

Geography of North America  
GGR 4304  
Course Syllabus

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**Course Description:**

A study of the physical and cultural geography of the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

**Class Sessions:** Summer 2023, **Web**

**Texts:** Garreau, J. (1981). *The nine nations of North America*. New York: Avon Books. **(Readings will be provided)**

Woodard, C. (2011). *American nations: A history of the eleven rival regional cultures of North America*. New York: Penguin Group.

**Course Requirements:**

Blackboard assignments (11)	55%	A	92-100
Final activity (1)	15%	B	82-91
Book assignment	30%	C	70-81

**Student Learning Expectations:**

- Students understand and apply knowledge of geographic relationships involving people, places, and environments of North America.
- Students understand and apply knowledge of cultural development, adaptation, diversity, and interactions among science, technology, and society
- Students understand, analyze, and evaluate North American political, religious, and social organizations.

**Course Calendar:**

<b>Jun 5</b>	Introductory BB assn. due		<b>Jun 21</b>	Ecotopia BB assn. due
<b>Jun 7</b>	Mexamerica BB assn. due		<b>Jun 23</b>	Islands BB assn. due
<b>Jun 9</b>	Breadbasket BB assn. due		<b>Jun 26</b>	Quebec BB assn. due
<b>Jun 12</b>	Empty Quarter BB assn. due		<b>Jun 28</b>	Aberrations BB assn. due
<b>Jun 14</b>	Foundry BB assn. due		<b>Jul 5</b>	Book assignment due
<b>Jun 16</b>	New England BB assn. due		<b>Jul 5</b>	<b>Final Activity Due</b>
<b>Jun 19</b>	Dixie BB assn. due			

**Assignments:**

**BlackBoard assignments** (11): BlackBoard assignments will be based upon the readings from *Nine Nations* and will involve participatory discussion board efforts. Readings will be provided in Content. All assignments will be posted on BlackBoard Discussion Board.

**Final Activity:** Students will complete a final assignment which will sum up the course material **Jul. 5**.

**Book assignment:** Students will read *American Nations* and complete a discussion board assignment by the given date **[Jul. 5]**. *(Students will be responsible for getting a copy of this book – it is readily available on most online sources.)*

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