



**GEOGRAPHY 4A**  
**FALL SEMESTER 2012**  
**World Geography**  
**Room PHY 76**  
**9:00-10:15am TTh (Section 57296)**

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**Holidays:** November 22 (TH)

**Drop Deadline:** October 12

**Basic Skills Advisories:** Eligibility for English 125 and 126.

(**Note:** If you have a verified need for an academic accommodation or materials in alternate media (i.e. Braille, large print, electronic text) per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact me as soon as possible.)

**TEXTBOOK:**

*World Regional Geography, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition (Hobbs, 2009)*

A major key to success in this course is to be able to read and understand the textbook. It is vitally important that you have a copy of the textbook. (As a last resort, you could utilize a copy on reserve at the Reedley College library).

**You** must also be motivated enough to work independently. **You** are expected to work on this course for a *minimum* of **6 hours per week** outside the classroom. There are pages to read and map locations to find and memorize. **You** have to provide your own time and effort to do the work, and the only one telling you to do that, once you have left campus, is **YOU!**

**DO NOT** stay in this class if you cannot or will not get a copy of the text, or if you can't make yourself do the necessary work.

**MAPS:** You will need to obtain blank maps (available at the college bookstore) in order to do the map work necessary for this course. Colored pens and pencils may also help. In many cases, it is best to consult an *atlas* in order to do this work accurately. An *optional* atlas is listed below.

*National Geographic Student Atlas of the World, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition (2009)*

### **COURSE OUTCOMES:**

Upon *successful* completion of this course, students will be able to

- (1) recognize, identify, and discuss the major geographic features of the regions studied
- (2) use a map to illustrate the geographic features of the regions studied
- (3) discuss the geographic basis of the major international and domestic issues in the regions studied
- (4) discuss current world issues using an international perspective rather than a local one

### **GRADING:**

Grades are based on the points that you **earn** during the semester.

Grades will be assigned according to this scale:

90-100%	=	450 to 500 points	=	A
80-89%	=	400 to 449 points	=	B
70-79%	=	350 to 399 points	=	C
60-69%	=	300 to 349 points	=	D
0-59%	=	0 to 299 points	=	F

*EXAMS* and *MAP TESTS* will constitute 80% of the semester grade.

The *PROJECT* counts for 20% of the semester grade.

Total Possible Points:

4 Best Exams x 75 points	=	300
Journal Project	=	100
<u>4 Best Map Tests x 25</u>	=	<u>100</u>
TOTAL	=	500

The lowest exam score and the lowest map test score will be dropped. The journal project is **required**.

NO MAKE-UP EXAMS.

NO EXTRA CREDIT!!

**COURSE CONTENT OUTLINE:**

*Unit 1: Chapters 1 & 3*

- A. Introduction to World Geography
  - 1. Regions and Regional Geography
  - 2. The eight major world regions: The world map
  - 3. Distribution of wealth and poverty; Industrialization
  - 4. Map Test: World
  - 5. Demographic Transition
  - 6. Immigration and Globalization
- B. UNIT 1 EXAM

*Unit 2: Chapter 4, Module 4.1, 4.2*

- C. Europe
  - 1. Physical Geography: Climates and landforms
  - 2. Map Test: Europe
  - 3. Cultural Geography: Languages and Religion
  - 4. Economic Geography: Agriculture, Resources, Industry
  - 5. Political Issues and Geopolitics: The European Union
- D. UNIT 2 EXAM

*Unit 3: Chapter 5, Module 5.1*

- E. Russia and the Near Abroad
  - 1. Physical Geography
  - 2. Map Test: Russia and the Near Abroad
  - 3. Cultural Geography
  - 4. Economic Geography
  - 5. Political Issues and Geopolitics: Russian Democracy and world view
- F. UNIT 3 EXAM

*Unit 4: Chapter 6, Module 6.1*

G. The Middle East and North Africa

1. Physical Geography
2. Map Test: Middle East and North Africa
3. Cultural Geography
4. Economic Geography
5. Political Issues and Geopolitics, including Israel and al Qaeda

H. UNIT 4 EXAM

*Unit 5: Chapter 9, Module 9.1*

I. Sub-Saharan Africa

1. Physical Geography
2. Map Test: Sub-Saharan Africa
3. Cultural Geography
4. Economic Geography
5. Political Issues and Geopolitics: The need for political stability

J. UNIT 5 EXAM

**EXAM DATES:**

- Unit 1: September 4 (T)  
Unit 2: September 27 (TH)  
Unit 3: October 23 (T)  
Unit 4: November 15 (TH)  
Unit 5: See Finals Week Schedule

**ATTENDANCE:**

Roll will be taken during every class meeting as required by law. Regular attendance is beneficial to most students, but no points will be added to, or subtracted from, your semester grade for attendance alone. **Excessive absence** may result in a student being dropped from this course.

**CELL PHONES, I-Pods:** These are not to be used in Room PHY 76. **Turn them off or do not bring them at all!!!** Ten points will be subtracted for each cell phone or I-Pod violation that you commit. If I see you *touching* a cell phone, that is a violation. If I see a cell phone *on your table*, that is a violation. If you refuse to put a cell phone or I-Pod away you may be expelled from the classroom and receive a “0” on your exam if it happens during an exam period.