

WILLIAM RAINEY HARPER COLLEGE
BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION
GENERAL COURSE OUTLINE

GEG	101	World Regional Geography	(3-0)	3
Course Prefix	Course Number	Course Title	(Lec-Lab)	Semester Hours

Course Description

Introduces a thematic or regional approach to the basic concepts of how world regions are constructed or classified. Uses spatial analysis of both traditional and digital maps factors to explore and assess how regions evolve, change over time, and are classified. Explores both developed and undeveloped regions connecting both human and physical geographical factors shaping and defining the classification of regions and interrelationships between them. IAI S4 906

Topical Outline

- I. An Introduction to World/Regional Geography
 - A. Tools for Geographic Representation and Spatial Analysis
 - B. Natural and Human Processes and Their Geographical Results
 - C. Recurring Topics of Regional Studies
- II. Regions of the World
 - A. North America
 - B. Middle America
 - C. South America
 - D. Europe
 - E. Russia/Central Asia
 - F. South Asia
 - G. East Asia
 - H. Southeast Asia
 - I. North Africa and Southwest Asia
 - J. Sub-Saharan Africa
 - K. The Austral Realm
 - L. The Pacific World

Method of Presentation

- 1. Lecture
- 2. Other:
 - a. Audio-visual presentations
 - b. Cooperative learning groups/small group discussions

Student Outcomes (The student should)

1. locate and identify the major cultural realms of the world and countries within each realm.
2. locate the major physical characteristics of the world's realms and assess the influence of the physical environment on cultural characteristics.
3. describe the major cultural characteristics of the world's realms.
4. read, interpret, and compare regional maps.
5. understand the purpose of map projections, map scale, and coordinate systems.
6. differentiate between and describe GIS (Geographic Information Systems), GPS (Global Positioning Systems), and remote sensing technologies.
7. demonstrate a familiarity with the basis vocabulary of geographic thought.
8. apply the concepts of spatial analysis to the study of realms and regions of the world using maps, geovisualization software like Google Earth and GIS.
9. analyze and evaluate current events in the context of the geographic factors of a region within a geographical realm.

Methods of Evaluation

Grades are based on demonstrated proficiency in subject matter. Proficiency is determined from:

1. Final exam
2. Quizzes and multiple choice and/or essay exams
3. Written reports relating to individual assignments and cooperative learning activities
4. Problem sets/assignments
5. Map interpretation and map construction exercises using Google Earth and GIS.

Textbook & Instructional Materials

Required

DeBlij. World Today. 7th Edition. Wiley, 2016 ISBN: 9781119236481

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