

Geog 101: Introduction to Geography

Fall 2006

Tu F 2.10-3.25

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Text: Getis, Getis, and Fellman, *Introduction to Geography*, McGraw-Hill, 2006.

The course will cover an introduction to the nature of contemporary geography, geographic methods, and the two major subdivisions of the field, physical (the natural world) and human (the cultural world), as seen from the spatial perspective.

Grading:

There will be two exams and a final, all in multiple choice format. The exams will not be cumulative. The final grade will be determined on an average of the three exams, with allowance for class participation. I will provide at least one week's notice on the date of the exams. All exams, or approved make-ups, must be taken. All make-ups must be taken within one week of the exam date, and will be scheduled at my convenience.

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Calendar:

F September 22	No class
Tu October 3	College is on Monday schedule
F November 24	Thanksgiving recess
Tu December 12	Last day of class

Outline:

1. Geographical Concepts [chaps. 1, 8, 13]

- a. Human geography: the cultural landscape
- b. The process of spatial analysis: distribution, pattern, consequence
- c. Spatial description: location, region, scale
- d. Spatial process: interaction, diffusion

2. The Geographer's Tools [chap. 2]

- a. Maps
- b. Remote Sensing
- c. Geographic Information Systems

FIRST EXAM

3. The Physical World [chaps. 3, 4]

- a. Landforms
- b. Weather and Climate

SECOND EXAM

4. The Economic World [chaps. 6, 10, 5, 12]

- a. Population
- b. The Economic Structure
- c. Resource Use and Misuse

5. The Cultural World [chaps. 7, 11, 9]

- a. The Urban World
- b. The Geography of Culture: language, religion, and gender
- c. The Geography of Politics