

GE 102: WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY

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Text: Salter, Christopher, Joseph Hobbs, Jesse Wheeler and J. Kostbade. 1993/1997 (2nd ed.). Essentials of World Regional Geography. Fort Worth: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich. (includes map pak)

Course Description: The purpose of this course is to provide a basic introduction to the complexities of the human experience around the world. The interaction of people with their physical environment is the main focus of geographical work, and this course examines the different regions around the world in the context of past and present human experience. Within this framework, given the holistic nature of geographical thought, we will also examine the interaction and problems generated both regionally and world-wide.

Course Objectives:

- 1) To develop a greater understanding of the geographical point of view and the power of geographical approaches;
- 2) To develop a greater appreciation of both the uniqueness of the varied human experiences and also how they interrelate;
- 3) to sensitize you to the complex dynamic relationship of people and their physical environment.

Course Grading:

- 1) Exams: There will be 3 exams in this class. They will not be cumulative. They will consist of a combination of objective and short essay questions. Each exam will count for 20% of the course grade.
- 2) Research Paper: You must do a short research paper of 4-7 pages (text) on some aspect of the material to be covered during the semester. It must contain a minimum of 2 sources other than the text. It will count for 20% of the course grade. You will also give a short (10 minute) presentation on your work for the class.
- 3) Map Tests: There will be a series of map tests. The totaled average score of the tests will count for 10% of the course grade.
- 4) Class Participation/Attendance: Class attendance is mandatory. It make it more sufferable, participation will make it go faster and keep it interesting. Participation and attendance will count for 10% of the course grade.

Grading:	Exams(3).....	60%	A= 90-100	D= 60-69
	Research Paper.....	20%	B= 80-89	F= -60
	Part/Attendance.....	10%	C= 70-79	
	Map Tests.....	10%		

GE 102 Course Schedule 1/98

- Jan. 13: Introduction
Ass: Read ch. 1-2
- 15: Geographical concepts and physical geography
Ass: Read ch. 3
- 20: Europe--physical aspects
Ass: Read ch. 4-5
- 22: Western Europe
- 27: European success and limitations--the European Union
- 29: Eastern and Southern Europe
- Feb. 3: Why conflicts/friction--ethnicity and power in Europe?
Ass: Read ch. 6-7
- 5: The Russias--physical aspects
- 10: The Russias and the Russian Federation
- 12: EXAM I (ch. 1-7)
Ass: Read ch. 8-9
- 17: What is the Middle East?
- 19: West Asia?
Ass: Read ch. 10-11
- 24: Asia--physical aspects
- 26: South Asia
Ass: Read ch. 12-14
- 3: Southeast Asia
Ass: Read ch. 21-23
- 5: The Dragon Realm-China
- 10: East Asia--the Koreas
- 12: Japan
- 17: Simulation B
- 19: EXAM II (ch. 8-14)
Ass: Read ch. 15-16
- 23-27: Spring Break
- 31: Oceania--physical aspects
- 23: North America--physical aspects
- 28: Changing patterns of power in the Americas
- 30: Contemporary global issues / RESEARCH PAPER DUE
- April 2: Problems of island nations in a very large ocean
Ass: Read ch. 17-18
- 7: Africa--physical aspects
- 9: Africa--impacts of colonialism
- 14: Africa-change and the future
Ass: Read ch. 19-20
- 16: Central and South America--physical aspects
- 21: Central and South America--impacts of colonialism
- May 6: EXAM III, 12:45-2:45