

GEOG 10100 – People and Their Environment

Fall 2017, section 05

I. Class Time & Location

Room: North Building 1036
Class Time: Tuesday and Thursday, 5:35 PM – 6:50 PM

II. Instructor Contact Information

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Email Policy: When you send me an e-mail, you **MUST** do the following:

- 1) **Include “GEOG101”** in the subject line.
 - 2) **Sign your full name (i.e. your first and last name)** at the end of the message.
- **I do not answer an e-mail that fails to meet the requirements listed above.**
 - Students’ email will be responded to within 48 hours. Please note there will be a delay for messages sent over the weekend or during non-business hours (i.e. after 5:00 PM EST.)
 - Please use your Hunter College email (@myhunter) when you email me. My Hunter college email has a strong spam filter and I may not receive your email if you use non-Hunter email, such as yahoo or gmail. In this case, it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to follow up with the issue.

Office: HN1032
Office Phone: 212-772-4351
Office hours: Tuesday, 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM & Tuesday 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM and by appointment.
Department Information: Department of Geography, HN1006, 212-772-5265

III. Course Materials

Required Text:

Introduction to Geography: People, Places, and Environment, 6th edition, by Carl H. Dahlman and William H. Renwick. Pearson Education Inc.
ISBN-13: 978-0321843333 or ISBN-10: 0321843339.

IV. Course Description

This is an introductory course to the field of Geography. Geography is an interdisciplinary field that gathers and utilizes knowledge from various disciplines, especially physical science and social science. The nature of geography is to understand the relationship between humans and environments- natural and social - and to understand spatial phenomena. This course will provide fundamental concepts and theories of Geography. This course is divided into three components. The first component will cover basic physical geography concepts and natural resources. The second component will examine the roles of people and culture. The third component will look at the development of modern society including geospatial technology.

This course can be applied to either Hunter Common Core Individual and Society (Social Science) requirements or Stage 2B (non-W) of the GER.

Prerequisites: there are no prerequisites for this course.

Course Credits: 3 credits

Learning Outcomes:

- You will be able to describe the field of geography and its major subfields.
- You will understand and be able to describe terms, concepts, and theories used in different subfields of geography, especially place, location, scale.
- You will learn concepts of physical and social phenomena and how humans interact with such phenomena through the lenses of geography and its subfields.
- You will learn the basic concepts of analytical tools and technology that are unique to the field of geography, including maps, remote sensing, Geographic Information System (GIS), and spatial analysis techniques.
- You will understand how geographical knowledge and geographical tools can be used to solve and explain spatial phenomena.

V. Course Evaluation

Grading:

Attendance & Participation	5%
Quizzes:	20%
Exams:	
First Exam:	25%
Second Exam:	25%
Final Exam:	25%
Total:	100%

Brief Descriptions of Course Evaluation:

Attendance & Participation (5%) is graded based on attendance and in-class participations.

- I take attendance every class and it computed as part of your course grade.
- I expect you to come to class on time. Therefore, 3 latenesses equal 1 absence.
- If you miss more than **3 classes** without providing documented reason(s), your attendance grade will be dropped 1% for each additional class you miss. For instance, 3 unexcused absences will result in deducting your attendance and participation grade from '5%' to '4%'.
- If you are late for class or absent from class, **it is your responsibility to catch up with course materials and important announcements you miss.**

Quizzes: (20%) Quizzes will be given frequently throughout the semester. Quizzes will be a mixed format of short-answer, multiple choices, and true or false questions based on the material covered from previous lectures.

- You are allowed to **make up a quiz only if you contact me within 48 hours of the missed exam and provide me with VALID REASON(s) and proper DOCUMENT(s).**
- A makeup quiz will cover the same material, **but the questions will be different from those given on the date schedule.**
- Regardless of how many quizzes will be given, **the lowest quiz grade will be dropped IF you take all the quizzes given over the course of the semester.**

Exams: (75%). Three exams will be given; the first exam, second exam, and final exam. Each exam is worth **25%**. Exams will be in multiple choice format. The first and second exams will be given during regular class time and the dates for these exams will be announced in advance. The date for final exam is based on the Hunter College official final exam schedule.

- The date for the final exam is **Tuesday, December 19, 5:20 PM – 7:20 PM.**
- The official final exam schedule can be found at:
<http://www.hunter.cuny.edu/onestop/calendars>
- Although each exam is not cumulative, some topics in each exam may require knowledge learned from previous exams.
- I will not drop the lowest exam grade.

There is no extra credit available in this class.

VI. Essential Policies

Hunter College Statement on Academic Integrity

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. The College is committed to enforcing CUNY Policy on Academic Integrity and will pursue cases of academic dishonesty according to the Hunter College Academic Integrity Procedures. Plagiarism, dishonesty, or cheating in any portion of the work required for this course will be punished to the full extent allowed according to Hunter College regulations.

ADA Policy

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, located in Room E1214B, to secure necessary academic accommodations. For further information and assistance, please call: (212) 772- 4857 or (212) 650-3230.

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, on 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 or 212-650-3262) of Colleen Barry (colleen.barry@hunter.cuny.edu or 212-772-4534) and seek complimentary services through the Counseling and Wellness Services Office, Hunter East 1123.

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

Syllabus Change Policy

- Except for changes that substantially affect implementation of the evaluation (grading) statement, this syllabus is a guide for the course and is subject to change **with advance notice**.
- An updated course syllabus will be posted on Blackboard

Class Communications-BlackBoard

- Blackboard will be used for posting course announcements, lab assignments, your scores, and etc. Therefore, you should check Blackboard frequently.

VII. Course Schedule

Subject to change with advance notice!

Week	Class	Date	Topics Covered
1	1	Tue, Aug 29	Course Intro - Basic Geography concepts
	2	Thu, Aug 31	Chap 1 - Introduction to Geography
2	3	Tue, Sep 5	Chap 2 - Weather, climate, and climate change
	4	Thu, Sep 7	Chap 2 - Weather, climate, and climate change
3	5	Tue, Sep 12	chap 3 - Landforms
	6	Thu, Sep 14	chap 3 - Landforms
4	7	Tue, Sep 19	chap 4 - Biosphere
		Thu, Sep 21	No class
5	8	Tue, Sep 26	chap 4 - Biosphere
	9	Thu, Sep 28	Chap 5 - Earth's resources
6	10	Tue, Oct 3	Chap 5 - Earth's resources
	11	Thu, Oct 5	First Exam - Chaps 1, 2,3,4,5
7	12	Tue, Oct 10	Chap 6 - Population and Migration
	13	Thu, Oct 12	Chap 6 - Population and Migration
8	14	Tue, Oct 17	Chap 7 - Cultural Geography
	15	Thu, Oct 19	Chap 7 - Cultural Geography
9	16	Tue, Oct 24	Chap 8 - Languages and religions
	17	Thu, Oct 26	Chap 8 - Languages and religions
10	18	Tue, Oct 31	Chap 9 - Food and Agriculture
	19	Thu, Nov 2	Chap 9 - Food and Agriculture
11	20	Tue, Nov 7	chap 10 - Cities and urbanization
	21	Thu, Nov 9	Second exam- chaps 6, 7, 8, 9
12	22	Tue, Nov 14	chap 10 - Cities and urbanization
	23	Thu, Nov 16	Chap 11 - A world of states
		Tue, Nov 21	No class
		Thu, Nov 23	No class
13	24	Tue, Nov 28	Chap 11 - A world of states
	25	Thu, Nov 30	Chap 12 - Economy and Development
14	26	Tue, Nov 5	Chap 12 - Economy and Development
	27	Thu, Nov 7	Geospatial Technology- Chap 1
	28	Tue, Nov 12	Geospatial Technology & Review
15		Tue, Nov 19	Final Exam - chap 1, 10,11,12, Geospatial