



WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY

GEOG 1302

Fall 2014

Required Text: Joseph J. Hobbs, 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.

Hand-held communication devices (cell phones, blackberries, etc.) are not permitted to be visible in class and must be turned off. Any device going off in class will result in the owner being dismissed for the duration of the class. Leave them elsewhere or out of sight in a container. Any visible device discovered during quizzes or exams will be regarded as prima facie evidence of cheating with the owner being subject to appropriate disciplinary action. I trust this will not happen to anyone in this class.

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 and my home phone is 837-7245. My office e-mail address is pwright@sulross.edu and my home e-mail address is paulwright7363@att.net. My office is at LH 306.

The tentative class schedule is listed below.

TOPIC	READINGS	
Aug 25	Introduction	Chapter 1
Aug 27	Introduction	
Aug 29	Introduction	
Sept 3	Introduction	
Sept 5	Quiz, A Geographic Profile of Europe	Chapter 4
Sept 8	A Geographic Profile of Europe	
Sept 10	A Geographic Profile of Europe	
Sept 12	Quiz, Russia & the Near Abroad	Chapter 5
Sept 15	Russia & the Near Abroad	
Sept 17	Russia & the Near Abroad	
Sept 19	Quiz, Middle East & North Africa-Introduction	Chapter 6
Sept 22	Middle East & North Africa-Introduction	
Sept 24	Middle East & North Africa-Introduction	
Sept 26	Quiz, A Geographic Profile of Monsoon Asia	Chapter 7
Sept 29	Exam	
Oct 1	A Geographic Profile of Monsoon Asia	
Oct 3	A Geographic Profile of Monsoon Asia	
Oct 6	Quiz, Australia & New Zealand	Module 8.1
Oct 8	Australia & New Zealand	
Oct 11	Australia & New Zealand	
Oct 13	Quiz, Sub-Saharan Africa, an Introduction	Chapter 9
Oct 15	Sub-Saharan Africa, an Introduction	
Oct 18	Sub-Saharan Africa, an Introduction	
Oct 20	Quiz, A Geographic Profile of Latin America	Chapter 10
Oct 22	A Geographic Profile of Latin America	
Oct 25	A geographic Profile of Latin America	
Oct 27	Quiz, South Asia	Module 7.1
Oct 29	Exam	
Nov 1	South Asia	
Nov 3	Southeast Asia	Module 7.2

Nov 5	Southeast Asia	
Nov 8	Quiz, China	Module 7.3
Nov 10	China	
Nov 12	Japan & the Koreas	Module 7.4
Nov 15	Japan & the Koreas	
Nov 17	Quiz, Arab-Israel Conflict	Mod. 6.1.1
Nov 19	Egypt	Mod. 6.1.2
Nov 22	Sudan	Mod. 6.1.3
Nov 25	Libya	Mod. 6.1.4
Dec 1	Quiz, Northwestern Africa	Mod. 6.1.5
Dec 3	Northwest Africa	
Dec 8	Quiz, Final Exam	