GEOG 2200: Research Methods in Geography & Environmental Studies
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**Email and Classroom Response Times:**
I will check my email and D2L messages daily, not including weekends or holidays. Monday through Friday, I will respond to all emails within 24 hours. Over the weekend (starting Friday at 5 p.m.) I will respond to all emails on Monday. Please contact me when you have questions or need clarification. Regarding grading and feedback turnaround time, unless otherwise stated, grades and feedback on items due will be returned to students within one week of the due date.

*The professor reserves the right to revise this syllabus at his discretion.*

**Course Description**

This course is designed to prepare students for scientific research in geography, environmental fields, and related disciplines. It introduces students to a variety of spatial and environmental research concepts, approaches, methods and techniques. This course guides students through aspects of scientific research, generating research ideas, choosing a research topic, conducting a literature review, methodology design, data collection, data analysis, drawing conclusions, and presenting/disseminating research results. Students develop a research project and present it to the class. This course is cross-listed as GEOG 2200 and ENVS 4200 and may count toward the Geography or Environmental Analysis and Sustainability degree. **Prerequisites:** (ANTH 1102, or GEOG 1101, or GEOG 1130) and GEOG 1102.

**Course Objectives/Goals**

Students who successfully complete this course should be able to:

1. Describe basic geographic/environmental research concepts and methods.
2. Review geographic/environmental research methods in geography/environmental literatures.
3. Design research projects in their fields of interest.
4. Apply research methods to their own research projects.
5. Develop writing skills to present and disseminate their research and findings.
Required Textbook


Additional readings: To add further context to textbook concepts and class discussions a select set of supplemental readings *may* be made available at the discretion of the instructor. These readings may be drawn from newspapers, magazines, academic journals, book chapters, etc., and would be made available as handouts in class or online via D2L.

### Grading

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Final course grades will be assigned based upon the total points from the items above out of 500 total possible points, computed to a percentage according to the grade guideline below.

- **A** = 90-100
- **B** = 80-89.9
- **C** = 70-79.9
- **D** = 60-69.9
- **F** = <59.9

**Participation (5 percent of total course grade):**
Active participation in class discussions and all other components of the course is important. Consider our class as an assemblage of individuals that is unique and irreplaceable. Irregular participation not only hurts a student's course work, but it weakens the class as a whole. Students are expected to participate in all class activities and discussions, complete all written assignments and research proposal components, and complete assigned readings by the beginning of the week in which the reading is assigned (refer to schedule presented in this syllabus) in order to actively participate in the class each week. Class participation makes up 5% of the total course grade.

**Reading Quizzes (20 percent of total course grade):**
In order to be prepared for class discussions and to adequately participate in class, students must read the corresponding chapters in the textbook (and any other assigned readings as announced) by the beginning of the week in which the reading is assigned (see syllabus schedule below). Ten reading quizzes will occur randomly throughout the semester. The ten textbook reading quizzes, worth 10 points each, account for 20% of the total course grade.
Discussions (20 percent of total course grade):
There will be five discussions throughout the semester. Each discussion is out of 20 points. For each discussion, please respond to the discussion prompt using the discussion rubric below as a guide; and please also respond to at least three other classmates’ posts.

Grading Rubric for Each Discussion Assignment

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| Content                | 4 points
Post contains unique and novel ideas.
Shows you have thought critically about the material and addresses all questions in the prompt. | 2 points
Post is substantial but does not show much critical thinking about the topic. Mainly summarizes the main point or restates what has already been said by others. | 0 points
Post has little substance, off topic, does not contribute to the discussion. |
| Spelling and Grammar   | 4 points
0-4 spelling and/or grammar mistakes. | 2 points
5-9 spelling and/or grammar mistakes. | 0 points
10+ spelling and/or grammar mistakes. |
| Reference and Support  | 4 points
The post has clearly and explicitly referenced material to the text and lecture slides to reinforce the opinion/statements. | 2 points
Some material are referenced. | 0 points
There is no clear support for the statements. |
| Length of Post         | 4 points
Post is 350 words or more. | 2 points
Post is 201 to 349 words. | 0 points
Post is less than 200 words. |
| Meaningful Response to 3 Other Students’ Posts | 4 points
Responses are each 50 words or more and shows strong evidence of thought. | 2 points
Responses are 25 to 49 words OR don’t show strong evidence of thought OR fewer than 3 responses. | 0 points
No response posts. |
Assignments and Research Proposal Components (30 percent of total course grade): Throughout the semester, students will complete several assignments that apply concepts from readings and class discussions and also form the components and building blocks of their research proposal papers that will be due by the end of the course. These specific written assignments (see week-by-week schedule below for due dates) build upon each other and include developing a potential research topic, developing specific research questions, constructing a literature review, and describing the study area, methodology, and data sources. All assignments and research proposal components will be submitted electronically on the D2L course site. The written assignments are 30% of the total course grade.

- Assignment 1 (5 points): IRB CITI Training, “Students Conducting No More Than Minimal Risk Research” (see instructions on the assignments drop box on D2L, and use that folder to submit your completion certificate)
- Assignment 2 (10 points): List of three potential research topics for your research proposal.
- Assignment 3 (15 points): Literature search and evaluation.
- Assignment 4 (15 points): Description of research questions for your research proposal.
- Assignment 5 (15 points): Survey questionnaire design.
- Assignment 6 (15 points): Data sources.
- Assignment 7 (20 points): Research proposal background, literature review, and research objectives.
- Assignment 8 (15 points): Statistics data sources.
- Assignment 9 (20 points): Research proposal study area, data sources, and methodology.
- Assignment 10 (20 points): Draft of your research proposal paper.

Research Proposal Paper (20 percent of total course grade): Students will spend time throughout the course developing a research proposal in a particular field of geography or environmental studies based on their research interests. The various components of the research proposal paper (see “assignments” above) will be due at different points throughout the semester (see syllabus week-by-week schedule below for due dates). The final research proposal paper will also go through a peer review with other students in the class. However, the full/final research proposal paper will be graded only once—at the end of the semester. More detailed requirements for the paper are described below. The final research proposal paper is out of 100 points (see grading rubric below) and makes up 20% of the total course grade. It is due via D2L dropbox on the last day of class.

Structure of Research Proposal Paper:
In general, the research proposal paper should have the following or similar components (not necessary to follow this structure, but should be logical). The paper should be organized into sections with section headings (and subheadings if needed).
1. Introduction: an overview of your research question(s).
2. Background: Background information about your topic to help readers understand your research concepts, question(s), and context.
3. Literature Review: You should read at least 10 literatures (i.e., peer-reviewed academic journal articles, scholarly book chapters, or other scholarly work) relevant to your
research questions and methods. They may be peer-reviewed journal papers, book chapters, or books you can get from the library and electronic databases searchable through the Library or Google Scholar. The literature review is a summary of the previous studies relevant to your area of research and research question(s). You should discuss the differences between your proposed study and the previous studies, the limitations in the previous studies, any improvements your study may make, and why your study is needed to contribute or fill a gap in the particular area of knowledge.

4. Research Objectives: Provide detailed research purposes and questions or any hypotheses you want to test.

5. Study Area: Most geographic topics are for a specific place, area, or region. Describe the information relevant to the research questions in the study area (physical, social, historical, environmental, cultural, etc.).

6. Data Sources and Methodology: Clearly describe how you will collect the data and the methods you plan to use to explore and interpret the data and address the research questions. A flow chart may help you organize the methodology and make it easier to understand.

7. Results: Describe potential and/or expected results and how they will help to answer the research questions and hypotheses.

8. Conclusion: Tie everything back together with the broader literature and describe any scientific, social, and practical contributions your research may make. Also make suggestions for future research related to this topic.

9. References: List the literatures in a standard and consistent bibliographic format, such as APA, MLA, or Chicago Style. The key is to choose one style and remain consistent with in-text citations and reference list/bibliography format. If you don’t have any idea of a particular reference citation format, look at one of the peer-reviewed journal articles you reference in your research project paper and follow its particular citation and reference format. Consistency is key!

**Grading Rubric for Research Proposal Paper:**

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<td>Paper includes all required sections (Introduction, Background, Literature Review, Research Objectives/Questions, Study Area, Data Sources/Methodology, Results, Conclusion, References).</td>
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10+ sources, alphabetized, follows standard citation format, majority scholarly sources | 5-9 sources, needs formatting attention, may or may not have scholarly sources | 1-4 sources, bibliography not alphabetized, poorly formatted

Maps & Images | 10 points | 5 points | 0 points
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Paper has 1+ map and 1+ image, both referred to in the text. | Paper has only one map or image, may or not be referred to in text. | No maps, no images.

Proof-reading | 10 points | 5 points | 0 points
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0-9 spelling and/or grammar mistakes. | 10-19 spelling and/or grammar mistakes | 20+ spelling and/or grammar mistakes.

Length of paper | 10 points | 5 points | 0 points
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Paper has 10 or more pages of text (excluding figures, tables, images, references), double-spaced, Times New Roman 12 point font, 1-inch margins. | Paper has 8-9 pages of text, doesn’t follow font/margin formatting. | Paper has less than 8 pages of text, doesn’t follow font/margin formatting.

Subheadings (these add focus) | 10 points | 5 points | 0 points
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Subheadings are sufficient for the various required sections of the research paper. | Few subheadings, confusing to the reader, and/or don’t follow the required sections for the paper. | No subheadings

**Research Proposal Paper Peer Review (5 percent of total course grade):**
After you turn in a draft of the research proposal paper, the instructor will distribute your paper draft to other students in the class. Each student, from the perspective of an editor reviewing a draft manuscript for scholarly journal article publication, must read and review one other student’s research project paper draft and send comments back to the author and to the instructor. The author may send the responses back to the reviewer and the instructor and make necessary revisions or respond to the feedback in the discussion. The peer review will be graded based on how you review another student’s research project paper draft and how you respond to another student’s and instructor’s comments on your own paper draft. This part makes up 5% of the final course grade.

**Additional Research and Writing Resources:**
- Geography Research Guide from KSU Sturgis Library: [http://libguides.kennesaw.edu/geography](http://libguides.kennesaw.edu/geography)
Galileo Scholar, University System of Georgia. Discover articles, books, media, and more from across the University System of Georgia:
http://www.galileo.usg.edu/scholar/kennesaw/search/
  o Galileo Scholar, Geography subject guide: http://www.galileo.usg.edu/scholar/kennesaw/subjects/geography/articles-databases/
  o Galileo Scholar, Environmental Science Collection (ProQuest): http://www.galileo.usg.edu/scholar/databases/zuec/

Google Scholar: https://scholar.google.com/
  o When searching Google Scholar on a KSU campus computer, you should be able to easily access full-text scholarly journal articles for the many journals to which KSU has a subscription. In many such cases, you should be able to click a link directly to the PDF file that appears on the right side of the search results page if the PDF article is available. When using Google Scholar off of KSU’s network, you may not always be able to access full text of journal articles.

Council on Undergraduate Research: http://www.cur.org/about_cur/
  o National Conference on Undergraduate Research: http://www.cur.org/ncur_2016/

Writing Help Resources and Handouts from the KSU Writing Center: http://writingcenter.kennesaw.edu/resources/handouts.php

Suggested Readings:
GEOG 2200/ENVS 4200, Research Methods, Syllabus


**Course Outline**

Tentative Class Schedule (Please read the designated reading for a particular module/week by the beginning of that module/week as indicated in the schedule below to be able to fully participate in all of the activities within each module). Unless otherwise stated, grades and feedback on items due will be returned to students within one week of the due date.

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<td>August 23: Guest Speaker from KSU Office of Undergraduate Research, overview of resources for Undergraduate Research/Creative Activity at KSU</td>
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| Module 3: Scientific Communication | Chapter 3: Scientific Communication  
How to get literatures from the library and electronic journal databases  
How to give background information and perform literature review  
Quiz 3 | September 3: Quiz 3 |
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| Module 4: Data Collection  
September 4-8 | Chapter 4: Data Collection in Geography and Environmental Studies: Overview, How to describe your research questions  
September 4: Labor Day Holiday, No Classes  
Quiz 4  
Assignment 3 due via D2L: Literature Search and Evaluation | September 10: Quiz 4  
Assignment 3: Literature Search and Evaluation |
| Module 5: Physical Measurements  
September 11-15 | Chapter 5: Physical Measurements  
Quiz 5  
Assignment 4 due September 15 via D2L: Description of research questions for your research project paper | September 17: Quiz 5  
Assignment 4: Description of research questions |
| Module 6: Behavioral Observations and Archives  
September 18-22 | Chapter 6: Behavioral Observations and Archives  
Quiz 6 | September 24: Quiz 6 |
| Module 7: Explicit Reports, Surveys, Interviews, Tests  
September 25-29 | Chapter 7: Explicit Reports: Surveys, Interviews, and Tests  
Quiz 7  
Assignment 5: Survey Questionnaire Design, due via D2L  
Assignment 6: Data Sources, due via D2L | October 1: Quiz 7  
Assignment 5: Survey Questionnaire Design  
Assignment 6: Data Sources |
| Module 8: Experimental and Nonexperimental Research Designs  
October 2-6 | Chapter 8: Experimental and Nonexperimental Research Designs  
October 4 is last day to withdraw without academic penalty  
Discussion 3 due  
Assignment 7 due via D2L: Research project background, literature review, and research objectives  
October 4: KSU Education Abroad Fair, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, Carmichael Student Center University Rooms on Kennesaw Campus. | October 8: Discussion 3  
Assignment 7: Research project background, literature review, and research objectives |
| Module 9: Sampling | October 9-13 | Chapter 9: Sampling  
Important data sources in geography and environmental studies  
Quiz 8  
October 12: KSU Education Abroad Fair, 11:00 AM-2:00 PM, Wilson Student Center Lobby on Marietta Campus.  
http://dga.kennesaw.edu/educationabroad/fair/index.php | October 15: Quiz 8 |
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| Module 10: Statistical Data Analysis | October 16-20 | Chapter 10: Statistical Data Analysis  
Assignment 8 due via D2L: Statistics Data Sources | October 22:  
Assignment 8: Statistics Data Sources |
| Module 11: Data Display | October 23-27 | Chapter 11: Data Display: Tables, Graphs, Maps, Visualizations  
Discussion 4 due  
Assignment 9 due via D2L: Research Project study area, data sources, and methodology | October 29:  
Assignment 4: Discussion 4  
Assignment 9: Research Project study area, data sources, and methodology |
| Module 12: Reliability and Validity | October 30 – November 3 | Chapter 12: Reliability and Validity  
Quiz 9  
November 2-3: Dr. McDaniel out of town at a professional meeting. | November 5: Quiz 9 |
| Module 13: Information Technologies in Research | November 6-10 | Chapter 13: Information Technologies in Research  
Geographic Information Systems (GIS)  
Quiz 10  
Assignment 10 due via D2L: Draft of your research proposal paper | November 12: Quiz 10  
Assignment 10: Draft of your research proposal paper |
| Module 14: Ethics in Scientific Research | November 13-17 | Chapter 14: Ethics in Scientific Research  
Discussion 5 due  
Due via D2L: Peer Review of Classmates’ Research Proposal Paper drafts  
November 13-17: Geography Awareness Week. For more info, see:  
http://www.aag.org/cs/geographyawareness  
November 15: GIS Day. For more info, see: http://www.gisday.com/ | November 19: Discussion 5  
Peer Review of Classmates’ Research Proposal Paper drafts |
| Fall Break | Fall Break: No Classes. Happy Thanksgiving! | | |
Module 15: Research Proposal Peer Review and Final Paper

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**Course Expectations**

**Expectations/Class Participation**

You should be diligent about participating in this online course, including reading the required textbook as discussions, quizzes, and assignments are based on content directly from the textbook. Also, plagiarism and academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Please see the statements on Academic Honesty and Plagiarism Policy in the University Policies later in this syllabus.

**Late Assignments**

Late quizzes/assignments will be accepted with a 10 percent reduction in the item’s grade for each day that the item is late (i.e., if the item is 2 days late then the grade will be reduced by 20 percent).

**Help Resources**

Please review the following university academic support services, student services, and resources, which can help you succeed in this course.

**Contacts to get Help**

Student Help Desk [studenthelpdesk@kennesaw.edu](mailto:studenthelpdesk@kennesaw.edu) or call 470.578.3555

D2L FAQ’s: [https://apps.kennesaw.edu/portal/prod/app_its_ask_stu_publ/student/](https://apps.kennesaw.edu/portal/prod/app_its_ask_stu_publ/student/)


**Additional Resources**

One-Stop-Shop for KSU Policies and Procedures: [http://distanceed.hss.kennesaw.edu/elearning/onestopshop.html](http://distanceed.hss.kennesaw.edu/elearning/onestopshop.html)

KSU Bookstore: [http://bookstore.kennesaw.edu/home.aspx](http://bookstore.kennesaw.edu/home.aspx)
KSU Library Services
The KSU Library System assists all students, faculty and staff with their research, including using library databases to find articles, accessing books and other materials in our catalog, and for specialized research needs. Librarians are available for in-person walk-up assistance at library help desks, one-on-one research appointments, and 24x7 via library chat. For more information on library locations, hours, how to access library services, and remote access to library resources, please visit http://library.kennesaw.edu/.

KSU Writing Center
The KSU Writing Center helps students in all majors improve their writing. Experienced, friendly writing assistants help with topic development, revision, research, documentation, grammar, and more. For more information or to make an appointment, visit http://writingcenter.kennesaw.edu/ or stop by English Building, Room 242 (Kennesaw campus) or Building A, Room 184 (Marietta campus).

KSU English as a Second Language (ESL) Center
At the ESL Center, KSU IEP, undergraduate, and graduate international students can receive tutoring in writing, reading, pronunciation, and presentation skills, as well as advising for their general education (core) requirements and mentoring. More information and contacts are here: http://uc.kennesaw.edu/academicinitiatives/esl.php

KSU Education Abroad, Division of Global Affairs
Kennesaw State University offers more than two-dozen faculty-led study abroad programs in 30+ countries, as well as many foreign exchange and international internship opportunities. Regardless of what field of study or country you are passionate about, there is an education abroad program for you! The information and resources on this site will help guide you through the entire education abroad experience: http://dga.kennesaw.edu/educationabroad/

University Policies

Academic Honesty
Every KSU student is responsible for upholding the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, as published in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs. Section II of the Student Code of Conduct addresses the University’s policy on academic honesty, including provisions regarding plagiarism and cheating, unauthorized access to University materials, misrepresentation/falsification of University records or academic work, malicious removal, retention, or destruction of library materials, malicious/intentional misuse of computer facilities and/or services, and misuse of student identification cards. Incidents of alleged academic misconduct will be handled through the established procedures of the University Judiciary Program, which includes either an “informal” resolution by a faculty member, resulting in a grade adjustment, or a formal hearing procedure, which may subject a student to the Code of Conduct’s minimum one semester suspension requirement.
Plagiarism Policy

No student shall receive, attempt to receive, knowingly give or attempt to give unauthorized assistance in the preparation of any work required to be submitted for credit as part of a course (including examinations, laboratory reports, essays, themes, term papers, etc.). When direct quotations are used, they should be indicated, and when the ideas, theories, data, figures, graphs, programs, electronic based information or illustrations of someone other than the student are incorporated into a paper or used in a project, they should be duly acknowledged. For more information, please see: Why is cheating/plagiarism wrong and what will happen if I’m accused of academic misconduct?: http://scai.kennesaw.edu/students/general-info/cheating.php

What is Plagiarism?

Every KSU student is responsible for upholding the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, as found on the Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI) website http://scai.kennesaw.edu/students/general-info/cheating.php. Evidence of collaboration on quizzes, discussions, false identity, or any other form of cheating will result in either an informal resolution by the professor, resulting in an “F” for the course, or a formal hearing which may subject a student to the Code of Conduct’s minimum one semester suspension requirement.

Plagiarism is defined as the practice of taking someone else’s work or ideas and passing them off as one’s own. If you are unaware or uncertain on how to properly cite a particular source, please do not neglect to add the citation—that is considered plagiarism.

If you have questions on how to cite your work, please contact me immediately! For more information, please refer to the “Plagiarism Policy” under the Policies section of this syllabus.

Turnitin

Students agree that by taking this course all required written assignments may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted written assignments will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers. Use of the Turnitin.com service is subject to the Terms and Conditions of Use posted on the Turnitin.com site.

Disability Statement

Kennesaw State University provides program accessibility and reasonable accommodations for persons defined as disabled under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Kennesaw State University does not deny admission or subject to discrimination in admission any qualified disabled student.

A number of services are available to help students with disabilities with their academic work. In order to make arrangements for special services, students must visit the Office for Student Disability Services and make an appointment to arrange an individual assistance plan. In most cases, certification of disability is required.
Special services are based on

- medical and/or psychological certification of disability,
- eligibility for services by outside agencies, and
- ability to complete tasks required in courses.

**ADA Position Statement**

Kennesaw State University, a member of the University System of Georgia, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin or disability in employment or provision of services. Kennesaw State University does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Public Law 101-336, gives civil rights protections to individuals with disabilities. This statute guarantees equal opportunity for this protected group in the areas of public accommodations, employment, transportation, state and local government services and telecommunications. The following individuals have been designated by the President of the University to provide assistance and ensure compliance with the ADA. Should you require assistance or have further questions about the ADA, please contact:

- ADA Compliance Officer for Students
  470-578-6443
- ADA Compliance Officer for Facilities
  470-578-6224
- ADA Compliance Officer for Employees
  470-578-6030

For more information, go to: [http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/dsss](http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/dsss).

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