GEOG 150 World Regional Geography (Online over 8 weeks)
Summer 2010

The goal of this course is to help you to better understand the geographies of the world today from a regional perspective, examining each region’s history, cultures, economies, natural environments, resources, and political dynamics, as well as the interconnections within and among the world’s regions.

Each week, you are responsible for reading the assigned chapters and completing quizzes, map exercises, and essays found on the course’s Blackboard site in Course Documents. Course Documents also has supplemental material to help you go further in understanding the material and regions covered in those chapters. Exams will be found in Assignments when they become available on Wednesday of the designated exam weeks.

Weekly assignments have due dates and times, but you are free to complete them at your convenience prior to the due dates and times. This course primarily requires you to develop an independent work schedule that allows you to meet required deadlines. The course is asynchronous, meaning there are no formal face-to-face meetings. There are also no scheduled times when you are required to be online.

Everything is due by 11 p.m. on Fridays unless otherwise announced. The two exceptions are the weeks of the midterm and final, when 1 chapter is due by Wednesday and the exam, which will become available on Wednesday, is due on Friday. This way I can grade your chapter work before the exam.

This course fulfills either Group 1 or Group 4 of the Pluralism and Diversity Requirement, as well as Stage 2, Group B of GER.

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Grading: Online map exercises, quizzes, and exercises weighted equally, totaling 80% of your grade
Midterm and final (not cumulative) 10% each

It is essential that you use the 4th edition of the textbook so that it matches with the material on Blackboard. If you purchase or borrow a used book, you will need to contact Prentice Hall to obtain a new course key to access the exercises and quizzes on Blackboard. Do not enter your course key on the Prentice Hall website. Use it only on the Blackboard site. Contact me immediately if your new course key doesn’t work so that I can contact our Prentice Hall representative to resolve the issue.
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Week 1: Complete Chapters 1 & 2 by 11 p.m. on Friday
Week 2: Complete Chapters 3 & 4 by 11 p.m. on Friday
Week 3: Complete Chapters 5 & 6 by 11 p.m. on Friday
Week 4: Complete Chapters 7 by 11 pm on Wednesday and Midterm exam by 11 p.m. on Friday
Week 5: Complete Chapters 8 & 9 by 11 p.m. on Friday
Week 6: Complete Chapters 10 & 11 by 11 p.m. on Friday
Week 7: Complete Chapters 12 & 13 by 11 p.m. on Friday
Week 8: Complete Chapters 14 by 11 pm on Wednesday and Final exam by 11 p.m. on Friday