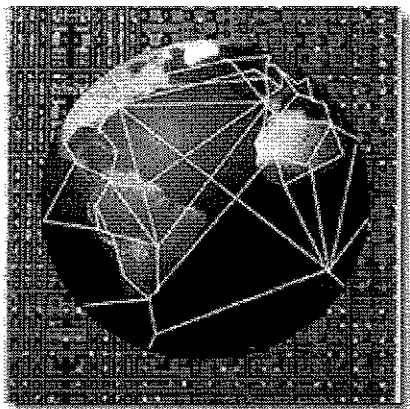


## World Regional Geography: Geography 001 - Fall 2006

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### Course Description:

The purpose of this course is to learn more about the world in which we live. As you will soon discover geography is about much more than just learning where countries, cities and mountains are located. While it is important to know *where* places are in the world, it is much more important (and interesting) to know *how* and *why* some places are different from others. Also, we will be learning about the ways in which different parts of the world are increasingly connected to each other, especially in this current age of globalization. Geography is a field of study that is proud to take a holistic approach that aims to understand a variety of processes (from geology, to climatology, to ecology, to history, to economics, to politics) and understand how they all come together to create the variety of places that exist in the world. By taking this course I hope you will learn more about the world in which you live and the processes that constantly remake it.

### Course Requirements:

**Lectures:** I expect that you will attend lectures, add to discussions in class, complete the assigned readings *before* class, take the exams and quizzes, and be responsible for catching up on any notes missed during an absence. There may also be guest lectures in the class. If you miss a class I would suggest that you get the notes from a classmate and ask her/him about what we went over that day. Don't miss the exam days!! If you are someone who may miss classes throughout the semester because of athletics or another university sponsored activity please let me know early in the semester so I can make note of it. Attendance will be taken and count as part of your final grade.

## **Readings:**

There is one book required for this class: World Regions in Global Context by Marston, Knox and Liverman (second edition). You may also want to get an atlas but that is optional. The book is available at the UVM bookstore. Read the assigned material *before* the class for which it is assigned. We will discuss the readings in class and the material from the readings will be on exams.

**Movies:** From time to time we will be watching movies that demonstrate the concepts covered in the class. The information from the movies will be on the exams (Don't fall asleep!).

## **Things you will be graded on:**

### **Exams:**

There will be 3 exams during the semester: Midterms in class are on Tues. Oct 3 and Thurs. Nov 2 and the final is on Friday Dec 8 at 8am. The information from the exams will come directly from the class lectures, discussions, readings and movies. The final exam is NOT cumulative; it only covers information since the second exam. The exams will have a combination of multiple choice, short answer, and short essay questions.

### **Quizzes:**

There will be 7 quizzes during the semester currently scheduled for: Sept 12, Sept 21, Oct 12, Oct 19, Oct 26, Nov 9, Nov 30. These will focus on knowing the location of countries, places, and physical features (mountains, rivers, etc) of the region we are discussing. Your grade will be based on your 6 highest quiz scores. In other words, the grade for the quiz you did the worst on (or missed) will be thrown out.

**Unless you contact me with a reason why you can not make it to class on an exam or quiz day (trip for athletics for instance) *at least 24 hours prior to the exam or quiz* you can not make up a missed exam or quiz!**

### **Attendance:**

Attendance will be taken each day. There are points awarded to your grade for simply showing up (10% of the class). *In addition, there are point penalties for missing too many classes.* If you miss more than 2 classes during the semester you will start losing points at the rate of 25 points off final class points for each day missed (there are a total of 1000 points for the semester). In other words if you miss 3 classes you lose 25 points, 4 classes you lose 50 points (half a letter grade!), etc. If you miss a lot of classes this can become devastating to your grade. For instance, if you are absent for 10 classes you'll lose 200 points, making it awfully hard to pass the class. If you start missing a lot of classes for any reason it is imperative that you contact me

**Grades will be distributed according to the following scale:**

A+ 100-97; A 97-93; A- 93-90; B+ 90-87; B 87-83; B- 83-80; C+ 80-77; C 77-73; C- 73-70; D+ 70-67; D 67-63; D- 63-60; F= below 60.

**This is how the points will break down:**

Exams:	600 points (3 exams at 200 points each)
Quizzes	300 points (6 top scores out of 7 at 50 points each)
Attendance:	100 points

**Academic dishonesty:** Academic dishonesty includes plagiarism (submitting someone else's work as your own), cheating, and fabrication of information or citations. It will result in a grade of "F" for this course. If you have any questions or uncertainty regarding this policy discuss them with me.

**Access:** I encourage persons with disabilities to participate in this class. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation in this course or have questions about physical access, please tell me as soon as possible.

***Class Schedule:***

**(Note: This is an approximate schedule. If there are any changes to it I will announce it in class.)**

**Week 1:**

**Reading**

**First class:** Introduction, what is geography? and review syllabus

**Thurs. Aug 30:** Maps and the global physical environment *Read Chapter One*

**Week 2:**

**Tues. Sept 5:** Global physical environment.

**Thurs. Sept 7:** Global human geography and regional approach *Read Chapter Two*

**Week 3:**

**Tues. Sept 12:** Human/Environment interaction - **Quiz over global geography**

**Thurs. Sept 14:** North America *Read Chapter Seven*

**Week 4:**

**Tues. Sept 19** North America - Europe *Read Chapter Three*

**Thurs. Sept 21.** Europe - **Quiz over Europe/North America**

**Week 5:**

**Tues. Sept 26:** Europe, Russia and Central Asia *Read Chapter Four*

**Thurs. Sept 28:** Russia and Central Asia

**Week 6:**

**\*\*\*\*\*Tues. Oct 3:** Exam #1\*\*\*\*\*

**Thurs. Oct 5:** Middle East *Read Chapter Five*

**Week 7:**

**Tues. Oct 10:** Middle East

**Thurs. Oct 12:** North Africa - **Quiz over Russia/ Central Asia / Middle East**

**Week 8:**

**Tues. Oct 17:** Sub-Saharan Africa

*Read Chapter Six*

**Thurs. Oct 19:** Sub-Saharan Africa - **Quiz over Africa**

**Week 9:**

**Tues. Oct 24:** South Asia

*Read Chapter Eleven*

**Thurs. Oct 26:** South Asia – **Quiz S. and SE Asia**

**Week 10**

**Tues. Oct 31:** Southeast Asia

*Read Chapter Ten*

**\*\*\*\*\*Thurs. Nov 2: Exam #2\*\*\*\*\***

**Week 11**

**Tues. Nov 7:** Latin America

*Read Chapter Eight*

**Thurs. Nov 9:** Latin America – **Quiz Latin Am.**

**Week 12**

**Tues. Nov 14:** Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands

**Thurs. Nov 16:** Pacific Islands

*Read Chapter Twelve*

**Thanksgiving Break – all week Nov 18-26**

**Week 13**

**Tues. Nov 28:** Pacific Islands

**Thurs. Nov 30:** East Asia - **Quiz Australia / Pacific / East Asia**

**Week 14**

**Tues. Dec 5:** East Asia

*Read Chapter Nine*

**Thurs Dec 7:** Wrap up day. Review for final,

**Final Exam: Friday, Dec 8 at 8am in this room.**