

**GEOG 10100 - People and their Environment**  
**Section 01 and ECI1**  
**Spring 2017**  
**Monday and Thursday, 1:10 pm to 2:25 pm**  
**Hunter West 511**

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**Office hours**

Monday from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm  
Thursday from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm  
Or by Appointment

**Required Text:** *Introduction to Geography* (14<sup>th</sup> ed.) by Getis, Getis, Bjelland and Fellmann, McGraw Hill (2014). ISBN 978-0-07-352288-3. This book will be available at the Hunter College Bookstore but is also available at either [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com) or [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). Both websites have new and used copies of the text at lower prices.

**Goals/objective and outcomes:**

Our earth is an integrated system of natural environments, built environments, and social and cultural environments. Geographers study all of these various environments in each of the specialty areas of geography. This semester we will be examining these environments and their interactions with each other through this introductory geography course. Geography 10100 fulfills the Hunter Common Core Individual and Society requirement and stage 2B, Social Science, of the General Education requirement.

By the end of this course, you should have a better understanding of the complex and dynamic interrelations between and within human and non-human systems on earth. These systems include climate, landforms, ecosystems, cultures, economics, food, cities, politics, and more.

**Learning Outcomes:**

- A broad foundational knowledge of the major content areas of geography, and the prerequisite knowledge to take more advanced geography courses;
- Understand the global patterns of natural resources, population, economy, and culture, as well as contemporary political, urban, and social processes;
- Know how to read and interpret maps and become familiar with the role of geospatial technologies in shaping contemporary geographic knowledge
- Be familiar with different explanations for today's world problems, inequalities, and power relations;

- Develop a sense of geography as an academic discipline and an applied field that provides students with important analytical and professional skills;
- Understand the “Tools” with which make informed observations about the built and natural environments around us;
- Experience wrestling with some of the key geographic environmental and social justice issues facing our world today; and
- Gain an ability to think and write critically about these issues.

**Lecture Schedule:**

| <b>Date</b>                  | <b>Lecture</b>  | <b>Readings</b> |
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| Jan. 30 – Feb. 2             | What is Geography? Some core geographic concepts; geographic themes and standards   | Chap. 1         |
|                              | Geographical tools; locating points on a sphere; scale  | Chap. 2         |
| Feb. 13 – Feb. 16            | Types of maps; Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems  | Chap. 2         |
| Feb. 20 – Feb. 23            | Feb. 20 – No Class<br>Feb. 23 - Land forms: movement of the continents; earth materials (igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rock) | Chap. 3         |
| Feb. 27 – March 2            | Tectonic forces: folding, faulting, earthquakes and volcanoes   | Chap. 3         |
| March 6 – March 9            | March 6 - Weathering processes, mass movement and erosional agents and deposition<br>March 9 – <b><u>FIRST EXAM</u></b>             | Chap. 3         |
| March 13 – March 16          | Air temperature   | Chap. 3         |
| March 20 – March 23          | Air pressure and wind belts   | Chap. 4         |
| March 27 – March 30          | Types of precipitation and storms   | Chap. 4         |
| April 3 – April 6            | April 3 - Climates of the world; climate change<br>April 6 – <b><u>SECOND EXAM</u></b>  | Chap. 4         |
| <b>April 10 and April 18</b> | <b>NO CLASSES – SPRING RECESS</b>   |                 |
| April 20                     | Population geography  | Chap. 6         |
| April 24 – April 27          | Population and culture  | Chap. 6 & 7     |
| May 2 – May 4                | Types of agriculture  | Chap. 10        |
| May 8 – May 11               | Urban geography   | Chap. 10 & 11   |
| May 15 – May 18              | Natural resources   | Chap. 5         |
| <b>May 25</b>                | <b><u>FINAL EXAM, 1:45 to 3:45 PM</u></b>   |                 |

**Attendance and Grading Policies:**

- There is a direct correlation between good grades and good attendance. Come to class prepared, read the chapter, take notes, study for your exams and you’ll be successful. Attendance is taken in every class meeting.
- I do not give incompletes (**IN**) except under the most extraordinary, and documented, circumstances.

- The only students who will be eligible for Cr/NC at the end of the semester are those who have completed **all** of the course requirements including all quizzes/exams **AND** the final exam.
- If you miss an exam, you must (1) contact me within 48 hours of the missed exam, (2) present acceptable documentary evidence for your absence, and (3) arrange a make-up exam at a mutually convenient date and time. A make-up exam covers the same material as the regular exam but will not be the same exam given as scheduled.
- If you fail to take the final quiz/exam, you have the same 48 hours in which to contact me about a make-up exam and provide me with the appropriate documentation supporting your absence. If I don't hear from you within that time period, I will award you an exam grade of zero (0) and average that zero into your semester grade.

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| Exam 1     | 30% of your total grade |
| Exam 2     | 30% of your total grade |
| Final Exam | 40% of your total grade |

Please... do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any question.

### **Hunter College Policy on Academic Integrity**

Hunter College regards acts of academic dishonesty (e.g., plagiarism, cheating on examinations, obtaining unfair advantage, and falsification of records and official documents) as serious offenses against the values of intellectual honesty. The College is committed to enforcing the CUNY Policy on Academic Integrity and will pursue cases of academic dishonesty according to the Hunter College Academic Integrity Procedures.

And I might add that creative originality and integrity are essential if you want to develop the kind of knowledge that is going to do you any good in life. When you cheat at school, the one you are really cheating is ultimately your future self.

### **ADA Policy**

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