

GEOG 103-01: INTRODUCTION TO GEOGRAPHY

MWF 12:20pm – 1:10pm; Callcott 011

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Course Description: This course is designed to introduce students to the major areas of geography by investigating and explaining contemporary topics in nature and society from a geography perspective. Through each of these topical investigations, considerable amount of information will be presented in an attempt to convey briefly, but incisively, the nature of the subfields of geography.

Learning Outcomes and Objectives:

By the end of the semester students should be able to:

- Recognize the terminology used in geography
- Understand the fundamental elements of the physical environment
- Recognize the differences between cultural phenomena around the world
- Familiarize with the relation between nature and society
- Develop awareness of contemporary politics, cultural events and/or socio-economic processes
- Compare/contrast the differences in traditional and modern practices of human culture

Textbook: *Introduction to Geography* (12th ed.) by Arthur Getis, Judith Getis, and Jerome D. Fellmann. McGraw Hill, 2008

Exams and Grading: There will be 200 possible points for the course. These points are distributed as follows:

- Final Exam (40 questions x 2 pts.).....80 points.
- 8 Short Exam/Quizzes x 15 pts.....120 points.

There will be 12 Short Exams/Quizzes that are worth 15 points toward the final score. Students are free to take any or as many of the Short Exams/Quizzes but are responsible to take at least 8 of them. The highest 8 scores will be taken into account for the student's final score. For the dates and themes of these exams, please refer to the tentative schedule listed below.

Extra Credit, Attendance and Make-Up Policy: There are NO extra credits or make-up exams available for this course. Students have the freedom to choose 8 of the 12 possible short exams throughout the semester. Thus, it will be student's responsibility to attend the class and/or take an exam.

Academic Misconduct: Academic Dishonesty and any forms of cheating will not be tolerated. The student will receive a zero for the exam when caught and the act will be reported to the Dean's office and the Geography Department Chair for further review and sanction. Please refer to the related discussions about student expectations under "Academic Responsibility" in the *Carolina Community*.

Disability Statement: If you are a person with a disability and desire special accommodations to complete course requirements, please contact Disability Services (777-6742). It is the policy of the university to make reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities. If you have made special arrangements please notify your instructor.

Letter Grades and Points Break-Down:

A	B+	B	C+	C	D+	D	F
180-200	172-179	160-171	152-159	140-151	132-139	120-131	0-119

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FALL '08

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Quiz/Short Exam</u>
Week 1 (1.12.2009)	Ch 1- Intro	What is Geography?	Q1- 1.16.2009
Week 2	Ch 2- Maps	Functions and Types	N/A (MLK Wk)
Week 3	Ch 2&3	Maps (contd); Landforms	Q2- 1.30.2009
Week 4	Ch 4	Weather, Climate & Soil	Q3- 2.6.2009
Week 5	Ch 5	Natural Resources	Q4- 2.13.2009
Week 6	Ch 12	Human Impact on Envir.	Q5- 2.20.2009
Week 7	Ch 7 Culture	Religion, Lang., Ethnic	Q6- 2.27.2009
Week 8	Ch 7	Cultural elements (contd)	Q7- 3.6.2009
Week 9	N/A	SPRING BREAK	N/A
Week 10	Ch 8	Cultural movements	Q8- 3.20.2009
Week 11	Ch 9 Politic	Concepts in Political Geo	Q9- 3.27.2009
Week 12	Ch 10 Econ	Economic Activities	Q9- 4.3.2009
Week 13	Ch 10 Econ	Globalization	Q10-4.10.2009
Week 14	Ch 6	Population Geography	Q11- 4.17.2009
Week 15	Ch 11 Urban	City: Systems, Functions	Q12- 4.24.2009
Week 16	N/A	Review for Final	N/A
Finals' Week	No Classes	N/A	Final- TBA