

**World Regional Geography
GEO 221**

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Class

1 -1:50, MWF
Wall 304

Office Hours

10-11 a.m., MWF; 3-4 p.m., MW; and by appointment
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Course Description

This course examines world and regional geography. Students will learn basic geographic skills as well as aspects of political, economic, physical and cultural geography by studying the ten geographic regions that comprise the world: (1) North America; (2) Middle and South America; (3) Europe, (4) Russia and the Newly Independent States; (5) North Africa and Southwest Asia; (6) Sub-Saharan Africa; (7) South Asia; (8) East Asia; (9) Southeast Asia (10) Oceania: Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific.

Required Texts and Materials

World Regional Geography, 2nd ed., Pulsipher and Pulsipher
New Comparative World Atlas, Hammond
Set of colored pencils or pens for map work

Course Goals and Objectives

By equipping college students with a solid understanding of the world's geography, the course will focus on the goals of the National Geographic Standards, which calls for the geographically informed person to be able to see meaning in the arrangement of things in space, to see relations between people, places, and environments, to use geographical skills, and to apply spatial and ecological perspectives to life situations.

Instructional Methods

Students will learn through readings, class discussions, atlas activities, map activities, worksheets, in-class activities, overheads, and internet activities/assignments. We will be using the Blackboard system for class assignments: www.bb.mhc. [See Back Page of Syllabus]

Course Policies and Evaluation Procedures

Quizzes (10)*	60%
Attendance and Participation**	20%
Final Exam	20%

*Eleven quizzes are given and the lowest grade is dropped; no make-ups. All quizzes cover materials from the text and assignments.

**Students are allowed three absences (excused or unexcused) during the semester. Additional absences will negatively affect the final grade. Students are expected to come to each class having done the readings and assignments assigned for that day and to participate actively in all class activities.

CLASSROOM POLICIES: Please arrive on time to class and having taken care of all necessary bodily functions prior to class. No food is permitted, but drinks are allowed.

All cell phones and pages must be turned off!

****In Case of bad weather, instructions will be left through the Blackboard Announcements.***

Course Schedule

Date	Class Topic	Assignment
1/12	Introduction to Course	
1/14	Introduction to Geography	Chapter 1, pp. 2-31
1/17	Introduction to Geography, contd.	Ch. 1, pp. 32-47
1/19	Introduction to Atlas/Maps	Assignment 1 – Chapter 1
1/21	Quiz 1	
1/24	North America	Ch. 2, pp. 54-83 Assignment 1 – North America
1/26	North America, contd.	Ch. 2, pp. 83-111 Assignment 2 – North America
1/28	North America, contd.	Assignment 3 – North America Using the Atlas Assignment
1/31	Quiz 2	
2/2	Latin America	Ch. 3, pp. 114-156 Assignment 1 – Latin America
2/4	Latin America, contd.	Ch. 3, pp. 156-177 Assignment 2 – Latin America
2/7	Latin America, contd.	Assignment 3 – Latin America
2/9	Quiz 3	
2/11	Europe	Ch. 4, pp. 180-213 Assignment 1 – Europe
2/14	Europe, contd.	Ch. 4, pp. 213-232 Assignment 2 – Europe
2/16	Europe, contd.	Assignment 3 – Europe
2/18	Quiz 4	
2/21	Russia & Newly Independent States	Ch. 5, pp. 236-270 Assignment 1 – Russia & NIS
2/23	Russia & NIS, contd.	Ch. 5, pp. 271-285 Assignment 2 – Russia & NIS
2/25	Russia & NIS, contd.	Assignment 3 – Russia & NIS

2/28	Quiz 5	
3/2	North Africa & Southwest Asia	Ch. 6, pp. 288-320 Assignment 1 – N. Africa & SW Asia
3/4	North Africa & SW Asia, contd.	Ch. 6, pp. 320-335 Assignment 2 – N. Africa & SW Asia
3/7	North Africa & SW Asia, contd.	Assignment 3 – N. Africa & SW Asia
3/9	Quiz 6	
3/11	Sub-Saharan Africa	Ch. 7, pp. 338-379 Assignment 1 – Sub-Saharan Africa
3/14	SPRING BREAK	
3/16	SPRING BREAK	
3/18	SPRING BREAK	
3/21	Sub-Saharan Africa, contd.	Ch. 7, pp. 380-391 Assignment 2 – Sub-Saharan Africa
3/23	Sub-Saharan Africa, contd.	
3/25	NO CLASS	
3/28	Quiz 7	
3/30	South Asia	Ch. 8, pp. 394-432 Assignment 1 – South Asia
4/1	South Asia, contd.	Ch. 8, pp. 433-448 Assignment 2 – South Asia
4/4	South Asia, contd.	
4/6	Quiz 8	
4/8	East Asia	Ch. 9, pp. 452-485 Assignment 1 – East Asia
4/11	East Asia, contd.	Ch. 9, pp. 485-511 Assignment 2 – East Asia
4/13	Quiz 9	
4/15	Southeast Asia	Ch.10, pp. 514-550 Assignment 1 – Southeast Asia
4/18	Southeast Asia, contd.	Ch. 10, pp. 550-565 Assignment 2 – Southeast Asia
4/20	Quiz 10	
4/22	Oceania	Ch. 11, pp. 568-600 Assignment 1 – Oceania
4/25	Oceania, contd.	Assignment 2 -- Oceania
4/27	Quiz 11	

FINAL EXAM: Monday, 2 May, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Statement on Academic Dishonesty: Academic dishonesty is an act by a student to use and/or represent the work (research, writing, creative work, examination answers) of other individuals as that of his or her own production. The work of others represented by an individual as his or her own is inherently dishonest and is not a fair measure of the competence, knowledge and achievement of that individual. Academic dishonesty is contrary to the standards, ethics and goals of higher education and the Mars Hill College Honor Code: “We, the students of Mars Hill College, pledge ourselves to uphold integrity, honesty, and academic responsibility in and out of the classroom.” Students committing academic dishonesty shall be penalized in accordance with the Honor Code policies.

Information on Blackboard

- The internet address for MHC Blackboard is: www.bb.mhc.edu It can be accessed via the Mars Hill College Home Page
- Student logins are the same as your network login. Remember: Blackboard is case sensitive, but network logins are not.
- Passwords: If you have a previous Blackboard account, your password is the same. If you are a new Blackboard user, your password is your 9-digit identification number. Change your password to your choice by using the Personal Information screen under Tools.
- If you have any questions/problems, contact the IT help desk at X 1444.

What Blackboard is used for:

- Announcements: All announcements from the professor regarding the class. This includes information about class during bad weather.
- Course Documents: Copies of important class documents such as syllabi.
- Assignments: All class assignments, i.e. reading guides, study guides, paper assignments, etc.
- Tools: These include Personal Information for changing passwords and a student manual for using Blackboard.