

# GEOG 6: World Regional Geography- Summer 2023, Reedley College

## Course Information:

Course Title and Number:

World Regional Geography (GEOG 6) – 55013

Term:

Summer 2023

Class Meeting:

22 May 2023 – 28 July 2023

Credit Hours:

3 (all lecture)

## Faculty Information:

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## Course Description:

This course covers all regions of the world: a study of physical settings, population patterns, natural resources, and economic and political status of the world's regions.

Basic Skills Advisories: **Eligibility for English 125, 126, and Mathematics 101.**

### Required Text

Rowntree, Lewis, Price and Wyckoff. (2017). Diversity Amid Globalization: World Regions, Environment, Development (7th Edition). San Francisco, CA: Pearson

ISBN-13: 978-0134539423, ISBN-10: 0134539427

### Course Policies

#### Academic Dishonesty

If a student is found cheating or plagiarizing at any time during the course, he/she will receive 0 points for the assignment and may receive a grade of "F" for the course or be dropped from the class.

Cheating is the act or attempted act of taking an examination or performing an assigned, evaluated task in a fraudulent or deceptive manner, such as having improper access to answers, in an attempt to gain an unearned academic advantage. Cheating may include, but is not limited to, copying from one another's work, supplying one's work to another, giving or receiving copies of examinations without instructor's permission, using, or displaying notes or devices inappropriate to the conditions of the examination, allowing someone other than the officially enrolled student to represent the student, or failing to disclose research results completely.

## Academic Support

The college provides various [support services](#) that are available to the student. If a student has a verified need for an [academic accommodation](#) or materials in alternate media (ex: Braille, large print, electronic text, etc.) per the American With Disabilities Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact the instructor as soon as possible. Feel free to come to me with any problems, thoughts, or concerns. Come early, please do not wait until a problem is a crisis.

## Diversity Statement

Respect for Diversity: It is my intent that students from all diverse backgrounds and perspectives be well served by this course, that students' learning needs be addressed both in and out of class, and that the diversity that students bring to this class be viewed as a resource, strength, and benefit, striving towards [inclusive excellence](#). It is my intent to present materials and activities that are respectful of diversity: gender, sexuality, disability, age, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, and culture. Your suggestions are encouraged and appreciated. Please let me know ways to improve the effectiveness of the course for you personally or for other students or student groups. In addition, if any of our class meetings conflict with your religious events, please let me know so that we can plan for you.

## Course Outcomes:

In the process of completing this course, students will:

- **Interpret** a map of the major countries, cities, and physical features of the world's regions
- **Recognize and apply** simple geographic terms and **differentiate** geographic principles
- **Identify** factors that determine the cultural, economic, and political development of countries and regions

## Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- A. **Generalize** information about spatial features and relationships revealed through maps
- B. **Explain** origins, spread, and development of major nations and regions applying major geographic concepts
- C. **Compare and contrast** the major regions of the world with respect to their relative locations, natural environments, peoples, resources, economies, and contemporary problems
- D. **Describe and analyze** the relationships between cultures and the environment in creating landscapes and changing our environment.

## Course Schedule:

Read each of the chapters listed during each corresponding week.

<b>Week 1:</b> 22May-26May	<b>Unit 1: Introductions:</b> Ch1/Ch2, <b>DISCUSSION 1</b>
<b>Week 2:</b> 29May-2Jun	Unit 1: Ch2/Ch14
<b>Week 3:</b> 05Jun-09Jun	<b>Unit 2: Eastern Eurasia:</b> Ch13/Ch12
<b>Week 4:</b> 12Jun-16Jun	Unit 2: Ch12/Ch11
<b>Week 5:</b> 19Jun-23Jun	<b>Unit 3: Western Eurasia:</b> Ch10/Ch9
<b>Week 6:</b> 26Jun-30Jun	Unit 3: Ch9/Ch8, <b>DISCUSSION 2</b>
<b>Week 7:</b> 03July-07July	<b>Unit 4: Southwest Asia &amp; Africa:</b> Ch7
<b>Week 8:</b> 10July-14July	Unit 4: Ch6
<b>Week 9:</b> 17July-21July	<b>Unit 5: The Western Hemisphere:</b> Ch4/Ch5, <b>DISCUSSION 3</b>
<b>Week 10:</b> 24July-28July	Unit 5: Ch5/Ch3

**Final due Saturday, 29 July at 11:59 PM**

## Grading Procedures

### Introductory discussion (10):

To introduce yourself,

#### *Discussion 1: (10)*

Introduce yourself to your class in this “Introductions” discussion on Canvas. To complete this discussion requirements, you must, in complete sentences:

State your First and Last name, as well as what you like to be called.

State the year and institution you completed high school and its town of location.

If you could travel anywhere in the world and see any physical or cultural feature, where would you go AND what will you see?

Upload Photo 1 with caption: You in nature

- State your First and Last name, as well as what you liked to be called.
- State the year and institution you completed high school.
- If you could travel anywhere in the world and see any physical or cultural feature, where would you go AND what will you see? You are not required to respond to any posting in this Discussion.
- Upload **Photo 1 with caption** of you with your location identified.
- Complete by **Wednesday, 31 May 5:00 PM**. Completion after will result in a loss of 1 point of your total score, per day submitted after deadline.

### Grading Rubric

**Each** introductory discussion and its components are worth 10 points.

## Exams

There will be four exams given during this course, and a final exam. Each exam is worth 75 points, and the final is worth 100 points. These will consist of a series of multiple-choice and true/false questions as well as 5 short answer or matching problems. See [Course Policies](#) for grading breakdown.

## Mapping Laboratory:

This exercise is designed to familiarize you with some basic demographic characteristics of Africa and to promote insight into what is revealed and what is hidden when data are aggregated at the scale of the state. For this exercise, you will need to consult a data source such as the CIA World Factbook and gather data about each country of Africa to determine the population per square kilometer, the percentage of the country’s population that is under fifteen (15) years old, and the gross domestic product (GDP) per capita. Then classify all countries according to whether they have high, medium, or low figures in each of the aforementioned categories (it is up to you to classify data and determine where to draw the lines between high, medium, and low groupings) to create a map to identify and analyze patterns you find and one-page paper describing how you believe it affects development. You are not required to complete the mapping laboratory. In Unit 4, you will be given the choice of a seventy-five (75) point exam like the other three units or you can complete the mapping laboratory for up to one hundred (100) points.

## Discussion

There is a second **required** Discussion with your groupmates, after your introduction, relates to your own family’s migration story, worth five (5) points.

The third **required** Discussion will occur in Unit 5 worth ten (10) points.

## Application Activities:

At the end of each chapter, before you proceed, you will complete a summative Application Activity, a 5-point assortment of vocabulary questions, varying from True/False, Multiple Choice and Matching or identification of features on a map. Developing a necessary vocabulary will aid your success in this course. Each final chapter Application Activity is worth five (5) points and you *should* define your vocabulary words or key terms as mentioned above before you complete this activity.

## Grade Determination

All grades during this course are determined using a point system. The final letter grade for the student shall be based on the following point distribution:

<b>Graded Participation</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Total</b>
Introductory Discussion	Ten (10)	10
Discussion	2: Five (5), 3: Ten (10)	15
Fourteen (14) Application Activities	Five (5)	70
(Mapping project	One hundred (100)	100)
FOUR (4) Exams	Seventy-five (75)	300
Final Exam	Seventy-five (75)	100

Total Points: **495**

DIVIDE POINTS EARNED BY 4.95

GRADING SCALE: 89-100 = A, 79-88= B, 69-78 = C, 59-68 = D, <60 = F

## School holidays

**Monday, 29 May, 2023- Memorial Day**

**Monday, 19 June, 2023- Juneteenth**

**Tuesday, 4 July, 2023- Independence Day**