

Course Syllabus, GEOG 100: World Regional Geography

MWF 8:00 - 8:50 AM

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Course Description and Goals:

In this course students will take a penetrating look into the geographical - or spatial - relationships between human societies and cultures, the natural environment, and historical changes that have shaped the conceptual approach to understanding and explaining the dynamic human and natural features of the earth's surface. Important themes include the necessary link between history and geography, historical and cultural settlement processes, urbanization, ethnic conflict and nation-building, globalization of economy and culture, understanding of current events from a historical and geographical perspective is imperative. Thus, timely issues and events in the news will be tied into the overall framework of the course.

Required Text: Bradshaw. 2007. *Contemporary World Regional Geography. Second Edition.* McGraw Hill Pub. Jayhawk Bookstore across from Lindley has several used copies.

Assignments and Evaluation Methods:

Exams: Exam format will be multiple choice and matching. Scantrons will be provided for the tests. Each exam WILL cover material from the textbook and information from the lectures. There are NO dropped tests. (Total of 4 Exams)

Globalization Essay: There is one paper required for this course. This essay is intended to reveal the inherent links evident in our current global system. Although it is a short paper (5-6 pages double spaced, Times New Roman), I have high expectations in terms of mechanics and content. In a sentence, the assignment is this: Choose an international feature (any feature) of the global community and show how it relates to the cultural, political, economic, and environmental condition of the Earth. This can be a commodity (Petroleum, Coffee Soybeans, etc.), corporation (Microsoft, Starbucks, Coca-Cola etc.), phenomenon or movement (Zapatista rebellion, Cell phone usage, Asian Bird Flu, etc.). The goal here is to show how a particular movement, industry, or item can have far reaching effects throughout our world. Confused? A more detailed explanation of this assignment can be found on Blackboard under "Final Paper." (Total of 1 Essay)

Regional Map Book: This is the creative part of the class. Within the first week, I will provide blank maps of the regions we will be examining on Blackboard. You are required to print and fill these maps out with information including the names of countries and major urban areas. You can not finish the course without completing this bare minimum requirement. What you do from there will determine how many points you will receive. You can receive as many as five percentage points towards your final course grade. (Total of 1 Map Book)

Grading: Four Exams (including final) @ 20 points each = 80%
One 5 page Globalization essay @ 15 points = 15%
Regional Map Book (REQUIRED!!!!) = 5 points = 5%

Students with disabilities:

If you have a learning and /or physical disability, you are encouraged to make arrangements for class assignments/exams so your academic performance will not suffer because of the disability or handicap. If you have questions about special provisions for students with disabilities, contact the KU Services For Students With Disabilities <http://www.ku.edu/~ssdis/>. If you do not notify the instructor of your disability, he is not responsible for making special arrangements.

Blackboard Information:

If you have never used blackboard before, don't panic. It is extremely easy to use and provides all the external information you need for the course. You may use it to check grades, download outline maps for the Map Book, download related course documents, get more information about the assignments, check out interesting links, and much more.

The Web Address to login for Blackboard is <http://courseware.ku.edu/>

Schedule of readings and topics (subject to adjustment)

Week	Date	General Topic and Reading
Week 1	Jan. 18	Welcome and Introduction to course/ Chapter 1: Globalization
Week 2	Jan. 21	MLK Day - NO CLASS
	Jan. 23	Chapter 1: World Regions
	Jan. 25	Chapter 2: Concepts in Geography
Week 3	Jan. 28	Chapter 2: Concepts in Geography
	Jan. 30	Chapter 3: Europe
	Feb. 1	Chapter 3: Europe
Week 4	Feb. 4	Chapter 3: Europe
	Feb. 6	Chapter 3: Europe & Review for Exam 1
	Feb. 8	Exam 1
Week 5	Feb. 11	Chapter 4: Russia
	Feb. 13	Chapter 4: Russia
	Feb. 15	Chapter 4: Russia
Week 6	Feb. 18	Chapter 4: Russia
	Feb. 20	Chapter 4: Russia
	Feb. 22	Chapter 5: East Asia
Week 7	Feb. 25	Chapter 5: East Asia
	Feb. 27	Chapter 5: East Asia
	Feb. 29	Chapter 5: East Asia
Week 8	Mar. 3	Chapter 6: Southeast Asia
	Mar. 5	Chapter 6: Southeast Asia
	Mar. 7	Papers Due Chapter 6: Southeast Asia
Week 9	Mar. 10	Chapter 6: Southeast Asia & Review for Exam 2
	Mar. 12	Exam 2
	Mar. 14	Chapter 7: South Asia
Week 10	Mar. 17-21	Spring Break - NO CLASS
Week 11	Mar. 24	Chapter 7: South Asia
	Mar. 26	Chapter 7: South Asia
	Mar. 28	Chapter 7: South Asia/Chapter 8: North Africa
Week 12	Mar. 31	Chapter 8: North Africa
	April 2	Chapter 8: North Africa
	April 4	Chapter 8: North Africa
Week 13	April 7	Chapter 9: Sub-Saharan Africa
	April 9	Chapter 9: Sub-Saharan Africa
	April 11	Chapter 9: Sub-Saharan Africa
Week 14	April 14	Chapter 9: Sub-Saharan Africa & Review for Exam 3
	April 16	Exam 3? AAG
	April 18	AAG no class
Week 15	April 21	Chapter 10: Latin America
	April 23	Chapter 10: Latin America
	April 25	Chapter 10: Latin America
Week 16	April 28	Chapter 10: Latin America
	April 30	Chapter 10: Latin America
	May 2	Chapter 11: North America
Week 17	May 5	Chapter 11: North America
	May 7	Chapter 11: North America & Review for Exam 4: Papers and Mapbooks due.
	May 9	Stop Day - NO CLASS
Week 16	May 12	Exam 4 7:30 - 10:00 AM