

Geography of Texas  
GGR 4302

Course Syllabus

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**Course Description:**

The geography of Texas to include a study of population, culture patterns, environment, urbanization, and economic organization.

**Class Sessions:**

Spring 2017, Tuesday/Thursday 4:30-5:45, Uvalde, B108; Del Rio, 106; Eagle Pass, B112; Castroville, 108

**Texts:**

Alvarez, E. C. (Ed.). *Texas Almanac 2016-2017*. College Station, TX: TSHA  
Stephens, A. R. *Texas: A historical atlas*. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press.

**Course Requirements:**

Regular attendance and participation is required	10%	Scale	
Quizzes	5%	A	92-100
Blackboard assignments	40%	B	82-91
Tests (2)	20%	C	70-81
Sample lesson	25%		

**Student Learning Expectations:**

- Students understand and apply knowledge of geographic relationships involving people, places, and environments in Texas.
- Students understand and apply knowledge of cultural development, adaptation, diversity, and interactions among science, technology, and society
- Students use learning to construct an age appropriate lesson for a prospective class.

**Course Calendar:**

Geographical Concepts	Jan 17 – Jan 24
Texas Demographics	Jan 26 – Feb 21
Test #1	Feb 23
Physical Geography	Feb 28 – Apr 3
Human Influences	Apr 5 – Apr 18
Test #2	Apr 20
Sample lessons	Apr 25 – May 4

**Assignments:**

*Attendance and participation:* All students are expected to attend class regularly and be on time. The value of this course resides both in the shared discourse, lecture, and networking of class members. **If you must miss a class period, prepare a 2 page, single-spaced reflection covering the topic for the evening. Phones:** Please let everyone know you are attending class during this time each week, turn off your phones, and give yourself the freedom to address your full attention to this course.

*Quizzes:* Quizzes will be given periodically based upon the reading.

*BlackBoard assignments:* BlackBoard assignments will be based upon the subject covered and will frequently involve participatory discussion board efforts.

*Tests:* Two tests will be given to assess mastery of material. Dates for these tests will be posted on BlackBoard.

*Sample lesson:* Students will present a 15 minute Texas Geography lesson appropriate for the grade levels they are preparing for. (For those non-teachers – prepare for a post-secondary class.) A lesson plan including TEKS objectives must also be submitted. Further instructions will be shared later in the semester.

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