

GEOG. 200: World Regional Geography

Call number: 40117-2

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Spring Quarter 2004

Classes begin: March 29

Classes end: June 4

Final Exams: June 7-10

Holiday: May 31

Note: This course has no prerequisites and fulfills the Social Science (C. Human, Natural, and Economic Resources category) of the General Education Curriculum (GEC) and meets the international focus requirement.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The purpose of this course is to provide students with knowledge of the human and physical geographic structure of all world regions. Regions are defined primarily at the continent level and are classified by their level of development. A major emphasis will be placed on concepts related to either the natural or the cultural environment.

The course is divided into three parts. Part I deals with the presentation of basic geographic concepts such as scale, region, physical and human landscapes, and the classification of regions according to level of development. Part II examines the developed regions of the world, and Part III focuses on the underdeveloped regions.

TEXTS:

1. de Blij, H. J. and Muller, P.O. 2004. Geography: Realms, Regions and Concepts. 11th edition. New York: John Wiley. (Set of Text and Atlas) New \$94.50/used \$71.00.
2. Goode's World Atlas, 20th edition, 2000. Chicago: Rand McNally. New \$28.25/ used \$21.25.
3. Population Reference Bureau, Inc., 2004. World Data Sheet. New 5.00/used \$3.75.
4. The instructor's notes are also available through the bookstore. New \$21.75/used \$15.75.

METHOD OF GRADING:

Grades will depend upon four exams. Although every exam will be announced in class, for planning purposes, there will be an exam at approximately every week. A typical exam is a mix of multiple choice and fill-ins. Each exam counts twenty five percent of the final grade. Letter grades will be assigned as shown on page 2 of the syllabus.

Make-up exams are given only in exceptional circumstances. For example, in case of illness a doctor's certificate must be provided. A missed exam is credited with a zero grade in the final figuring of the student's grade. There will be no incomplete grades in this course. The roster will be called at the beginning of every class meeting. Please be punctual. Attendance, however, will not be taken into account in determining a student's grade. Regular attendance will be considered for borderline grades. Experience has shown that students with an excessive number of absences do not score well on exams. When a reading assignment is made for a certain day, either by the course outline or verbally in class, it is expected that the assignment will have been read by the student before coming to class. If you do not understand something, please feel free to ask questions as they come up. In the case that more than a short answer is necessary, come to my office and I will be glad to help you. Do not get too far behind before seeking help.

NOTE:

- 1. ABSOLUTELY NO GRADES ARE TO BE POSTED;**
- 2. GRADES ARE TO BE CONVEYED TO STUDENT IN PERSON;**
- 3. STUDENTS ARE NOT TO BE GIVEN GRADES FOR FRIENDS;**
- 4. GRADES ARE NOT BE GIVEN OVER THE PHONE; AND**
- 5. STUDENTS WHO WISH MAY SUPPLY A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE FOR THE FORWARDING OF A GRADE.**

A	90-100	A- 360-379	A 380-400	
B	80-89	B- 320-332	B 333-345	B+ 346-359
C	70-79	C- 280-292	C 293-305	C+ 306-319
D	60-69		D 240-259	D+ 260-279
E	0-59		E <239	

GRADUATING SENIORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FULFILLING THE COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION (NOTIFICATION OF INSTRUCTOR AND TAKING OF EXAMS BY DEADLINE).

COURSE OUTLINE

TOPIC	TEXT REFERENCE	WEEK/DATE
<p>INTRODUCTION</p> <p>World Regional Geography: Physical and Human Foundations</p>	Introduction, pp. 1-37	1. Mar. 29-Apr. 1
<p>DEVELOPED REALMS</p> <p>Europe</p>	Chapter 1, pp. 38-95	2. Apr. 5-8
EXAM 1		
<p>Russia</p> <p>Japan</p> <p>Australia and New Zealand</p>	<p>Chapter 2, pp. 96-133</p> <p>Chapter 9, pp. 464-477</p> <p>Chapter 11, pp. 530-549</p>	<p>3. Apr. 12-15</p> <p>4. Apr. 19-22</p>
EXAM 2		
<p>DEVELOPING REALMS</p> <p>Subsaharan Africa</p> <p>North Africa and Southwest Asia</p>	<p>Chapter 6, pp. 264-317</p> <p>Chapter 7, pp. 318-371</p>	<p>5. Apr. 26-Apr. 29</p> <p>6. May 3-May 6</p>
EXAM 3		
<p>South Asia</p> <p>East Asia: Realm of Titans</p> <p>Middle America</p> <p>South America</p>	<p>Chapter 8, pp. 372-417</p> <p>Chapter 9, pp. 418-464, 477-485</p> <p>Chapter 4, pp. 196-235</p> <p>Chapter 5, pp. 236-277</p>	<p>7. May 10-13</p> <p>8. May 17-20</p> <p>9. May 24-27</p> <p>10. May 31-June 3</p>
<p>EXAM 4 (Final), Wednesday June 9, 2004, 11:00 a.m. - 12:48 p.m.</p>		