



**SPRING 2015**

**WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY**

**GEOG 1302**

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 1/6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pwright@sulross.edu) and my home e-mail address is [paulwright7363@att.net](mailto:paulwright7363@att.net). My office is at LH 306.

The tentative class schedule is listed below.

TOPIC	READINGS	
Jan 21	Introduction	Chapter 1
Jan 23	Introduction	
Jan 26	Introduction	
Jan 28	Introduction	
Jan 30	Introduction	
Feb 4	Quiz, A Geographic Profile of Europe	Chapter 4
Feb 6	A Geographic Profile of Europe	
Feb 9	A Geographic Profile of Europe	
Feb 11	Quiz, Russia & the Near Abroad	Chapter 5
Feb 13	Russia & the Near Abroad	
Feb 16	Russia & the Near Abroad	
Feb 18	Quiz, Middle East & North Africa-Introduction	Chapter 6
Feb 20	Middle East & North Africa-Introduction	
Feb 23	Middle East & North Africa-Introduction	
Feb 25	Quiz, A Geographic Profile of Monsoon Asia	Chapter 7
Feb 27	Exam	
Mar 2	A Geographic Profile of Monsoon Asia	
Mar 4	A Geographic Profile of Monsoon Asia	
Mar 6	Quiz, Australia & New Zealand	Module 8.1
Mar 9	Australia & New Zealand	
Mar 11	Australia & New Zealand	
Mar 13	Quiz, Sub-Saharan Africa, an Introduction	Chapter 9
Mar 23	Sub-Saharan Africa, an Introduction	
Mar 25	Sub-Saharan Africa, an Introduction	
Mar 27	Quiz, A Geographic Profile of Latin America	Chapter 10
Mar 30	A Geographic Profile of Latin America	
Apr 1	A geographic Profile of Latin America	
Apr 3	Quiz, South Asia	Module 7.1
Apr 6	Exam	
Apr 8	South Asia	

Apr 10	Southeast Asia	Module 7.2
Apr 13	Southeast Asia	
Apr 15	Quiz, China	Module 7.3
Apr 17	China	
Apr 20	Japan & the Koreas	Module 7.4
Apr 22	Japan & the Koreas	
Apr 24	Quiz, Arab-Israel Conflict	Mod. 6.1.1
Apr 27	Egypt	Mod. 6.1.2
Apr 29	Sudan	Mod. 6.1.3
May 1	Libya	Mod. 6.1.4
May 4	Quiz, Northwestern Africa	Mod. 6.1.5
May 6	Northwest Africa	
May 11	Quiz, Final Exam	