GEO103-IN01

World Regional Geography

Fall 2019

Class Time and Location: Online
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Prerequisite: None

Resources: Required text - Saylor Foundation Geography book. Printed copies can be picked up that college bookstore.

Course Description: This course illustrates world conditions as they exist in the environment and the various cultures. It introduces map reading of the various continents and other important geographical concepts. This course requires at least one paper using a documentation format

Program Outcomes:

- Students will increase competencies in writing, reading, speaking, and listening.
- Students will increase their understanding of the human condition, as well as the culture and society of both the nation and the world in which they live.
- Students will apply technological and research skills to identify, locate, and process information.

Rationale: This course provides the means by which students will accomplish the program outcomes outlined in the college catalogue as evidenced by the listed course objectives. This course will allow the student to achieve a better understanding of the people who share our planet and how the US lifestyle compares to the lifestyles of those around the world.

Course Objectives: Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Recognize different world regions and the importance ethnicity, tribalism, government and religion play.
- Identify issues of cultural diversity.
- Improve reading and critical thinking skills by various independent reading projects and writing at least one scholarly paper.
    1. Components:
        a. Proper grammar
        b. Proper documentation
        c. Reliable sources

Course Schedule: The assignments, tests, forums, and other assignments will be listed on Moodle each Monday and will be due the following Sunday evening by midnight. Below is the anticipated schedule for each week throughout the semester **(the date listed is the Monday that the assignments will be posted):**

Week 1 August 19: Introduction
Week 2 August 26: Themes of Geography
Week 3 September 2: Middle East
Week 4 September 9: Test 1
Week 5 September 16: East Asia
Week 6 September 23: Southern & South East Asia
Week 7 September 30: Test 2
Week 8 October 7: Europe
Week 9 October 14: Russia & Neighboring countries
Week 10 October 21: Africa South of the Sahara
Week 11 October 28: Test 3
Week 12 November 4: Anglo America
Week 13 November 11: Latin America
Week 14 November 18: Oceania & Antarctica
Week 15 November 25: Test 4
Week 16 December 2: TBD
Week 17 Finals Week

The syllabus is a work in progress. The dates, number of tests, and other items may change throughout the semester.

Course Conduct:
This on-line class will require independent research on the part of the participant. Throughout the semester the student will engage in several projects such as, but not limited to; essays, involvement in discussion forums, research papers, outside readings, and on-line quizzes. Each week it will be the student's responsibility to log on and view the assignment for that week. Every week there will be topics covered that the student will need to either read from the text book or look up on-line. This information will be used when it is time to take the quiz. In addition to the reading, most weeks there will be an additional assignment, such as commentary map, or journal entry. Occasionally there will be a question for the class forum that all students should read and feel free to engage in discussion and debate.

Weekly assignments are posted each Monday and are due by midnight the following Sunday. Assignments are usually graded the Friday following the date they are due.

You are encouraged to form study groups to help in this class. You may also seek assistance from Student Support for help understanding the material or writing the paper. If you are having extreme difficulty, please make an appointment with me to discuss it.

UA Rich Mountain Credit Hour Calculator: For every course credit hour, you should expect to spend at least three clock hours per week of concentrated attention on course-related work, including but not limited to time attending class, as well as out-of-class time spent reading, reviewing, organizing notes, preparing for upcoming quizzes/exams, research, writing papers, working with your team, and other activities that enhance learning. For a three hour course in a **regular semester**, a typical student should expect to spend at least nine hours per week dedicated to the course. This includes the time spent in class.

Course Requirements/Evaluation:
Students will be assessed and graded on their attendance to class, class assignments, quizzes, team project participation in classroom discussion and ability to accurately and extensively convey in writing the topics and issues discussed during weekly lectures and from assigned readings.

Grading Scale:
A= 99 – 90
B= 89 – 80
C= 79 – 70
D= 69 – 60
F= 59 & Below

Class Assignments: The student should log in at least once a week to see the assignment for that week and upload the information by the due date. Late admissions will be accepted but not for full credit. **The largest portion of your grade will come from the weekly assignments, so please make every effort to turn these in.**

Outside Reading Assignments: The student will be required to do one research papers. Topics for this paper will be assigned later in the semester.

Tests: You will have various quizzes throughout the semester. These tests will be open book and open notes.

Class Procedures/Student Requirements:
The student should log in weekly to check the assignments and complete assignments each week. Late assignments will be accepted; however points will be taken off. In addition, the points taken off will increase the later the assignment is. For example: an assignment turned in two days late will have points taken off, but not as many as one turned in two weeks late. Tests MUST be taken by the deadline; late tests will not be accepted.

Academic Dishonesty: Any student in violation of the academic dishonesty policy, as outlined in the 2019-2020 College Catalog, will be disciplined in the appropriate manner as set by university standards. Please know that cheating in this class will include, copying another students work, plagiarism on a research paper, and using a cell phone or any other material during a test.

Disability Policy: It is the policy of this college to accommodate students with disabilities, pursuant to state and federal law. Any student with a disability who needs accommodations should contact the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Office, 394-7622 ext.1400.

Arkansas Clean Air Act: In compliance with the Arkansas Clean Air Act, UA Rich Mountain is a smoke and tobacco free facility. Students and guests are to refrain from the use of all tobacco products while on campus.

Student Misconduct: Students committing misconduct are subject to disciplinary sanction(s) and or restrictions. Misconduct or prohibited behavior includes, but is not limited to endangerment, harassment, disruption, sexual misconduct, dishonesty, illegal drugs and/or alcohol, fire or safety issues, gambling, property violations, computer violations or other violations as listed in detail in the college catalog.
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UA Rich Mountain E-Mail and Moodle: Since email is the primary source of communication with students via Moodle, all registered RMCC students get a college email account. For this class, students must check their **UA Rich Mountain e-mail accounts and Moodle regularly to**

avoid missing important messages and deadlines. If you are experiencing trouble with your email or Moodle, please contact Debbie Todd at 479-394-7622, ext. 1625. The excuse that a student is having computer or email problems is not acceptable. It is your responsibility as a student to seek out the answers to your problems. Please remember, UA Rich Mountain has computer labs available to you at no charge at the Mena, Waldron, and Mt. Ida locations.

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