

GEOG 100 - World Regional Geography, Spring 2008

Class Number: **LEC 57351**

Instructor: **Professor Jerome E. (Jerry) Dobson**

Course Description: An introductory geographical survey of the cultural and physical settings, historical formative periods, and present-day issues that distinguish the major culture areas of the world.

Lecture Room: **412 Lindley Hall**

Office: **214 Lindley Hall**

Class Meeting Times: **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:00 am to 12:15 pm, plus anytime by appointment**

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Textbook: Bradshaw, Michael J., George W. White, Joseph P. Dymond, and Elizabeth Chacko. 2007. *Essentials of World Regional Geography*, First Edition (New York: McGraw-Hill).

Course credit: **3 hours**

Pre-requisite: **None.**

Evaluation:

1. **Five tests** (including final exam) will be given.
2. Your **lowest test grade will be omitted** from the calculation of your overall course grade.
3. **If the final exam is your lowest grade, one half of its value will be omitted** from the calculation of your overall course grade.
4. In the calculation of your overall course grade, regular tests will count 20 % each, and the final exam will count 40 %.
5. One half of the final exam will be cumulative and one half will be comprised of the material presented after test 4.
6. **Map location** will comprise 10 per cent of each test.
7. **No make-up tests** will be given *for any reason*.
8. All questions will be **objective** and machine gradable.
9. **“Curves”** (extra points based on overall grade curves) are by no means certain. They **may be given on individual tests or final grade** if the instructor believes they are warranted by overall class performance.
10. Students who attend class regularly will be eligible for curves. Students who miss one or more lectures during any given testing period **will not be eligible for “curves”** that happen to be given on that respective test. (For example, students who miss any lecture between Test 1 and Test 2 will not be eligible for extra points that happen to be given on Test 2).

Schedule

Date	Day	Chapter	Topic
1/17	R		Course Overview
1/22	T		Geography and GIS Dobson, J. E. 2007. "Bring Back Geography!" <i>ArcNews</i> 29(1): pp. 1-5. Available on Blackboard under "Course Documents."
1/24	R	1	Essentials of World Regional Geography
1/29	T		
1/31	R		
2/5	T		
2/7	R		Test 1
2/12	T	2	Europe
2/14	R		
2/19	T		
2/21	R	3	Russia and Neighboring Countries
2/26	T		
2/28	R		Test 2
3/4	T	4	East Asia
3/6	R		
3/11	T	5	Southeast Asia, Australia, and Oceania
3/13	R		
3/18	T		Spring Break (No Class)
3/20	R		
3/25	T	6	South Asia
3/27	R		
4/1	T		Test 3
3/3	R	7	Northern Africa and Southwestern Asia
4/8	T		
4/10	R		
4/15	T	8	Africa South of the Sahara
4/17	R		
4/22	T		Test 4
4/24	R	9	Latin America
4/29	T		
5/1	R	10	North America
5/6	T		
5/8	R		Global Reflections
5/13	T		Final Exam: Lindley Hall, Room 412, 10:30 am to 1:00 pm