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DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY
GEOG 101 - People and Their Environment

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TEXT: *Introduction to Geography* (11th ed.), by Getis, Getis and Fellmann; WCB/McGraw-Hill, Dubuque, Iowa (2008). **Note:** Material in the 10th edition with the exception of Chapter 11 is very similar to that of the 11th edition.

ATLAS: *Goode's World Atlas* (21st ed.); Rand McNally Book Co., Chicago (2005).
(The atlas is the basis of extra credit take-home exercises, classroom discussion, location of place names for exam questions, and is a general supplement for textbook chapters.)

1. Responsibility. You are responsible for the content of all lectures, assigned material and handouts. The textbook has a glossary of important terms and concepts.

2. Attendance. Attendance will be taken. There is a direct correlation between good attendance and receiving good grades on exams. Material outside of the textbook will be covered in class.

3. Grading:

Exam 1	= 30% of your grade
Exam 2	= 30% of your grade
Exam 3 (final)	= 30% of your grade
Required essays	= 10% of your grade (5% each; see No. 3 below)

***Exams:** Each exam will focus on the lecture topics covered in that section; exams are **not** cumulative. Dictionaries and electronic translators may **not** be used. Tentative dates are noted on the calendar. Actual date for each exam will be given at least a week in advance.

***All exams must be taken.** If you miss an exam, an essay-style make-up exam will replace it. If an exam is not taken by Dec. 22, 2008, a grade of zero (0) will be assigned to that exam.

***There will be no re-take exams.** You have one chance to do well on each exam.

***Neatness counts.** On exams, if I cannot read it, it is wrong. For the essays, presentation matters.

***Cheating and Plagiarism.** Cheating on exams and plagiarism on essays are grounds for failure and disciplinary measures by the College. The Internet is a resource, not a source of verbatim information. Every person has a unique writing style and use of grammar. DO NOT CUT and PASTE text found at an Internet web site or in a CD into your work. The use of cell phones, video phones, text messaging devices and/or similar information spreading devices during an exam is a form of cheating and will be dealt with accordingly by the Office of the Dean of Students. *Hunter College regards all acts of academic dishonesty as serious offenses against the values of intellectual honesty. The College is committed to enforcing the CUNY Policy on Academic Integrity. It will pursue cases of academic dishonesty according to the Hunter College Academic Integrity Procedures.*

***Graduating seniors** (Group 8) with an A average will be exempted from the final exam (#3) providing all other work, including Atlas Exercise III, is handed in. Proof of graduating senior status must be supplied.

***CR/NC Option.** The college rules concerning the CR/NC option are strictly followed. **All required course work, including the final exam, must be completed to qualify for the CR/NC option.**

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4. Required Essays. By October 16, 2008, TWO essays are to be submitted as follows: From **Chapter 1**, you will discuss the contribution to the field of geography or to our knowledge of the world of a noted geographer or explorer. From **Chapters 2 and 13** you will discuss the neighborhood in which you live as a “region” using the definition discussed in Chapter 13 and the mapping tools introduced in Chapter 2. Each essay must be typed and have a minimum length of one full page not counting the restated question (1.5 line spacing with 1" margins). Maximum length is two pages of text. Maps and illustrations are additional pages. Short and long essays will be returned ungraded, as will hand-written essays. **Essays handed in late will be penalized with a grade reduction.**

5. Extra Credit. There are two ways to earn extra credit. You may attempt both.

a) **Atlas exercises.** In each section of the course, prior to the exam, there will be a set of atlas exercises for extra credit. Points will be added to the exam grade at the end of the section according to the following formula:

100-90% correct	= 5 extra credit points
89-80% correct	= 4 extra credit points
79-70% correct	= 3 extra credit points
69-60% correct	= 2 extra credit points
59-50% correct	= 1 extra credit point
49- 0% correct or not submitted	= 0 extra credit points

NO atlas exercises will be accepted once the answers are distributed, no matter how valid your reason.

b) **Geographic Essays.** You have the option to submit for extra credit a **maximum of six analytical essays** from the **GEOGRAPHY and PUBLIC POLICY (GPP)** boxes found within the textbook chapters. **THIS IS NOT THE “FOR REVIEW & CONSIDERATION” SECTION AT THE END OF THE CHAPTER.** Only one “Question to Consider” may be selected from each GPP box for the chapter selected. Each essay must be typed and have a minimum length of one full page (1.5 line spacing with 1" margins). Maximum length is two pages. In the first sentence of each essay, you are to summarize the question being answered and list the textbook edition and the chapter number. At the end of the semester, each essay deemed "Good for Extra Credit" would earn you one-half percentage point over and above your final term average of test scores with a *maximum of 3 percentage points added to your final term average*. For example, if you hand in four acceptable essays, you will increase your final average by 2 points. **NOTE: Extra credit essays may be handed in at any time up to Tuesday, December 11, 2008, the last class lecture. No extra credit essays will be accepted after December 11. None will be accepted on the day of the final exam.**

LECTURE TOPICS

I. *Introduction: What is Geography?*

II. *Geographers' Tools*

*****EXAM 1 will cover Topics I and II and Chapters 1, 2 and 13.*****

READING ASSIGNMENTS

I. Text: Chapters 1, 13 and the introductory pages to Parts I (p.50), II (p. 174), III (p. 338) and IV (p. 464) of the text-book entitled "The ... Tradition".

II. Text: Chapter 2; Appendix 1 (p. 489-95). Atlas: vi-xii, 1, 60, 226. (Atlas tables and indices: 245, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254 and on 371 and 372).

LECTURE TOPICS

III. *Biosphere and Human Impact*

IV. *Weather and Climate: Physical Aspects and Human Impact*

V. *Landforms: Physical Aspects and Human Impact*

*****EXAM 2 will cover Topics III, IV, and V and chapters 3, 4, 5 and 12.*****

READING ASSIGNMENTS

III. Text: Ch. 12 (sections on Ecosystems, Impact on Water; and Plants & Animals)
Atlas: various Environments, Natural Hazards, Vegetation maps.

IV. Text: Ch. 4, 12 (section on Impact on Air and Climate)
Atlas: xii, 10-45.

V. Text: Ch. 3, Ch. 5 section on Soils (pp156-60), Ch. 12 (sections on Impact on Landforms, and Solid Waste Disposal)
Atlas: 4-9, 219-25, 250.

LECTURE TOPICS

VI. *Living on the Earth*

VII. *Cultural Geography*

VIII. *Economic Geography: Location Analysis, Resources and Development*

IX. *Urban Geography*

X. *Political Geography*

****EXAM 3 (the Final) will cover Topics VI, VII, VIII, IX and X and Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.****

READING ASSIGNMENTS

VI. Text: Chapters 6, 8. Review the photos in Ch. 12.
Atlas: 1, 24-35, 59.

VII. Text: Chapter 7; Atlas: 24-35.

VIII. Text: Chapter 10. Skim Chapter 5. Review Chapter 8 (sections on Individual Activity Space, and Distance and Spatial Interaction; Atlas: 45-57.

IX. Text: Chapter 11; Atlas: 27, 226-44, 251.

X. Text: Chapter 9; Atlas: 2-3, 32-57, 58-59, 245-249.

GEOG 101 - sect. 51 CALENDAR: Fall 2008

Thu., Aug. 28	First class meeting
Thu., Sep. 25	Tentative date for Exam One
Tue., Sept. 30	No classes scheduled at Hunter
Thu., Oct. 9	No classes scheduled at Hunter
Thu., Oct. 16	Last day to hand in required essays
Tue., Oct. 14	No class MONDAY schedule at Hunter
Tue., Nov. 11	Tentative date for Exam Two
Thu., Nov. 27	No class – Thanksgiving
Thu., Dec. 11	Last day to hand in extra credit GPP essays Tentative date for Exam One
Tue., Dec. 16	Last class lecture

Thu., Dec. 18 Exam Three – the final examination is scheduled from 6:20-8:20 PM

Do not make plans to be away for December 18!! **No holiday travel or Christmas party excuses!**