

GE10240



WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY

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Office Hours: Saturday before class, 12:00 to 12:30 p.m., or by appointment

Text: Rowntree, Les, et.al. 2000 **Diversity Amid Globalization**
Prentice-Hall

Course Description: Geography of world's states and major cultural regions; emphasis on geographic aspects of contemporary economic, social and political conditions. Each region will be examined in terms of its underlying physical, cultural, economic and political background.

Course Objectives: At the end of the course, students should be able to:

- * understand geographic concepts and theories used to explain world patterns of distributions of population, culture and economic activities
- * understand spatial differentiation of human patterns on the landscape
- * recognize the location of world states and major cities

Class Attendance and Participation: Attendance will be taken at each class meeting. The class starts promptly at 12:30 p.m. Tardiness or leaving class early will be regarded as an absence. Only written notes from a doctor or your commanding officer, on his letter head including his telephone number and signed personally by him; hospital release form; or a obituary of an immediate family member are normally accepted excused absences. You are allowed one absence (each meeting is four hours). Each absence after that, 25 points will be deducted from your total course points.

Exams and Quizzes: There will be three exams during the semester. The final (third exam) will not be comprehensive and will cover only the last part of the course after Exam No.2. The exams will have two sections, the first section will have objective questions made up of multiple choice, true-false and matching questions. The second section will be made up of map location. Make-up exams and quizzes are strongly discouraged! (If you are allowed to make-up an exam, depending on the reason for missing the exam, and the written documentation - it will be a very difficult exam!)
Strong emphasis in the course is placed on map location of countries and cities. There will be a map location section on the exams, plus six map location quizzes. Practice maps will be provided and the same maps will be used on the quizzes and exams.

STUDENT PROJECT: To help you get an in depth look at the contemporary news of one of the course realms, each student is expected to pick one of the realms (except for North America) and collect articles, from at least two periodicals (newspaper or magazine) over a three month period. (no computer printed articles). The articles are to be mounted and put in a binder. **Each article must have the name of the periodical, date and the page number on it.** During the first week of the third month, a two to five page summary is to be typewritten on the articles collected. Proper use of English, grammar and spelling are expected!

DUE ON March 10.

STUDENT CONDUCT: Chaminade University of Honolulu, has a Code of Student Conduct which defines expected conduct for students. Academic Dishonesty is not condoned by the University and may result in expulsion from the University. This refers to cheating, which includes receiving or giving unauthorized help during exams, and plagiarism, which is submitting the work of other people as your own or neglecting to identify as a quotation a documented idea that has not been assimilated into the student's language and style. Disruptive Classroom Behavior which affects my ability to teach or the ability of students to learn is not tolerated: you will be asked to leave the class.

COURSE GRADE: The total number of points possible will be 500 points made up as follows:

EXAM 1 100 (100 points maximum - 0 points minimum)

EXAM 2 100 (100 points maximum - 0 points minimum)

EXAM 3 100 (100 points maximum - 0 points minimum)

6 Quizzes-25 points each : 150 each quiz 25 pts. max. - 0 pts. min.

Student Project: 50 50pts. max. - 0 pts. min.

500 points possible maximum

Your final grade will be determined by total points you earn (besides adjustments for class attendance). You are allowed one absence. Each unexcused absence after that will result in subtracting 25 points from your total course points. **Tardiness or leaving class early** will be counted as an absence. The class starts promptly at 12:30. THE CLASS ENDS AT 4:40 (16:40)

GRADING SCALE

90% and above	A	500-450 points
80-89%	B	449-400 points
70-79%	C	399-350 points
60-69%	D	349-300 points
Below 60%	F	Below - 299 points

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Tentative Schedule - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Jan. 13	Introduction	pp 1-40	
Jan. 20	Europe	pp 311-359	Quiz 1 (Europe and Russia)
Jan. 27	Russia North America	pp 362-403 pp 72-119	Quiz 2 (North America)
Feb. 3	Caribbean Latin America	pp 171-207 pp 121-167	Exam 1
Feb. 10	Middle East Central Asia	pp 265-307 pp 406-440	Quiz 3 (Caribbean and Latin America)
Feb. 17	Africa South of the Sahara	pp 211-261	Quiz 4 (SW Asia, Central Asia and all of Africa)
Feb. 24	South Asia	pp 495-537	Exam 2
Mar. 3	East Asia	pp 443-491	Quiz 5 (South and East Asia)
Mar. 10	Southeast Asia Australia & N.Z. and Pacific	pp 540-581 pp 585-625	Quiz 6 (S.E. Asia, Australia & N.Z., and the Pacific) <u>Student Project Due</u>
Mar. 17	REVIEW and EXAM		Exam 3

GRADING

Maximum Points Possible	Total Points in the range of
Exams 100 x 3 = 300	500-450 A
Quizzes 25 x 6 = 150	449-400 B
Project 50 X 1 = <u>50</u>	399-350 C
500	349-300 D
	Under -299 F

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Student Project (Report) (Zero to 50 points)

To help you get an in depth look at the contemporary news in one of the 7 course realms (besides North America), each student is to pick ONE of the realms shown on the map on pages 2 and 3 in your textbook and collect articles from at least two periodicals (newspapers or magazines) over the next two and a half month period.

For example, if you are to use newspapers, go through them daily and pick out any article that is about some aspect of the realm you have chosen. Mount the articles and include the name of the newspaper or magazine it is from, the date and page number.

During the first week of March, write a short two to five page summary for the articles you have collected. The report is to be typed, spell-checked and double spaced.

The report is due the evening of March 10

The style and format of your report should follow those used in Chaminade University of Honolulu, English courses, for title page, text and footnotes.

The Seven Realms: Collect articles on ALL countries in a Realm

Latin America

Europe

Russia

Middle East

Africa South of the Sahara

Monsoon Asia

Pacific World (except Hawaii)