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Chaminade University Geography 102 World Regional Geography

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Required text: Rowntree et al. (2000). Diversity Amid Globalization

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 (25 points)

Mid-term exam (25 points)

Final exam (25 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 and Final exams: The exams are a combination of multiple choice, true/false, and short essays. Students are encouraged to review their text and lecture notes.

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?

Meeting	Class Lectures
One Chapters 1-2	Introduction The Scope of Geography Geographic Concepts
Two Chapter 14	Hawai'i/Pacific Basin Submit Required Essay
Three Chapters 11, 13	Japan and Northeast Asia China and Southeast Asia
Four Chapters 9, 10, 12	India and South Asia Russia and Central Asia
Five Chapters 8	Mid-term exam
Six Chapters 7	Europe
Seven Chapters 6, 7	Southwest Asia/North Africa Sub-Saharan Africa
Eight Chapters 3, 4, 5	North America Latin America
Nine	Course Review
Ten	Final exam