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DEPT. of GEOGRAPHY and ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

**GEOG 10100 – People and Their Environment:  
An Introduction to Geography  
Spring 2021**

**GEOG 10100 - Section 02 Code 23924**

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**Contact me:** **Via email at any time.** Response time will vary with time of day and subject matter. *Be sure to include GEOG101-02 in the subject area and sign with your first and last names as they appear on your CUNYFirst account.*

**Class setting:** Online with an asynchronous schedule via BlackBoard.

**NOTE:**

- This is an asynchronous course which means that there are no formal class meeting times. Lectures may be viewed at any time after posting. Assignments based lecture material and the instructional segments of the course will have due dates and times to keep you moving forward at a steady pace. At the end of each segment there will be an exam that focuses on the material covered in that segment.
- You must use your CUNY-issued email address (preferably your “myHunter” email address) to communicate with me and receive notices from BlackBoard. Always use your full name and GEOG 101-02 in your message so I can identify you. Thanks.
- For organizational purposes, the “academic week” for this course will begin at 12:01 AM Friday and end at 10 PM Thursday.
- All assignments are due no later than 10 PM Thursday, with a lateness penalty applied beginning at 11 PM Thursday, unless otherwise noted or rescheduled.
- Assignments will be submitted via email to [agrande@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:agrande@hunter.cuny.edu) from your CUNY-issued email address and will be automatically time-stamped. I DO NOT ACCEPT ASSIGNMENTS FROM PRIVATE EMAIL ADDRESSES as GMAIL, YAHOO, your WORK email or your INTERNET PROVIDER email.
- Exams using random questioning will be issued on BlackBoard and will be taken on dates over a dedicated 96-hour time period from 12:01 AM Friday to 11:59 PM Monday. See Calendar on Page 6.
- Always check the CUNY, Hunter College and BlackBoard home pages for updates to the academic calendar.

**REQUIRED TEXT:** *Introduction to Geography: People, Places & Environment*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. C. T. Dahlman and W. H. Renwick; Pearson Higher Education, Boston (2014). Available as hardcover, paperback, e-text and rental. ISBN 13: 9780321843333; ISBN 10: 0321843339

**REQUIRED ATLAS:** **Rand McNally Goode’s World Atlas (2017)**. ISBN-10: 9780133864649. It is **strongly recommended** that students should have **access to a world atlas** that includes thematic maps. *This is different from Google Maps and other map sites.*

**CURRENT EVENTS:** Log into your Hunter College Library account to access the *New York Times* web site. This is free for CUNY students.

**HOME PAGE:** [http://www.geo.hunter.cuny.edu/courses/geog101\\_grande/index.html](http://www.geo.hunter.cuny.edu/courses/geog101_grande/index.html)

## **GEOG 10100 is an introduction to the field of geography.**

This course will present the fundamental concepts of geography and show how these concepts are applied to our everyday lives. Geography is both a physical and social science. GEOG 10100 is a topical course highlighting the major subfields in geography. Examples from all over the world are used to illustrate concepts and processes.

The course is divided into three segments. **Part I** covers basic geographic concepts and the techniques used by geographers to study the earth as a home for people and portray spatial information. **Part II** focuses on the earth's natural landscape: lithosphere, atmosphere, biosphere, and the processes behind them. **Part III** looks at the earth from a people point of view – how they interact with elements of earth environment, make settlement decisions, use what is available to them - and in the process, create a cultural landscape: the human imprint on the natural landscape.

### **Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the course, you will be able to **define and describe**:

1. The field and scope of geography, and identify its major subfields.
2. Its chief concepts, esp. location, place, movement, region and interaction.
3. Natural earth processes and how aspects of land, air and water affect people.
4. Human-environment interaction and recognize it around us (social, economic, political).
5. Tools used for geographic data collection and presentation.
6. Maps, including their parts and presentation (i.e., map reading).
7. Types of mapped information and understand how it is communicated and perceived.
8. The geographic point of view and apply it to local, regional and world situations.
9. Location analysis, employing geographic tools to do so (critical thinking).
10. Develop the skills to read and write critically about the subject.

### **1. Grading Components.**

Exam 1	= 20% of your grade
Exam 2	= 20% of your grade
Exam 3	= 20% of your grade
Required assignments	= 40% of your grade (10 at 4% each; see below)
Optional extra credit	= Can only increase your grade, not reduce it, by up to the points listed with the option.

### **2. Exams.**

- ❖ **The exam format is multiple choice questions, some aimed at a map or diagram.**
- ❖ **Exams are not cumulative.** Each exam will focus on the lecture topics covered in that third of the course. Tentative dates are noted on the calendar. Actual date for each exam will be confirmed at least a week in advance.
- ❖ **All exams must be taken.** If you miss any exam, an essay-style make-up will replace it.
- ❖ **There will be no re-take exams.** You have one chance to do well on each exam.

### **3. Required Thematic Assignments.**

- **From the Written Assignment handout, select just 10 topics from the topics menu** (see next paragraph). Missed assignment(s) will earn 0 points and be included as such in your term average. Each part has a deadline. Late penalty applies. One additional assignment question from each part may be used for extra credit.
  - **Part I.** Introduction to Geography: Concepts and Techniques.
  - **Part II.** Physical Geography: Earth's Natural Landscape and the Processes that Created It.
  - **Part III.** Human Geography: Earth's Cultural Landscape and the Role of People in its Creation.

- **Assignment selection is limited to maximum/minimum choices from each of the three parts of the course for a total of 10 required assignments: your options are: 2+4+4 or 2+5+3 or 3+4+3 or 3+5+2.**
- It is best to submit at least one required assignment each week during Part I, Part II and Part III until the maximum for that Part is reached. This will ease your burden prior to each exam.
- All assignments are due no later than 10 PM on the last Thursday of the period when the assignment is issued, with a lateness penalty applied beginning at 11 PM.
- Do not use a topic or news article for more than one question within the same part.
- However, you may use a topic or news article to discuss pertinent aspects related to questions posed by assignments in the other two parts. If you do use the same topic or news article more than once without addressing a different issue, the second assignment will be returned ungraded.
- **See PRESENTATION GUIDELINES on page 2 of the Handout for complete details.** Each assignment must be typed and have a **minimum length of one full page**, not counting the restated question, bibliography, footnotes and any illustrations. Maximum length is two pages of text. Illustrations are optional unless asked for in the assignment. The bibliography must have at least two sources (not including *Wikipedia*) to document your information. Footnotes may be added as needed. Short and long responses will be returned ungraded, as will hand-written essays. **FOCUS ON THE ASSIGNMENT QUESTION.**
- **Assignments handed in late will be penalized with a grade reduction.**

**4. Extra Credit.** There are several ways to earn extra credit. You may attempt all. Extra credit work is optional. It can only increase your grade, not reduce it.

a) **Atlas Exercises.** In each part of the course, prior to the exam, there will be an atlas exercise for extra credit on topics relevant to the exam coverage. You will be alerted when the extra credit exercise is available. Each exercise is due no later than the printed date. Points will be added to that exam grade according to the following formula:

100-90% correct	= 8 extra credit points
89-80% correct	= 6 extra credit points
79-70% correct	= 4 extra credit points
69-60% correct	= 2 extra credit points
59-50% correct	= 1 extra credit point
49 - 0% correct or not submitted	= 0 extra credit points

**An answer sheet for the atlas extra credit exercise answers will be attached at the end of the questions. This is to be emailed to [agrande@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:agrande@hunter.cuny.edu) by the due date and time. NO answer sheet will be accepted after the stated due date/time, no matter how valid your reason.**

b) **Geographic Essays.** You have the option to submit for extra credit a **maximum of five analytical essays** from the **“Thinking Geographically” (TG) section at the end of chapters 1-12**. Only one discussion point may be selected from each TG box for the chapter selected.

➤ **IMPORTANT:** This is **NOT** the **“REVIEW & DISCUSSION”** section at the end of the chapter.

- ✓ Each essay must be typed and have a **minimum length of one full page not counting the restated question and bibliography** (1.15 line spacing with 1" margins). Maximum length is two pages. In the first sentence of each essay, you are to note the textbook edition and the chapter number and summarize the point being discussed. Document facts and opinions of others with bibliographical and footnote entries.
- ✓ At the end of the semester, **each essay** deemed "Good for Extra Credit" **will earn you one percentage point** over and above your final term average of test scores

with a maximum of 5 percentage points added to your final term average. For example, if you hand in four acceptable essays, you will increase your final average by 4 points; if you hand in 2 essays you will increase your final average by 2 points.

- ✓ Extra credit essays may be emailed to [agrande@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:agrande@hunter.cuny.edu) at any time before the Monday, **May 17, 2021 deadline**.
- ✓ It is best to write and submit an essay after you have read the chapter, rather than waiting for the last week of the semester to do prepare them.
- ✓ **SUBSTITUTION:** you may substitute up to three unused assignment questions from Parts I, II and/or III for a TG chapter-focused essay (one per Part). If you use three substitutes you may only submit two TG essays for a total of 5 extra credit geographical essays.

**c) Other Forms of Extra Credit.**

- ✓ A discussion paper, research paper or project of your choice may be used **if approved in advance** by Prof. Grande.
- ✓ Depending on the presentation of the topic, this extra credit option may add from 1-5 points to your final term average.

**NOTE: Written proposals are due no later than Apr. 8, 2021 and the work is due by May 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**No Extra Credit will be accepted after May 14, 2021.  
None will be accepted during the final exam period.**

**PLEASE NOTE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- a. **You are responsible for the content of all the PowerPoint lectures, reading assignments and class handouts.**
- b. **Hunter College-CUNY rules and regulations are strictly enforced** including those governing the grades CR/NC, INC, and WU. Consult college/university web pages for specifics.
- c. **Attendance/attention to course work is important.** Historically, there has been a direct correlation between poor attendance/attention and poor grades. The textbook readings supplement lectures. Some topics are not found in the textbook.
- d. **All exams must be taken and required assignments submitted.** Failure to do so by the end of the semester will result in a reduced grade unless arrangements are made with me in advance. Then an IN (incomplete) grade may be given. Late written presentations will be penalized. Do not schedule your travel plans to begin before the date of the final exam! See calendar below.
- e. **Extra credit assignments are optional.** Your final grade will not be adversely affected if you choose not to do them. The deadlines are firm. Late submissions will not be graded.
- f. **Approval is required prior to beginning any special extra credit research project.** The topic of your extra credit research or discussion paper must be approved in advance to make sure the topic is manageable. ***Any student planning to do the research or discussion paper extra credit option must submit in writing a proposal with a justification*** showing your interest in the topic proposed and an outline of major points to be covered. It is important that your proposal be narrow in scope and focused on a topic.
- g. **Lateness penalty.** There will be a penalty for lateness of required assignments with specific due dates. This will reduce the grade earned by either 5 points or one +/- letter grade.
- h. **Neatness counts.** All graded work must be organized, typed, printed and presented neatly. Consult the Hunter College Reading and Writing Center for citation and bibliographic formats and for free writing tips (<http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/rwc>).
- i. **Academic Dishonesty.** Cheating and plagiarism are grounds for failure and disciplinary action by the College. Hunter College regards acts of academic dishonesty (e.g., plagiarism, cheating on examinations, obtaining unfair advantage, and falsification of records and official documents) as serious offenses against the values of intellectual honesty. **This is especially true for online courses.** The College is committed to enforcing the CUNY Policy on Academic Integrity and will pursue cases of academic dishonesty according to the Hunter College Academic Integrity Procedures. The Internet is a resource for information, NOT a source of verbatim script. Every person has a unique writing style

and use of grammar. It is so obvious! **Do not cut and paste text found at an Internet web site into your write-ups, research paper or project without proper citation.** Any assignment may be randomly scanned by a search engine seeking key words. Plagiarism comes with an automatic failure for the assignment and referral to the Dean of Students for appropriate action. **Don't do it!**

- j. **Office of AccessABILITY.** In compliance with the American Disability Act of 1990 (ADA) and with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Hunter College is committed to ensuring educational parity and accommodations for all students with documented disabilities and/or medical conditions. It is recommended that all students with documented disabilities (emotional, medical, physical and/or learning) consult the Office of AccessABILITY to secure necessary academic accommodations. For further information and assistance please call (212-772-4857)/TTY (212- 650- 3230). **You must be registered with the Office of AccessABILITY to qualify for the accommodations.**
- k. **Free tutoring** (dependent on college funding) **is available to all GEOG 101 students.** The Skirball Science Learning Center/Silverstein Success Center offers free remote tutoring and help with assignments. Check their web site for hours of remote tutoring.
- l. **Hunter College Policy on Sexual Misconduct.** In compliance with the CUNY Policy on Sexual Misconduct, Hunter College affirms the prohibition of any sexual misconduct, which includes sexual violence, sexual harassment, and gender-based harassment retaliation against students, employees, or visitors, as well as certain intimate relationship. Students who have experienced any form of sexual violence on or off campus (including CUNY-sponsored trips and events) are entitled to the rights outlined in the Bill of Rights for Hunter College.
  - a. Sexual Violence: Students are strongly encouraged to immediately report the incident by calling 911, contacting NYPD Special Victims Division Hotline (646-610-7272) or their local police precinct, or contacting the College's Public Safety Office (212-772-4444)
  - b. All Other Forms of Sexual Misconduct: Students are also encouraged to contact the College's Title IX Campus Coordinator, Dean John Rose ([jtrose@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:jtrose@hunter.cuny.edu) or 212-650-3262) or Colleen Barry ([colleen.barry@hunter.cuny.edu](mailto:colleen.barry@hunter.cuny.edu) or 212-772-4534) and seek free services through the Counseling and Wellness Services Office.

**The CUNY Policy on Sexual Misconduct Link is:** <http://www.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/la/Policy-on-Sexual-Misconduct-12-1-14-with-links.pdf>

**All class material, including study guides and atlas extra credit, are found on Black-Board (GEOG 10100 - Section 02, Code 23924) and the course home page:**  
[http://www.geo.hunter.cuny.edu/courses/geog101\\_grande/index.html](http://www.geo.hunter.cuny.edu/courses/geog101_grande/index.html)

**GEOG 10100 READING ASSIGNMENTS BY TOPIC**

**INTRODUCTION LECTURE TOPICS**

- I. Introduction: What is Geography?
- II. Geographers' Tools

**READING ASSIGNMENTS**

- I. Text: Ch 1
- II. Same

**\*\*\*EXAM ONE will cover Topics I and II from Chapter 1 and the power point slides\*\*\***

**PHYSICAL GEOG LECTURE TOPICS**

- III. Introduction to Physical Environment
- IV. Earth-Sun Relationship
- V. Earth Systems: Oceans
- VI. Earth Systems: Weather and Climate
- VII. Earth Systems: Landforms:
- VIII. Biosphere and Human Impact
- IX. Earth Resources

**READING ASSIGNMENTS**

- III. Text: Ch. 2
- IV. Text: Ch. 2
- V. Text, Ch. 2
- VI. Text: Ch. 2
- VII. Text: Ch. 3
- VIII. Text: Ch. 4
- IX. Text: Ch. 5

**\*\*\*EXAM TWO will cover Topics III-IX, Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5 and the power point slides\*\*\***

## HUMAN GEOG LECTURE TOPICS

- X. Introduction to Human Geography
- XI. Living on the Earth: Population
- XII. Cultural Geography
- XIII. Economic Geography: Location Analysis and Development
- XIV. Urban Geography
- XV. Political Geography (not covered in class)

## READING ASSIGNMENTS

- X. Text: Ch. 6.
- XI. Text: Ch. 6.
- XII. Text: Ch. 7 and 8
- XIII. Text: Chapter 9 and 12
- XIV. Text: Ch. 10
- XV. Text: Ch. 11 (read Ch. 11 for final exam)

**\*\*EXAM THREE (the Final) covers just Topics X-XV, Ch. 6-12 and the power point slides\*\***

## CALENDAR for SPRING 2021 GEOG 10100

This class meets asynchronously between January 29 and May 24, 2021. The organizational week is from 12:01 AM Friday to 10 PM Thursday with all deadlines set at 10 PM Thursday except where noted and late penalty kicking in at 11 PM Thursday.

➤ Exam dates and work submission deadlines are subject to change. Always check the course, Hunter College and CUNY calendars

- ✓ Fri., Jan. 29 Course is activated at 12:01 AM.
- ✓ Fri., Feb. 12 No classes/CUNY closed
- ✓ Mon, Feb. 15 No classes/CUNY closed
- ✓ Thu., Feb. 18 Last day to turn in Atlas Extra Credit for Exam I
- ✓ Thu., Feb. 25 Last day to turn in PART I required assignments
- ✓ Fri., Feb. 27-Mon., Mar. 01 EXAM I is available  
You will need to log into BlackBoard after the designated time for a random question multiple choice exam. The exam will automatically shut off 1 hour and 15 minutes after you turn it on.
- ✓ Sat., Mar. 27-  
Sun., Apr. 04 No classes/Spring break.
- ✓ Thu., Apr. 08 >Last day to email your proposal for an optional special extra project.  
>Last day to turn in Atlas Extra Credit for Exam II
- ✓ Thu., Apr. 15 Last day to turn in PART II required assignments
- ✓ Fri., Apr. 17- Mon., Apr. 19 EXAM II is available  
You will need to log into BlackBoard after the designated time for a random question multiple choice exam. The exam will automatically shut off 1 hour and 15 minutes after you turn it on.
- ✓ Thu., May 13 >Last day to turn in PART III required assignments.  
>Last day to turn in Atlas Extra Credit for Exam III  
>End of instructional portion of course.
- ✓ Fri., May 14 at 10 PM >Last time to email me your extra credit TG essays (from Ch. 4-12).  
>Last time to email me your pre-approved special extra credit project.  
>There are NO time extensions for extra credit work.
- ✓ Mon., May 17 at 10 PM. The last time to hand in all missing Required Assignments.  
Late penalty applies but it is better than a zero.
- ✓ Fri., May 21- Mon., May 24 EXAM III is available  
You will need to log into BlackBoard after the designated time for a random question multiple choice exam. The exam will automatically shut off 1 hour and 15 minutes after you turn it on.

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>>>> The last time to hand in all missing Required Assignments is 10 PM Monday, May 17;  
late penalty applies.

>>>> Remember: NO extra credit accepted after May 14, 2021.