

FALL 2009  
GEOG 150 - World Regional Geography  
Sections 001 and 181  
Tuesday and Friday, 2:10 – 3:25 p.m.  
Hunter West 714

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**Office hours:** Friday, 1:00 – 2:00 pm and Saturday, 4:00 – 5:00 pm,  
HN1032, and by appointment.

**Required Text:** Clawson, Johnson, Haarman, and Johnson, *World Regional Geography*, 9<sup>th</sup> Ed., Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2007,  
ISBN 0-13-149703-0

**Recommended:** *Goode's World Atlas*, 21<sup>st</sup> ed., Rand McNally, 2005.

The course will cover an introduction to the concepts of contemporary geography, followed by a survey of key current global issues and an examination of several of the world's major geographic realms.

**Grading:**

There will be two class exams and a final exam, all in short answer format. The exams will not be cumulative. The final grade will be determined on an average of the three exams, with allowance for class participation, and will be assigned as a letter grade based on the numerical standards that can be found in the Hunter College Undergraduate Catalogue.

*Please be aware that the number of students I have each term makes it impossible for me to offer extra credit assignments.*

All exams, or approved make-ups, must be taken. Makes-ups will be scheduled at my convenience. To receive an incomplete (IN) a student must present evidence of a satisfactory reason and must have done "C" work or better PRIOR to the filing of the incomplete; otherwise, the student will receive a grade of WU.

***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.***

## **Calendar:**

F	Aug 28 <sup>th</sup>	First day of classes
Tu	Sept 18 <sup>th</sup>	No class; Rosh Hashana
Tu	Sept 29 <sup>th</sup>	No class; Classes follow Monday schedule
F	Nov 27 <sup>th</sup>	No class; Thanksgiving
F	Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of classes
F	Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	Final Exam, 11.30 am -1.30 pm, in classroom.

## **Classroom Electronics:**

I permit the use of electronic recording devices and dictionaries during lectures. ALL other personal electronics should be turned off before coming into the classroom. This includes cell phones, Blackberrys, etc. Headphones, ear buds, and in-class text messaging are a sign of disrespect both to the instructor and to your fellow students. The use of entertainment devices including, but not limited to, i-Pods and games during class will result in an invitation to leave the room for the day. The only exception to this shall be in situations where a student attends class while a known emergency condition is developing in the immediate family, and I should be notified of this at the beginning of class.

**NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED DURING EXAMS.** Violation of this rule will result in an automatic grade of zero for the exam, and the possibility of further disciplinary action.

## **Other Notes:**

I would suggest you develop a “buddy system” with one or more classmates to cover notes should you miss a session.

Well-behaved children are welcome at any time.

## **Outline: Outline:**

1. Geographical Concepts and Global Issues [chap. 1 (pp. 5-6, 9-12, 14-17); chap.2; Chap. 3 (pp. 49-54, 57-93)]

### ***First Exam***

2. North America [chaps. 4-6]
3. Europe [chaps. 10-12]

### ***Second Exam***

4. East Asia [chaps. 17-19]
5. South Asia [chaps. 17, 21]

***Final Exam – December 15, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m***