

World Regional Geography
GEOG 150-01L
Winter 2020

Welcome to the online version of World Regional Geography. This month you will be exploring the world's cultural regions through online exercises, websites, online videos, and online writing. This course is entirely online so will be important for you to build yourself a schedule for completing your work each week. By the end of this course, you should be familiar with aspects of the physical, cultural, economic, urban, and population geographies of the world's regions.

The majority of your grade will be based on your essays on each world region. In order to do well in this course, you must actually do the work. This class will be all about active learning and writing. I have posted a number of videos and websites for each world region. I expect you to watch the videos and show evidence of it in your essays and projects (one region's writing assignment is not an essay). There is a rubric posted for your essays. I strongly encourage you to use the rubric to guide your preparation. There will also be a final exam based on information taken from the essays and videos. There is no textbook for this course.

Several of the regional folders have a country identification game website for that region. For extra credit, play the country game, take a screenshot with your score, and upload it.

All work must be uploaded on Blackboard. I will not accept work submitted via email. All grading is done on Blackboard, so I can't give you appropriate feedback if you email me the work.

This semester moves very quickly. Please do your best to keep up. Everything needs to be finished by the day of the final. I do accept late work, but unless you have an excellent excuse, there are points deducted depending on how late. Please review the rubric for each assignment so you are aware of the percentage of points you might lose if you submit late, or if there are other concerns with your essays/assignments.

Policy on Revisions:

I do accept revised essays for a possible improved grade if the essay meets the following criteria:

1. The original version is submitted on time.
2. The original version responds to the assigned question.
3. The revised essay is submitted within 3 days of the grade for the original version being posted.
4. Map quizzes will only be accepted as part of the original submission.

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Learning Outcomes:

- Students will be able to critically think and critically write about key themes in regions across the globe
- Students will be able to discuss the relationship between the physical and human geographies of the world's major regions
- Students will be able to identify patterns of migrations by examining the origins and diffusion patterns of cultural traits such as language, religion, foods, and forms of dress.

Grading:

Each essay is worth 12.5% of your grade, as is the final exam.

Please note that due dates vary in terms of days of the week. All assignments are due by 10 pm on the scheduled due time. You are welcome to submit early, but the late clock begins within the first hour after the posted dates and times. Please take notes as you go so you are ready to complete the final exam. The final will be available all day on the 23rd but is a timed exam. Please notify me in advance if for any reason you need to take the final exam early. I cannot schedule the final exam later since graduating seniors need their grades posted on time. The college schedules the final exam day.

Due Dates for Folders:

January 3: Folder 1: US and Canada video assignment

January 6: Folder 2: Latin America and the Caribbean video assignment

January 9: Folder 3: Africa and Southwest Asia video assignment

January 13: Folder 4: Europe and Russian Domain video assignment

January 16: Folder 5: Central Asia and East Asia video assignment

January 18: Folder 6: South Asia and Southeast Asia video assignment

January 21: Folder 7: Australia and Oceania video assignment

January 23: Last day to submit any late video assignments.

January 23: Online Final Exam

All essays must be submitted in that week's assignment folder dialog box. All assignments will be checked by SafeAssign for plagiarism. To access the assignments folders, open "Assignments", then that week's folder, then click on the assignment title to open the dialog box and see the rubric. ***Assignments submitted in any other manner, including email, will not be graded.***

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If the SafeAssign report returns showing evidence of significant plagiarism, you will receive a zero for that assignment and I will contact the Dean of Students for disciplinary action. Plagiarism is theft of words and ideas and is taken very seriously by Hunter College.

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- b. All Other Forms of Sexual Misconduct: Students are also encouraged to contact the College's Title IX Campus Coordinator, Dean John Rose (jtrose@hunter.cuny.edu or 212-650-3262) or Colleen Barry (colleen.barr7@hunter.cuny.edu or 212-772-4534) and seek complimentary services through the Counseling and Wellness Services Office, Hunter East 1123.

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Link: <http://www.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/la/Policy-on-Sexual-Misconduct-12-1-14-with-links.pdf>