

COURSE: GEO 105-World Regional Geography  
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COURSE OBJECTIVES: To discuss and demonstrate knowledge of various geographic topics, especially the relationship between people and place; and to increase the understanding of the earth's cultural and physical environments so students can see how geography is relevant to their everyday life. Different regions of the world and global issues/events will be used as applied examples.

TEXT: Getis, Getis, and Fellmann's Introduction to Geography; WCB/McGraw-Hill.  
In addition, students should have access to a world atlas.

GRADING: Evaluation consists of the following: (approximate)

Exam 1	25%
Exam 2	25%
Final Exam	25%
Commitment to Class: Attendance, Participation, Two Research/Opinion Papers	25%

This course meets specific competency requirements for critical thinking and writing outcomes.

## **POLICIES:**

- 1) Exams are non-comprehensive and include multiple choice, matching, or short essay questions. They cover class lectures and your text readings. There are no make-up exams except for special circumstances which must be arranged with me before the scheduled exam day. An emergency on exam day requires a phone call/message.
- 2) The grade you receive is based on the total points you earn during the term, according to the following straight scale: 90%=A, 80%=B, 70%=C, etc.
- 3) Regular attendance and study time outside of class is absolutely necessary to succeed in this course.  
In addition to the course outline, assignment dates and their specific instructions along with exam dates will be announced in class.
- 4) After the 75% point (week 12), students can't withdraw from a course. The grade earned will be assigned or an "Incomplete" agreement for special circumstances can be discussed with the professor.
- 5) If you have any disabilities or other special needs, please notify me.

## ***COURSE OUTLINE***

Week	Topic	Text Chapter
1	Introduction – Course/Geography; Basic Concepts	1
2	Maps; Landforms – Regional Focus: US & Canada	2,3
3	Landforms Con't.; Soils	
4	Weather & Climate – Regional Focus: South America	4
5	Climate Con't.; Human Impacts on the Environment Regional Focus: Latin America	12
6	EXAM 1; Population Regional Focus: Sub-Saharan Africa & China	6
7	Population Con't.;	
8	Population Con't.; Cultural Geography Regional Focus: South Asia & Islamic World	7
9	Cultural Continued	
10	Political & Economic Geography Regional Focus: Europe & Former Soviet Union	9,10
11	Economic Geography Continued	
12	EXAM 2; Urban Geography Regional Focus: Developing and Developed World	11
13	Urban Con't.; North America	
14	North America Continued	
15	Japan/East Asia; Conclusions FINAL EXAM	