

GEOG 15000 – World Regional Geography
Tuesdays and Fridays, 12:45pm – 2:00pm
Hunter North 510
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Course Description

This course will discuss topics using a global framework to study the physical and social (economic, political, and cultural) interrelationships in the world within a regional context. We will examine the concept of the region using geographic concepts and present a survey of the world's major regions, placing particular emphasis on cultural and societal structures. This course will be presented in three sections: the first section will look at regions of North America, Middle America, South America, and Europe; the second will look at the regions of Russia/Central Asia, North Africa/Southwest Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and South Asia; and the third section will look at regions of East Asia, Southeast Asia, the Austral Realm, and the Pacific and Polar Regions.

This course can be applied to either Group A or D of the Pluralism and Diversity requirements, or Stage 2B (non-W) of the GER.

Prerequisites

English 120

Required Texts

DeBlij, H., Muller, M., and Nijman, J. *Geography: Realms, Regions, and Concepts, 16th Edition*. Wiley. (2013). \$179.95
ISBN: 978-1-118-67395-9
E-Text ISBN: 978-1-118-79773-0

Course Evaluation

It is mandatory that you attend lecture and complete the assignments for this course. I follow the Hunter College Attendance Policy (<http://catalog.hunter.cuny.edu/>). I will deduct a point for every additional class missed outside of the four sessions (six hours) allowed. **Class lecture slides will not be posted on Blackboard.** If you miss class then it is your responsibility to get the notes from a fellow classmate and to complete any readings for that day.

The breakdown of your final grade is as follows:

Assignments	Percentage of Total Grade
Quizzes	20%
First Exam	25%
Second Exam	25%
Final Exam	30%

Only students who have satisfied the attendance requirements, completed all assignments, and taken the final exam are eligible for the Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) option. The form can be submitted for consideration up to 15 minutes prior to the start of the final exam. Forms will not be acceptable once the exam begins.

INC will only be given for this course in extreme circumstances. In order to receive an INC you must notify me with 78 hours of the scheduled final exam and make arrangements with me to complete a Contract to Resolve an Incomplete Grade in which we will establish a deadline for completing a missed examination. This contract must be completed prior to final grade submissions.

Extra credit will not be offered for this course.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Define and describe the field of geography, and identify its major subfields.
- Identify the earth's regions, and places in these regions, on a map.
- Explain physical and social phenomena within and between regions utilizing a geographic perspective.
- Display a basic understanding of political, social, and economic relationships at varying scales and outline how they are interrelated.
- Describe how the physical environment impacts social and human landscapes.
- Compare and contrast the physical and human landscapes of the major world regions.

Quizzes

You will take a series of quizzes corresponding to each chapter's region that are administered in Blackboard. A total of 12 quizzes will be given and the two lowest scoring quizzes will be discarded. These quizzes are worth 20% of your final grade and will be one method I use for taking attendance. Make-up quizzes will not be given.

Exams

You will take a total of three exams throughout the semester: two mid-semester exams and a final exam. These exams will be multiple-choice with the first and second exams being worth 25% each and the final exam worth 30% of your total grade. All exams will consist of 50 multiple choice questions and they are not cumulative. Electronic devices are not permitted during the exam and supplemental materials may not be used. Unless a force of nature prevents us from getting to Hunter College, the exam dates on the syllabus are set. Make up exams will only be given if you provide approved documentation.

Classroom policies

1. Computers are allowed for note taking only.
2. Taking photos of class slides/presentations is prohibited.
3. Cell phones must be silenced prior to class entry.
4. Drinks (coffee, tea, soda, etc.) are permitted, but please keep food to a minimum.

Communicating Throughout the Semester

If I need to contact you for any reason I will do so via email through Blackboard. In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (<http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/onestop/records-and-transcripts/ferpa>), the CUNY email address on file in Blackboard is the email address that I will use to communicate with you. I will not respond to emails sent from personal email accounts. Because of the frequency that I receive SPAM emails and viruses disguised as legitimate looking emails, I do not open emails that look suspicious to me. Emails must include the course name and/or number in the subject line along with a brief subject for the email. It is your responsibility to make sure your CUNY email address is correct in Blackboard. Bounced emails will not be an acceptable excuse for not being aware of any changes to the course schedule or other communications to the class. **Check your email regularly.** Please read the course syllabus and check Blackboard for additional information before emailing me with questions regarding the course. I will not respond to questions if the answer can be found in the course syllabus. Make sure to include a signature so that I know who is emailing me. I will not respond to emails over the weekend or on observed holidays.

Hunter College statement 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.

ADA Policy

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 documents 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. If you have a documentable disability or condition that makes it impossible to complete an assignment as written, please contact me immediately so an alternative can be arranged.

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Day	Date	Chapter and Topic	Assignment Due
Tuesday	1/31/17	Introduction World Regional Geography: Global	
Friday	2/3/17	Perspectives	
Tuesday	2/7/17	Chapter 1A The North American Realm	
Friday	2/10/17	Chapter 1B North American Regions	Quiz 1
Tuesday	2/14/17	Chapter 2A The Middle American Realm	
Friday	2/17/17	Chapter 2B Middle American Regions	Quiz 2
Tuesday	2/21/17	Chapter 3A The South American Realm	
Friday	2/24/17	Chapter 3B South American Regions	Quiz 3
Tuesday	2/28/17	Chapter 4A The European Realm	
Friday	3/3/17	Chapter 4B European Regions	Quiz 4
Tuesday	3/7/27	<i>First Exam</i>	
Friday	3/10/17	Chapter 5A The Russian/Central Asian Realm	
Tuesday	3/14/17	Chapter 5B Russian/Central Asian Regions	Quiz 5
Friday	3/17/17	Chapter 6A The North African/Southwest Asian Realm	
Tuesday	3/21/17	Chapter 6B North African/Southwest Asian Regions	Quiz 6
Friday	3/24/17	Chapter 7A The Subsaharan Realm	
Tuesday	3/28/17	Chapter 7B Subsaharan Regions	Quiz 7
Friday	3/31/17	Chapter 8A The South Asian Realm	
Tuesday	4/4/17	Chapter 8B South Asian Regions	Quiz 8
Friday	4/7/17	<i>Second Exam</i>	
Tuesday	4/11/17		
Friday	4/14/17	<i>Spring Recess - No Classes Scheduled</i>	
Tuesday	4/18/17		
Friday	4/21/17	Chapter 9A The East Asian Realm	
Tuesday	4/25/17	Chapter 9B East Asian Regions	Quiz 9
Friday	4/28/17	Chapter 10A The Southeast Asian Realm	
Tuesday	5/2/17	Chapter 10B Southeast Asian Regions	Quiz 10
Friday	5/5/17	Chapter 11 The Austral Realm	Quiz 11
Tuesday	5/9/17		
Friday	5/12/17	Chapter 12 Pacific Realm and Polar Futures	Quiz 12
Tuesday	5/16/17		
Friday	5/26/17	<i>Final Exam</i>	