

Syllabus – Web Course

Spring 2024 – Geography 6 – Section #50056

World Regional Geography

Course Information

3 units

Class Hours – Variable (Asynchronous)

Instructor Information

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You may also submit questions by email or onto the Canvas forum for this class. I will generally answer questions within 24 hours.

Important Dates

- 1st day of class/Statement of intent due – 1/8/24
- Census date – 1/29/24
- Final Drop Date – 3/09/24
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day – 1/15/24
- Lincoln's Birthday – 2/16/24
- Washington's Birthday – 2/19/24
- Spring Break – 3/25/24 through 3/29/24
- Final Exam Due – 5/16/24 (Thursday)
- End of Semester – 5/17/24 (Friday)

Please note the Final Exam is due BEFORE the last day of the semester!

Course Description

This course examines all major regions of the world, a study of the physical settings, populations patterns, natural resources, and economic and political status of the world's realms. Approach is by continents and/or cultural realms.

Course Outcomes

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

- Describe the major geographic features of the world.
- Describe the major geopolitical and domestic issues of the regions of the world using an international perspective.
- Use a map to illustrate the geographic features of the world.

Course Objectives

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 comprehend geographic principles.
- Compare and contrast the major regions of the world with respect to their relative locations, natural environments, peoples, resources, economies, and contemporary problems.
- Describe and analyze the relationships between cultures and the environment in creating landscapes and changing our environment.
- Identify factors that determine the cultural, economic, and political development of countries and regions.

Course Materials

The texts used for this course are completely FREE and available online using the following links (both will be used):

<https://www.oercommons.org/courses/world-regional-geography/view>

AND

<https://slcc.pressbooks.pub/worldgeography/front-matter/introduction/>

Access to a WORKING computer

Reliable internet access

Canvas account

Online lectures will be made available to you as Chapter quizzes are opened and will remain open for the duration of the semester so you can go back and re-watch them.

Attendance & Course Policies

- Since this is an asynchronous class, available 24 hours a day, late work, assignments, quizzes, or exams are not accepted UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, and NO make up exams will be given. Plan ahead.
- Reedley College policies will be followed. Please review the current Reedley College catalog for school policies concerning conduct and academic honesty. Important: If you have a verified need for an academic accommodation or materials in alternate media (i.e., Braille, large print, electronic text, etc.) per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact me as soon as possible.
- Student Conduct Standards will be strictly enforced. You can find a complete list of these standards using this link:
<https://www.reedleycollege.edu/about/about-us/policies-and-procedures/Student%20Conduct%20Standards.html>

Grades

The grading scale will be as follows:

- A = 90% - 100% (900-1000 points)
- B = 80% - 89% (800-899 points)
- C = 70% - 79% (700-799 points)
- D = 60% - 69% (600-699 points)
- F = Below 60% (599 or less)

Your opportunities for earning points during the course are as follows:

- Syllabus Quiz = 50 pts
- 13 Chapter Discussions x 10 pts = 130 pts
- 13 Vocabulary Assignments x 20 pts = 260 pts
- 13 Chapter Quizzes x 20 pts = 260 pts
- 1 Semester Essay x 100 pts = 100 pts
- 1 Final Exam x 200 pts = 200 pts
- Total =1000 pts

No make-up exams or assignments will be given. Ever.

EXAMS AND ASSIGNMENTS

- Statement of Intent

To avoid financial aid fraud, every student must submit a statement saying they intend to take this course and complete it. **ANYONE WHO FAILS TO COMPLETE THE STATEMENT BY 11:59PM ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS WILL BE DROPPED. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

You will also be dropped if you have NOT completed more than 50% of the assignments, including quizzes and exams, by the census date and/or by the final drop date (the actual dates are listed above in “important dates”).

- Syllabus Quiz (50 pts)

This is a quiz concerning the syllabus. You must study the syllabus in order to answer the questions correctly.

NO MAKE UP QUIZ WILL BE GIVEN.

- 13 Chapter Discussions (130 pts)

Each chapter will have discussion questions from which you will choose 1 to write a short answer for a total of 6 points. In addition, you will also respond to 2 of your classmate’s discussions for a total of 2 points per response.

LATE DISCUSSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

- 13 Chapter Vocabulary Assignments (260 pts)

The text assignments are vocabulary words from the text. Simply match the vocabulary term to its definition in a pull-down format.

LATE TEXT ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

- 13 Chapter Quizzes (260 pts)

The exams will consist of 20 questions. They will be multiple choice questions. Due dates are listed below. Two quizzes will be open at all times. All quizzes will be closed at 11:59 PM the day they are due.

NO MAKE UP QUIZZES WILL BE GIVEN.

- 1 Semester Essay (100 pts)

Instructions for the essay will be presented later in the semester.

LATE ESSAYS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

- Final Exam (200 pts)

The Final Exam will be similar in format to the previous exams. It is a comprehensive exam and will consist of 50 questions. There will be no opportunity to take the Final Exam after the deadline expires.

NO MAKE UP FINAL EXAM WILL BE GIVEN.

See all Course Due Dates Below

FINAL EXAM – DUE NO LATER THAN

Thursday, May 16, 2024, 11:59 PM

STUDENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE THEIR EQUIPMENT AND
INTERNET CONNECTION IS STEADY AND RELIABLE.