

GEOG 150: World Regional Geography
Winter Session 2010
M/Tu/W/Th – 1:00 to 4:45 p.m.
Hunter North 1022

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Text: Clawson, Johnson, Haarman, and Johnson, *World Regional Geography*, 10th Ed., Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2010 [ISBN 0-321-59004-x]. Note that the 9th ed. of 2007 [ISBN 0-13-149703-0] has a different chapter alignment, but will do.

Recommended: *Goode's World Atlas*, 22nd ed., Rand McNally, 2009.

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.

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, text-messaging, and computers for anything but note taking 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 this is an intensive class, meeting four days a week. I would suggest you develop a “buddy system” with one or more classmates to cover notes should you miss one or more sessions.

Well-behaved children are welcome at any time.

Calendar:

Mon	Jan 4 th	First class
Mon	Jan 18 th	No classes; College closed.
Thurs	Jan 21 st	Last day of classes; final exam.

Lecture/Exam Outline:

[Chapter assignments from the 10th Ed. in **Boldface**
Chapter assignments from the 9th ed. in Plainface]

1. Geographical Concepts and Global Issues [**chap. 1** *or* chaps. 2-3]

First Exam

2. North America [**chap. 2** *or* chaps. 4-6]

3. Europe [**chap. 4** *or* chaps. 10-12]

Second Exam

4. East Asia [**chap. 10** *or* chaps. 17-19]

5. South Asia [**chap. 9** *or* chaps. 17, 21]

Final Exam