

# World Regional Geography (GEOG 15000)

Syllabus Fall 2015

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Office Hours: By appointment.

Where: Hunter College North 510

When: Tuesday and Friday, 12:45PM - 2:00PM

## Required Textbook

*World Regions in Global Context: Peoples, Places, and Environments (5th ed.)* by Marston, Knox, Liverman, Del Casino and Robbins. Pearson Prentice Hall: 2013. ISBN-10: 032182105X. ISBN-13: 978-0321821058. Available at the Hunter College Bookstore and online at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com). You can also rent this book through Amazon.com and B&N.com

Additional readings will be announced throughout the course term.

## Course Description and Objectives

This course is designed to introduce students to key concepts and contemporary issues of world regions in order to understand current geographical phenomenon. With an emphasis on learning how world regions are organized for environmental, economic, and social and political conditions, this course will cover a wide range of topics that illustrates the diversity of main regions of the world through lectures in addition to supplementary materials such as films, news articles, etc. While not all of the material in the book will be covered in lectures, students are responsible for its contents, and therefore must follow the reading assignments as scheduled. The primary goal of the course is for students to establish the basic understanding of critical elements of different regions of the world and the fundamental processes that drive change.

As learning outcomes, you will;

- Demonstrate a foundational understanding of basic geographic concepts and issues, and the prerequisite background to take more advanced geography courses;
- Gain a foundational understanding of physical, environment and human interaction of primary world regions;

- Gain knowledge of human processes that shape economic, social and political conditions of primary world regions; and
- Think critically about geographical concepts, processes and issues, including how geography can contribute to a sustainable and just world.

### Course Requirements/ Evaluation

Evaluation will be based upon 2 in-class exams and 11 quizzes. You are responsible for all lecture AND textbook material, which complement each other. *Any* missed test or quiz will result in zero points.

- Exams and quizzes will be composed of multiple choice and true/false questions and matching terms.

Also, class participation is crucial for succeeding in this course. I offer various course activities throughout the semester, and expect each student to actively engage themselves in the activities. Examples of course activities include in-class group discussion, debates, critical thinking practice, role play, etc. There will be no extra credit given in this course.

### Attendance and Grading Policies

- **Attendance** and being on time for class are necessary to be successful in this course. Please come prepared, having done the readings, and take notes during class. Attendance is taken in every class meeting.
- I do not give **Incomplete** as a grade except under the most extreme and documented situation, ie. Hospitalization, death in your immediately family, alien abduction, etc.
- In order to receive a **Cr/NC** at the end of the semester, students have completed all of the course requirements including all quizzes/exams AND the final exam.
- Regarding **missed exams**, you must (1) let me know in advance or contact me within 24 hours of the missed exam; (2) present acceptable documentary evidence for your absence; and (3) arrange a make-up exam at a mutually convenient time\*.
- Regarding **missed quizzes**, there will be **no make-up quizzes (no exception)**.
- \*For a **missed final exam**, I must be notified immediately with acceptable documentation for the absence and a make-up must be given as soon as possible.

I use the Hunter College grading system which can be viewed in the latest undergraduate catalog (Available online at the Registrar's homepage, <http://catalog.hunter.cuny.edu/>).

- Attendance and class participation (10%)
- Quizzes (30%) (Best 10 scores out of 11 quizzes given will be included)
- Midterm (30%)
- Final Exam (30%)

## **Course Resources**

An important resource for this class will be BlackBoard regarding readings (including supplemental), exams, quizzes, and grades. In order to log into BB you must have a CUNY portal account. All students enrolled in Hunter courses can establish this account by following the instructions on BB page (<http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/it/blackboard/blackboard-information-page>). If you cannot see this class in your BB account, contact BB help (see its webpage).

## **Course Policies**

### Academic Honesty & 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 CUNY Policy on Academic Integrity and will pursue cases of academic dishonesty according to the Hunter College Academic Integrity Procedures. Plagiarism, dishonesty, or cheating in any portion of the work required for this course will be punished to the full extent allowed according to Hunter College regulations.

### Course Etiquette

Students are expected to be respectful of the learning and engagement process that occurs in the classroom, their classmate's interaction with the course, the instructor, and guests. I also ask that students not use a cellphone during class. Late arrivals and early departures are disruptive. Disruptive behavior is subject to university policies.

### Other policies

In compliance with the American Disability Act of 1990 (ADA) and with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Hunter College is committed to ensuring educational parity and accommodations for all students with documented disabilities and/or medical conditions. It is recommended that all students with documented disabilities (Emotional, Medical, Physical, and/or Learning) consult the Office of AccessABILITY, located in Room E1214B, to secure necessary academic accommodations. For further information and assistance, please call: (212) 772-4857 or (212) 650-3230.

**Class Schedule, Topics and Exam Dates**

Week	Dates	Lecture Topic	Readings & Quizzes
<b>1</b>	Aug. 28 (Fri), Sep. 1 (Tues)	World Regions in Global Context	Chapter 1
<b>2</b>	Sep. 4 (Fri), Sep. 8 (Tues)	World Regions in Global Context	Chapter 1 & Chapter 1 quiz (Sep. 8)
<b>3</b>	Sep. 11 (Fri), Sep. 18 (Fri) ** Sep. 15: No class	Europe	Chapter 2 & Chapter 2 quiz (Sep. 18)
<b>4</b>	Sep. 25 (Fri), Sep. 29 (Tues)	The Russian Federation, Central Asia, and the Transcaucasus	Chapter 3 & Chapter 3 quiz (Sep. 29)
<b>5</b>	Oct. 2 (Fri), Oct. 6 (Tues)	Middle East and North Africa	Chapter 4 & Chapter 4 quiz (Oct. 6)
<b>7</b>	Oct. 9 (Fri), Oct. 13 (Tues)	Sub-Saharan Africa	Chapter 5
<b>8</b>	Oct. 16 (Fri)	Sub-Saharan Africa (cont'd)	Chapter 5 & Chapter 5 quiz (Oct. 15)
<b>MIDTERM EXAM Oct. 20 (Tuesday)</b>			
<b>9</b>	Oct. 23 (Fri), Oct. 27 (Tues)	The United States and Canada	Chapter 6
<b>10</b>	Oct. 30 (Fri), Nov. 3 (Tues)	The United States and Canada (cont'd) Latin America and the Caribbean	Chapter 6 & Chapter 6 quiz (Oct. 30) Chapter 7
<b>12</b>	Nov. 6 (Fri), Nov. 10 (Tues)	Latin America and the Caribbean (cont'd) East Asia	Chapter 7 and Chapter 7 quiz (Nov. 6) Chapter 8
<b>13</b>	Nov. 13 (Fri), Nov. 17 (Tues)	East Asia (cont'd) South Asia	Chapter 8 and Chapter 8 quiz (Nov. 13) Chapter 9
<b>14</b>	Nov. 20 (Fri), Nov. 24 (Tues)	South Asia (cont'd) Southeast Asia	Chapter 9 and Chapter 9 quiz (Nov. 20) Chapter 10
<b>15</b>	Dec. 1 (Tues), Dec. 4 (Fri)	Southeast Asia (cont'd) Oceania	Chapter 10 and Chapter 10 quiz (Dec. 1) Chapter 11
<b>16</b>	Dec. 8 (Tues)	Oceania (cont'd)	Chapter 11 and Chapter 11 quiz (Dec. 8)
	Dec. 11 (Fri)	Final Exam Review	

**FINAL EXAM (December 18 (Friday), 2015, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm)**