

Chaminade University
Summer Evening 2000: July 5 - September 13, 2000

Class: Geography 102 (GE 10240.3 credits) World Regional Geography
Location: Fort Schafter **Time:** Saturday 12:30-4:40

Instructor: John Cusick email: jcusick@hawaii.edu

Required texts: Salter, C. et al. (1998). Essentials of World Regional Geography Second Edition.

Course objective and description: This course introduces concepts and ideas designed to study physical and cultural diversity toward the purpose of increased understanding and appreciation of the world. Each week will combine lectures and group discussions concerning a particular region of the world. Assigned readings and a lecture of the region's environmental diversity will prepare students for understanding landforms, climate, biogeography, human settlement patterns, cultural landscapes, historical periods and events, languages, religions, political and economic systems, and current events.

Course requirements:

Reading assignments/ Group projects/ Attendance and Participation (15 points)

Mid-term exam (25 points)

Final exam (35 points)

2 map handouts (25 points)

Reading Assignments: Chapters in the book will be assigned for reading prior to the class period. The purpose of the readings is to familiarize students with material that will be presented in further detail in lectures and group discussions. Students are encouraged to participate during class with questions and comments appropriate to the region or its relationship to other issues or regions. Participation accounts for part of the grade so each student should make the effort to become involved with class discussions.

Group Projects: Students will discuss topics presented by the instructor and identify several important and/or relevant concepts, examples, and/or ideas related to the topic. Group members will then present these concepts to the class for further discussion. *There are no right or wrong answers in this project, but participation is required.*

Mid-term exam: The mid-term is a take home exam. The exam is a combination of multiple choice, true/false, and short essays due one week after it is handed out. Students are encouraged to use their text and lecture notes.

Final exam: The final is a take home exam. Students will write several essays related to a topic presented and discussed in class. Regular class attendance and good note taking will make these essays easier to organize. The two page essays must introduce the topic, provide one or two main points, an analysis of the situation or event, and conclude the essay. The final questions will be handed out in the second to last week and are due at the final class meeting. This is an open book and lecture notes exam.

Map exercises: There will be a handout and a list of places to be located on a series of maps. The first exercise will be completed in the first week and the second will be completed in the last day of class.

Grades:

Total number of points from assignments will determine final grades.

100-90 points	A	69-50 points	D
89-80 points	B	Below 50 points	Fail
79-70 points	C		

Required Essay Question: What are your interests in geography? Where have you traveled as a tourist or student? What places are you interested in and why did you take this course? How can this course help you in your studies?

<u>Week</u>	<u>Class Lectures</u>
Week One	Introduction/map exercise The Scope of Geography Geographic Concepts
Week Two	Hawai'i/Pacific Basin
Week Three	Japan and Northeast Asia China and Southeast Asia
Week Four	India and South Asia Russia and Central Asia
Week Five	Northern Europe Southern Europe
Week Six	Middle East Africa Submit Mid-term exam
Week Seven	North America Latin America
Week Eight	Polar Regions International Conventions
Week Nine	Review
Week Ten	Map exam Submit Final exam