

UNR Fall, 2011 GEOG 200: World Regional Geography

Tues 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Sat 12:00 – 2:00 pm

WRB 3005



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Course Description: The course design for World Regional Geography is intended to introduce the Earth's diverse cultural regions and to provide perspective on how they are all equally unique yet interconnected. While thoroughly understanding each region is virtually impossible in the timeframe of one semester, let alone an abbreviated semester, this survey course will identify the key characteristics that define a region and the ways in which they interact on a global scale. Two critical themes, globalization and the environment, will be examined throughout the entirety of the course. Coupled with geographic analysis of the physical, cultural, historical, political, and economic factors which comprise each distinct region, this exploration will cultivate an increased understanding of current regional and global issues. In addition, GEOG 200 fulfills the University **Core Curriculum** requirement for the Social Sciences.

Required Text and Materials: *World Regional Geography Concepts*, Pulsipher & Pulsipher, WH Freeman and Company. Rand McNally's Atlas of World Geography is included in package.

WebCampus: All grades and course materials will be posted on WebCampus including: the syllabus, assignments, and any additional reading materials.

Grading and Assignments:	Exams (2) @ 100	200
	Film Review	100
	Current Event	40
	5 Map Quizzes	50
	Position Paper	50
	Attendance and participation	60
	Total	500 pts

The total possible points for this course are 500. Two exams, each worth 100 points, will cover lecture and reading materials. While they will not be cumulative, the concepts discussed throughout the course are applicable to content within each exam. A film review, worth 100 points, will be discussed in detail upon assignment. One position paper on a course topic will required worth a total of 50 points. There will be five map quizzes worth 50 points total. The attendance and participation component is worth 60 points. Finally, a current event assignment will make up the last 40 possible points that you may earn for this course.

Expectations in the Classroom:

1. Attendance and participation are expected in order to achieve a desirable outcome for your grade in this class. The “Pop Quiz” material will be taken directly from reading and lecture materials and if you are not present, your grade will reflect your attendance record. If you are unable to attend class, please notify me or a fellow student to make arrangements to get class notes. Late Assignments: A percentage of points will be deducted for late assignments.
2. Do **NOT** bring your cell phone into class with the power on. This will save you the embarrassment of fumbling to turn it off when it rings and it will prevent you from texting in class which is strictly prohibited. If you are found texting in class, you will be asked to leave and the offense will be reflected in your participation grade. Computers are acceptable as long as they are utilized for note taking and not netsurfing.
3. To avoid the temptation to plagiarize, all writing assignments must be submitted electronically via email to your TA in addition to a paper copy submitted in class. Plagiarism is a serious offense and is punishable by expulsion from the university. Any student caught plagiarizing will automatically receive an **F** for the course. **There will be no exceptions!!!**

Academic Success Services: Your student fees cover usage of the Math Center (784-4433 or www.unr.edu/mathcenter/), Tutoring Center (784-6801 or www.unr.edu/tutoring/), and

University Writing Center (784-6030 or www.unr.edu/writing_center). These centers support your classroom learning; it is your responsibility to take advantage of their services. **Keep in mind that seeking help outside of class is the sign of a responsible and successful student.**

Disability Accommodations: The Department of Geography is committed to equal opportunity in education for all students, including those with documented physical or learning disabilities. University policy states that it is the responsibility of students with documented disabilities to contact instructors during the first week of each semester to discuss appropriate accommodations to ensure equity in grading, classroom experiences, and outside assignments.

Syllabus and Assignment Schedule (Subject to change!)

Wk 1 (Sat Sept 17): Introduction and Chapter 1

Overview: The Syllabus- Course structure and assignments

Wk 2 (Sept 20-24): Chapt 1 cont'd

Wk 3 (Sept 27- Oct 1): Chapter 3: Middle and South America

Sat: **Current event due**

Wk 4 (Oct 4-8): Chapter 6: North Africa and Southwest Asia

Tues: **Map quiz 1-** The Americas

Wk 5 (Oct 11-15): Chapt 6 cont'd

Wk 6 (Oct 18-22): Chapter 7: Sub-Saharan Africa

Tues: **Map quiz 2-** Africa

Wk 7 (Oct 25-29): Chapter 8: South Asia

Tues: **Exam 1**

Wk 8 (Nov 1-5): Chapt 8 cont'd

Tues: **Map quiz 3-** S & SW Asia

Wk 9 (Nov 8-12): Chapter 9 and Chapter 10 : East and Southeast Asia

Sat: **Position Paper Due**

Wk 10 (Nov 15-19):

Tues: **Map quiz 4-** E & SE Asia

Wk 11 (Nov 22-26): Chapter 5 Russia and the Newly Independent States
NO CLASS SATURDAY

Wk 12 (Nov 29- Dec 3):
Tues: **Map quiz 5- Former Soviet Union; Film Review due**

Wk 13 (Tues Dec 6): Final Exam
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