

Fall 2009
World Regional Geography

GEOG 150, section 51: Monday and Wednesday: 19.00 – 20.15

Room: HN C002

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Required Text: *World Regions in Global Context*, third edition. Marston, Knox, and Liverman eds. Pearson Prentice Hall: 2008. (at Shakespeare and Co.)

Course Overview:

This course uses the geographical concept of the region to introduce and structure a broad foray into world geography. The principal goal is to expand our knowledge of physical and human geography, major world regions and the intra- and inter-connections between them. The general organization of the semester will follow that of the textbook *World Regions in Global Context* by Marson, Knox, and Liverman. We will cover a chapter of the book approximately every week, with exceptions made for guest lectures and film screenings. Class time will be used to clarify important or difficult aspects of the reading, but lectures will expand upon and not simply duplicate the text.

Class attendance will not be taken, but all students will be held responsible for both the reading and lectures. Short quizzes will be given during the second class period on each chapter (as is marked in bold below). The purpose of these quizzes is to ensure that students keep up with the assigned reading, as well as to provide an incentive for regular attendance. The quizzes will be open book/open note, but they will have a strict time limit. There will be no make-ups for the quizzes; you may have one free pass at any point during the semester but additional absences will result in lost credit. (Unavoidable absences will not be penalized but will be considered on a case-by-case basis.)

Although this will be a large lecture class, questions about the reading or requests for clarification during the lectures are encouraged. I will not have office hours, but you should feel free to contact me via email if you would like to set up a meeting.

Grading:

Quizzes – 20% (Based on best 10 scores out of 11 quizzes given)

Midterm – 40%

Final – 40%

Schedule:

Monday, August 31 – Introduction and General Overview

Wednesday, September 2 – Chapter One: Basic Concepts and Terms of Regional and Physical Geography

Monday, September 7 (No Classes)

Wednesday, September 9 – **Quiz** Chapter One: Human Geography: Globalization and the World-System

Monday, September 14 – Chapter Two: Europe

Wednesday, September 16 – **Quiz** Chapter Two: Europe

Monday, September 21 – Chapter Three: Russia, Central Asia, Transcaucasus

Wednesday, September 23 – **Quiz** Chapter Three: Russia, Central Asia, Transcaucasus

Monday, September 28 – (No Class)

Tuesday, September 29 – (Monday Schedule) – Chapter 4: Middle East and North Africa

Wednesday, September 30 – **Quiz** Chapter 4: Middle East and North Africa

Monday, October 5 – Chapter 5: Sub-Saharan Africa

Wednesday, October 7 – **Quiz** Chapter 5: Sub-Saharan Africa

Monday, October 12 – (No Class)

Wednesday, October 14 – (Monday Schedule) – **Film: The Corporation (sections)**

Monday, October 19 – Chapter 6: The United States and Canada

Wednesday, October 21 – **Quiz** Chapter 6: The United States and Canada

Monday, October 26 – **Midterm**

Wednesday, October 28 – Chapter 7: Latin America and the Caribbean

Monday, November 2 – **Quiz** Chapter 7: Latin America and the Caribbean (**co-Lecture with Rachel Goffe: Jamaica and Land Tenure**)

Wednesday, November 4 – Chapter 8: East Asia

Monday, November 9 – **Quiz** Chapter 8: East Asia

Wednesday, November 11 – Chapter 9: Southeast Asia

Monday, November 16 – **Film: Manufactured Landscapes**

Wednesday, November 18 – **Quiz** Chapter 9: Southeast Asia

Monday, November 23 – **Guest Lecture (Ryan Martin: Migration in China)**

Wednesday, November 25 – Chapter 10: South Asia

Monday, November 30 – **Quiz** Chapter 10: South Asia

Wednesday, December 2 – Chapter 11: Australia, New Zealand, South Pacific

Monday, December 7 – **Quiz** Chapter 11: Australia, New Zealand, South Pacific

Wednesday, December 9 – Chapter 12: Future Geographies

Monday, December 14 (Exam Period) – **No Quiz** Chapter 12: Future Geographies

Wednesday, December 16 (Exam Period) – **Review Session**

Monday, December 21 (Exam Period) - **Final**

This course (GEOG 150) fulfills the General Education Requirement, Stage 2 Group B and the Pluralism and Diversity requirement, Group A. It also fulfills the regional geography course requirement for the major in geography.

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