

# World Geography

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Course Hours	World Geography 7: 13:25-14:10	Course Dates	Semester 1: 9/5/10 to 1/20/11 Semester 2: 2/13/11 to 6/21/11

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## Text:

World Geography: Building a Global Perspective (Prentice-Hall) Baerwald and Fraser

## Description:

This course is designed to provide the student with a basic introduction to physical and human geography. Students will examine the role which geography plays in the world and how the interactions of humans with the environment affect the other. Students will acquire an understanding of the spatial context of people, places, and environments on Earth. Students will explore the major world regions and examine the physical systems and human interactions within the regions. Students will use maps, globes, in-depth case studies, and geographic systems and databases to help them answer geographic questions. This course serves as an excellent starting point for students wishing to expand their knowledge of the world.

## Goals and Objectives:

1. Use maps, globes, geographic information systems, and other databases to answer geographic questions at a variety of scales from local to global.
2. Understand the regional distribution of the human population at local to global scales and its patterns of change.
3. Describe and provide examples of the primary factors behind the regional pattern of culture groups in the United States and the world.
4. Explain how the regionalization of space into political units affects human behavior.
5. Analyze the patterns of location, functions, structure, and characteristics of local to global settlement patterns and the processes that affect the location of cities.
6. Use regions and the interaction among them to analyze the present patterns of economic activity in the United States and around the world at various scales.
7. Describe how humans influence the environment and in turn are influenced by it.

## Requirements:

- Students will be required to do their best everyday
- Students will be required to ask questions, complete work on time, come to class on time with the correct materials, and take the time to help other students
- Students will need to bring a pen/pencil, notebook, and textbook to class everyday
- Students will be required to speak English in the class

Resources:

During the semester students will receive hand-outs from various resources and be required to find accurate information from appropriate websites.

Grading Scale:

A		B		C		D		F
+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	
97-100	93-96	90-92	87-89	83-86	80-82	77-79	73-76	70-72
								67-69
								63-66
								60-62
								Below 60 Percent

Evaluation:

Class Participation - 10 percent

Homework – 45 percent

Tests and Quizzes – 45 percent

**\*Late work – 1 day late= 25% off, 2 days late=50% off, no credit if more than 2 days late**

Course Schedule:

Week	Topic	Required Reading
1-4	Physical Geography	Textbook Chp 1-2
5	Culture	Textbook Chp 3
6	Human Geography	Textbook Chp 3-4
7-8	US and Canada	Textbook Chp 7-8
9	Central America	Textbook Chp 12
10	Midterms	Review all reading
11-12	Latin America	Textbook Chp 12-13
13, 15	Africa	Textbook Chp 25-27
14	Spring Trip	Review all Readings
16-17	Europe	TextbookChp15-20
18-19	Asia	Textbook Chp 22-23, 29 32-33
20	Review/Finals	Review all readings

\*This schedule is a tentative outline of the first semester and subject to change depending on student progress. Additional readings will be given out as needed.

Examinations:

Students will have quizzes randomly throughout the course of the semester

Students will have a test at the end of each unit.

Students will have a Semester mid-term exam and a Semester final exam