

GEO 1500-80: World Geography (Online)

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Course Syllabus

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Course Overview:

This course is organized into two parts as follows: The first part will focus on the basic concepts and themes of geography, and how these concepts and themes may be applied to the study and understanding of our world. The second part will explore the geography of major regions of the world, including North America, North Africa and Southwest Asia (Middle East), Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, Europe, and South Asia. Overall, this course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the economic, cultural, social, demographic, environmental, and political factors which have shaped and continue to shape the distinctive physical and human geographies of these regions and our world in general.

Course Objectives:

Upon the completion of this course, students will demonstrate knowledge of:

1. Key concepts and themes of geography
2. The physical and human characteristics of world regions
3. Differences between world regions in terms of development
4. The nature of the relationship between the major world regions
5. The environmental, economic, demographic, social and political factors shaping the geographies of world regions
6. Global processes and trends and their implications.

Required Textbook:

Bradshaw, M; White, G.; Dymond, J. & Chacko, E. (2010) *Essentials of World Regional Geography (2nd Edition)* Boston: McGraw-Hill.

Evaluation:

Exams (3 @25%)	75%
Quiz	15%
Class Participation	10%

Class Participation

Students will be expected to participate regularly and actively in this online course. This participation is aimed at promoting student-faculty and student-student interaction. Class participation will be in the form of your responses to discussion questions relating to world geography.

Course Outline and Schedule of Readings

WEEK	TOPIC & CHAPTER
Week 1	Essentials of World Regional Geography (Chapter 1) Europe
Week 2	Russia and Neighboring Countries (Chapter 3) South Asia (Chapter 6) East Asia (Chapter 4)
Week 3	North Africa and Southwest Asia (Chapter 7) Africa South of the Sahara (Chapter 8) Latin America (Chapter 10) North America (Chapter 11)

