

GEOG 201 – World Regional Geography

CREDITS: 3
TIME: 6:00-7:50 T

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ROOM: Center 401

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OFFICE HOURS: 7:50-8:20T and by appointment

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TEXT:

Regional Geography of the World: Globalization, People, and Places by Royal Berglee. Available for free on Moodle.

Other readings as assigned on Moodle.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An introduction to major culture regions of the world through the study of human patterns and the natural environments. Cultures, resources, and historical contexts illuminate the world's distinctive regional nature. An emphasis is placed on development within the context of globalization. GEOG141 or GEOG142 is recommended prior to this class.

ATTENDANCE:

I will not take attendance in class, but you are responsible for all material covered during lecture. There will also be in class exercises that will help you with the skills you need to do the homework.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

My goals for the term are to help students understand the traditional regional approach to geography and its strengths and weaknesses. We will examine some of the standard world regions and discuss how these definitions work well and where they break down. Lectures, films, readings and activities are all aimed at exploring our world through different processes and how these processes are used to define regions.

REQUIRED WRITTEN WORK:

You must complete all written assignments. Due dates are announced in class and posted on Moodle. Assignments will be due at *MIDNIGHT* on the due date. Late work will lose 10 percentage points per day late. If you have extenuating circumstances, contact me via e-mail *BEFORE* the assignment is due. Copying, plagiarism, or other academic misconduct will not be tolerated and will be prosecuted. If you have questions about what constitutes misconduct, please contact me.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:

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Schedule

This schedule is subject to change. Updates will be announced in class and posted on Moodle.

| Week | Topic |
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| 1 | What is geography/Crash course in physical geography |
| 2 | Crash course in human geography |
| 3 | Defining regions |
| 4 | World region example 1: North America |
| 5 | World region example 2: Sub-Saharan Africa |
| 6 | Writing Workshop |
| 7 | Discussion of issues with formal regions |
| 8 | Discussion of how to improve regional definitions |
| 9 | Student led Q&A |
| 10 | Student presentations |
| Finals | Student presentations |

Assessment:

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| Online discussions | 5 points each |
| Midterm paper | 50 points |
| Final presentation | 50 points |

Grades:

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| A | 90-100% |
| B | 80-90% |
| C | 70-80% |
| D | 60-70% |
| F | 0-60% |