 2008.

Class Policies

Attendance and class participation are expected. It is your responsibility to attend class and to obtain copies of assignments. It is your responsibility to submit assignments on time. If there are extenuating circumstances that prevent you from meeting your responsibilities, you *must* communicate with your instructor *in advance* to provide notification and make alternative arrangements. Late assignments will be lowered one full letter-grade, i.e., ten percentage points, for each day the assignment is late. Unless specified otherwise, assignments will not be accepted after the fourth day past-due. For example, an assignment due on Friday will not be accepted after the following Tuesday and will be scored as a zero. Cheating and plagiarism are forbidden. Please read the appropriate pages of the RRCC Catalog and Student Survival Guide on "Academic Integrity." Academic honesty is your responsibility. Cheating or plagiarism will at a minimum result in a zero on the assignment and possibly in further disciplinary action.

If you need special arrangements for testing or lectures, please let the instructor know ASAP. RRCC will provide accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. To request an accommodation, 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

Assignments and Exams

There will be three homework assignments and two in-class exams. More specific details on the homework assignments and exams will be distributed in class.

Course Schedule

Date		Topics / Items		Readings
<u>Week 1</u>				
Friday, April 16	-	Introduction	-	Ch. 1 & 2
Saturday, April 17	-	North America, Latin America, and the Caribbean	-	Ch. 3, 4, 5
<u>Week 2</u>				
Friday, April 23	-	South Asia and Southeast Asia	-	Ch. 12 & 13
		<i>Assignment 1 due</i>		
Saturday, April 24	-	Central Asia and East Asia	-	Ch. 10 & 11
		<i>Exam 1</i>		
<u>Week 3</u>				
Friday, April 30	-	Sub-Saharan Africa & Southwest Asia and North Africa	-	Ch. 6 & 7
		<i>Assignment 2 due</i>		
Saturday, May 1	-	Europe, the Russian Domain, and Australia & Oceania	-	Ch. 8, 9, 14
		<i>Exam 2</i>		
Wednesday, May 5	-	<i>Assignment 3 due by 11:59 pm</i>		

Grades

Final grades will be comprised of the items below:

Item	Total Points	Percentage of final grade
Homework Assignments (3)	200 points	40%
Exams (2)	200 points	40%
Participation, in-class assignments, attendance	100 points	20%

A = 450 – 500 points, B = 400 – 449, C = 350 – 399, D = 300 – 349, F = 0 – 300