SPRING 2010
GEOG 150 - World Regional Geography
Section 002 – Saturday 1:10 to 4:00 p.m.

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Note that earlier editions are significantly different, and are not recommended.
The text is available at Shakespeare Books, 939 Lexington Avenue (across the street from Hunter). For value copies, including used, e-book, and rentals, check <http://www.allbookstores.com/book/compare/9780321590046>

The course will cover an introduction to the concepts of contemporary geography, followed by a survey of key current global issues and an examination of several of the world’s major geographic realms.

Grading:

There will be two class exams and a final exam, all in short answer format. The exams will not be cumulative. The final grade will be determined on an average of the three exams, with allowance for class participation, and will be assigned as a letter grade based on the numerical standards that can be found in the Hunter College Undergraduate Catalogue.

Please be aware that the number of students I have each term makes it impossible for me to offer extra credit assignments.

All exams, or approved make-ups, must be taken. Makes-ups will be scheduled at my convenience. To receive an incomplete (IN) a student must present evidence of a satisfactory reason and must have done “C” work or better PRIOR to the filing of the incomplete; otherwise, the student will receive a grade of WU.

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.
Calendar:

Sat  Jan 29th   First day of classes
Sat  Feb 13th  No class
Sat  Apr 3rd   No class
Sat  May 15th  Last day of classes
Sat  May 22nd  Final Exam, 10 am -12 pm, in classroom.

Classroom Electronics:

I permit the use of electronic recording devices and dictionaries during lectures. ALL other personal electronics should be turned off before coming into the classroom. This includes cell phones, Blackberrys, etc. Headphones, ear buds, and in-class text messaging are a sign of disrespect both to the instructor and to your fellow students. The use of entertainment devices including, but not limited to, i-Pods and games during class will result in an invitation to leave the room for the day. The only exception to this shall be in situations where a student attends class while a known emergency condition is developing in the immediate family, and I should be notified of this at the beginning of class.

NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED DURING EXAMS. Violation of this rule will result in an automatic grade of zero for the exam, and the possibility of further disciplinary action.

Other Notes:

Keep in mind that, as this class meets only once a week, missing one session is the equivalent of missing a full week’s work. I would suggest you develop a “buddy system” with one or more classmates to cover notes should you miss a session.

Well-behaved children are welcome at any time.

Outline:


First Exam

2. East Asia [chap. 10]
3. South Asia [chap. 9]

Second Exam

4. North America [chap. 2]
5. Europe [chap. 4]

Final Exam – Saturday, May 22, 1:10 – 3:10 p.m.