

WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY

GEOG 1302

Required Text: Joseph J. Hobbs, ESSENTIALS OF WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY (6th edition)

The purpose of this course is to acquaint the student with the different land surface areas of the world, their relations to each other, and their relevance for understanding the world we live in. Geographical concepts will be covered initially, followed by discussions of the different regions of the world.

Expected learning outcomes from the course include the following: understanding the concept of Geography and how to view the world through a spatial perspective, learning that there is underlying order in physical and cultural phenomena on the earth's land surface and how this order may be discerned through a spatial perspective, learning how the world may be understood through a study of regions, and becoming much more informed about climates, cultures, economies, and political systems of the world and their implications for intelligent decision making concerning the future.

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There will be 12 quizzes. Cumulatively, the quizzes will count for a third of the final grade. There will be three exams. Each exam will be noncumulative and will together count for half of the total grade.

Theoretically, there are a total of 600 possible points. The point distributions for a given grade are as follows: 480+=A, 420-479=B, 360-419=C, 300-359=D, below 300=F. In cases where the final point total falls somewhat below the cutoff for a given grade, grade improvement over the semester and any classroom participation will be taken into account in determining whether to raise the grade. Lack of grade improvement and/or classroom participation will not lower the grade, but grade improvement or active classroom participation may raise it.

Attendance is expected and comprises 1/6th of the final grade. There are 100 points that can be received by attending all 50 minute classes on time. Each absence will result in 4 points being deducted from the point total whereas each "tardy" will result in two points being deducted from the point total.

My office hours are from 9:00-9:50 M,W,F and from 9:30-10:30 T,Th. Please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange another time if you want to see me outside of my office hours. My office number is 837-8150

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The tentative class schedule is listed below.

TOPIC-----
READINGS__

Objections & Tools of World Regional Geography-----Chapter 1

Physical Processes that Shape World Regions -----Chapter 2

Human Processes that Shape World Regions -----Chapter 3

A Geographic Profile of Europe -----Chapter 4

FIRST EXAM-September 25th

A Geographic Profile of Russia & the Near Abroad -----Chapter 5

A Geographical Profile of the Middle East and N. Africa ----Chapter 6

A Geographical Profile of Monsoon Asia -----Chapter 7

SECOND EXAM-October 28th

A Geographic Profile of Oceania -----Chapter 8

A Geographic Profile of Africa South of the Sahara-----Chapter 9

A Geographic Profile of Latin America-----Chapter 10

FINAL EXAM-December 7th at 8:00 A.M.

Quizzes will be given on September 2, 9, 16, 23, October 5, 12, 16, 26, November 4, 11, 18, December 7.