

GEOG 3340: Cultural Geography

3 Credit Hours

A thematic approach is applied to analyze human cultures, to examine world cultural regions, to note the spread of cultural traits, to interpret interactions between culture and environment, and to appreciate multiple traits of cultures and cultural landscapes. The five themes of region, diffusion, ecology, integration, and landscape are used to explore historical and contemporary issues of population, agriculture, politics, language, religion, ethnicity, popular culture, and urban spaces. The philosophy of the course is based on the premise that the built environment is a spatial expression of the beliefs, attitudes, and practices of a people.

GEOG 3350: Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa

3 Credit Hours

A spatial survey that focuses on the physical, historical, cultural, and economic forces at work on the African continent, south of the Sahara. Special emphasis is placed on the roles of the natural environment, population geography, historical geography, agriculture, economic development, and other factors that shape the landscapes of Sub-Saharan Africa.

GEOG 3360: Geography of Asia

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: GEOG 1101 or GEOG 1130

This course is designed as a survey of the physical and cultural geography of the Asian region. Students will be provided with an overview of Asian landform features and climate coupled with a discussion of human interaction with a variety of Asian landscapes in terms of historical, political, economic, religious, and ethnic factors using geographic and cartographic analytical techniques.

GEOG 3370: Geography of Latin America and the Caribbean

3 Credit Hours

This course studies the major physical, cultural and geopolitical sub-regions in Latin America and the Caribbean. In-depth geographic awareness and knowledge of the Latin American and Caribbean region is gained from the study of physical landscapes, natural hazards, economics, historical geography, environmental and resource issues, cultures and societies, urbanization, development, current events, and prospects for the future.