

GEOG 1101-01: World Regional Geography

Spring 2016, CRN# 11195, 3 Credit Hours

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:30 to 1:45 PM, Social Sciences 2038

First Day of Class: January 12

Last Day of Class: April 28

Official Final Exam Time: Tuesday, May 3, 1:00-3:00 PM

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Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM (or by appointment). I encourage you to email me as I will check my email several times each week-day to answer questions, clarify lectures and other course components, and to make appointments. If you want a faster response, please email me directly, rather than through D2L message, because I have more immediate access to email.

This course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

Official Course Catalog Description:

An introduction to world regions through the context of human geography. The course focuses on basic geographic concepts to analyze social, economic and political issues at local, regional and global scales. Elements of fundamental physical geography will be discussed to illustrate the spatial relationships between the physical environment and human geography. **Prerequisites:** None.

Course Goals:

This course on World Regional Geography will show how larger geographical forces affect the lives of individuals and communities around the globe. Students will explore defining concepts in geography by focusing on the stories of real people, global trends and interregional linkages, and contemporary topics that transcend regional borders. Students will discern global patterns and broad geographical concepts by exploring how these patterns affect environments and people at the local level in each world region.

Course Materials and Readings:

I will be basing this course's lectures, quizzes, exams, and discussions on the following textbook:

- *World Regional Geography Concepts*, third edition, by Lydia Mihelic Pulsipher and Alex Pulsipher, from WH Freeman/Macmillan publishing. ISBN: 978-1-4641-1071-9. This textbook is available in both print and electronic formats. I encourage you to shop around for the best price.

Other readings: To add further context to textbook concepts, class discussions, and ongoing current events, 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, etc., and would be made available online on D2L.

Top Hat classroom response system:

We will be using the Top Hat (www.tophat.com) classroom response system in class. You will be able to submit answers to in-class questions via classroom/campus wifi using smartphones and tablets, laptops, or through text message. You can visit tinyurl.com/TopHatStudentGuide for the Student Quick Start Guide which outlines how you will register for a Top Hat account, as well as providing a brief overview to get you up and running on the system. An email invitation will also be sent to your school email account (if you don't receive this email, you can register by visiting our course website tophat.com/e/187404). Top Hat will require a paid subscription, and the standard pricing for the cheapest option is \$24 for 4-months of unlimited access. For a full breakdown of all subscription options available please visit www.tophat.com/pricing.

Grade Breakdown:

Grade Component	Points	Percent
Participation	100	20%
Reading Quizzes	100	20%
Map Quizzes	100	20%
Exam 1 (Midterm Exam)	100	20%
Exam 2 (Final Exam)	100	20%
COURSE TOTAL	500	100%

Exams: Two exams each worth 20 percent of the final course grade.

Exam #1 (Midterm Exam) covers Chapters 1-5. Exam #2 (Final Exam) covers Chapters 6-11. Exams will be completed outside of class online via the D2L course site.

Reading Quizzes (20 percent of total course grade): There will be six reading quizzes throughout the semester each worth 20 points, but the lowest quiz grade will be dropped meaning that only the five highest reading quiz scores will count toward the total overall reading quiz grade of 100 points. The overall total reading quiz grade is worth 20 percent of the final course grade. Reading quizzes will be announced ahead of time in class and will be completed outside of class online via the D2L course site.

Map Quizzes (20 percent of total course grade): For purposes of building geographic literacy about the world regions we discuss in class, there will be six map quizzes throughout the semester each worth 20 points, but the lowest quiz grade will be dropped meaning that only the five highest map quiz scores will count toward the total overall map quiz grade of 100 points. The overall total map quiz grade is worth 20 percent of the final course grade. Map quizzes will occur on random dates throughout the semester and will be completed in-person in class. To prepare for map quizzes, please familiarize yourself with each region's overview map (human and physical features) from each regional chapter in the textbook.

Participation (20 percent of total course grade): Active participation in class including attending class and participating in class discussions and all other components of the course is important. Participation counts for 20 percent of the final course grade.

Bonus Opportunity: For 5 additional bonus points, you may attend any one of the "Year of the Portuguese Speaking World" events listed in the schedule below and submit a one paragraph summary to the instructor (via D2L dropbox) of what you observed and learned at the event by the last day of class. The bonus points are a one-time opportunity available for only one event. More information

about these events (dates, times, and locations) is available from the KSU Year Of program website:
<http://dga.kennesaw.edu/yearof/ypsw/schedule.php>

Tentative Course Schedule (Please read the designated reading for a particular week by the beginning of that week to be able to fully participate in class discussions and to complete quizzes):

Week	Required Reading, General Topics for the Week, and Items Due
Week 1: January 12 & 14	Chapter 1. Geography: An Exploration of Connections. January 12: First Day of Class
Week 2: January 19 & 21	Chapter 1. Geography: An Exploration of Connections. January 19: Guest Speaker: KSU Education Abroad Office will discuss study abroad opportunities around the world. TBA: Guest Speaker(s): What can I do with a major/degree in Geography?
Week 3: January 26 & 28	Chapter 2. North America.
Week 4: February 2 & 4	Chapter 2. North America. Chapter 3. Middle and South America. February 2: "Year of the Portuguese Speaking World" Event: Climate Change and Rethinking Amazonian Development.
Week 5: February 9 & 11	Chapter 3. Middle and South America. February 11: "Year of the Portuguese Speaking World" Event: International Conference on Confluence and Divergence in the Portuguese Speaking World.
Week 6: February 16 & 18	Chapter 4. Europe. February 18: "Year of the Portuguese Speaking World" Event: The Role of Macau in China's Relationships with the Portuguese Speaking World.
Week 7: February 23 & 25	Chapter 5. Russia and the Post-Soviet States.
Week 8: March 1 & 3	Chapter 1-5 Review. March 3: Exam 1 covering Chapters 1 to 5. March 2 is last day to withdraw without academic penalty. March 3: "Year of the Portuguese Speaking World" Event: Brazil's Industrialization: Its Successes and Failures.
Week 9: March 8 & 10	Chapter 6. North Africa and Southwest Asia.
Week 10: March 15 & 17	Chapter 7. Sub-Saharan Africa. March 17: "Year of the Portuguese Speaking World" Event: CDC/RPCV Panel on Health Issues along the Zambesi River.

	March 16-19: Dr. McDaniel at Urban Affairs Association conference in San Diego.
Week 11: March 22 & 24	Chapter 8. South Asia. March 24: “Year of the Portuguese Speaking World” Event: Recasting Transnationalism through Performance: Theatre Festivals in Cape Verde, Mozambique, and Brazil.
Week 12: March 29 & 31	Chapter 9. East Asia. March 31: “Year of the Portuguese Speaking World” Event: Doing Business in Brazil Roundtable. March 30-April 2: Dr. McDaniel at American Association of Geographers conference in San Francisco.
Week 13: April 5 & 7	Spring Break – No Classes
Week 14: April 12 & 14	Chapter 10. Southeast Asia. April 10: “Year of the Portuguese Speaking World” Event: Closing Reflections: Alternatives and Continuities in the Portuguese Past, Brazilian Present, and African Future.
Week 15: April 19 & 21	Chapter 11. Oceania: Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific.
Week 16: April 26 & 28	Chapters 6-11 Review. April 28: Last Day of Class.
Final Exam (Exam 2)	Official Final Exam Time: Tuesday, May 3, 1:00-3:00 PM. Exam 2 covering Chapters 6-11.

Academic Integrity:

Every KSU student is responsible for upholding the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct, as published in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs and is also available here:

<http://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/>

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 or intentional misuse of computer facilities and/or service, 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.

Note on Plagiarism: Please do not copy any sentences or paragraphs directly from books, journal articles, lectures, newspaper articles, websites, or other people’s work. This kind of action is considered as plagiarism. Please write in your own words or using appropriate citations and give credit and attribution

to other people's work and ideas. Please give credit where credit is due. For more information, please see: **Why is cheating/plagiarism wrong and what will happen if I'm accused of academic misconduct?:** <http://web.kennesaw.edu/scai/content/why-cheatingplagiarism-wrong-and-what-will-happen-if-i%E2%80%99m-accused-academic-misconduct>

Office of the Registrar: <http://www.kennesaw.edu/registrar/policies/>

ADA Statement: http://www.kennesaw.edu/stu_dev/dsss/dsss.html. Any student with a documented disability needing academic adjustments is requested to notify the instructor as early in the semester as possible. Verification from KSU Student Disability Services is required. All discussions will remain confidential.

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, and how to access our services 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 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/>