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General Syllabus

GEOG 11103 Human Geography

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite(s): None

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

A survey of the distribution of the people and cultures on earth.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Define major concepts in human geography; e.g., place and space.
2. Describe the spatial variation of population density and fertility.
3. Describe how cultures of religion vary from place to place.
4. Describe the sources, diffusion and changing nature of language.
5. Describe geographical aspects of political and social organizational behavior.
6. Describe spatial and ecological aspects of ethnicity, and the tension between increasing ethnic awareness and globalization.
7. Evaluate the causes and ramifications of human migration.
8. Describe how cultural traits may be reflected in the landscape.
9. Describe the ways in which culture affects the use of natural resources, both positively and negatively.
10. Describe the positive and negative consequences of globalization and the changing interconnections among places.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will participate in and lead class discussion regarding all aspects of the spatial patterns of human development.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will study the entire global system and the impacts of human interaction.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Major concepts of human geography including place, space, region, scale and landscape
- B. Geographies of population, culture, ethnicity, identity, politics, religion, language and cities
- C. Cultural traits on the landscape
- D. Ways in which culture affects the use of natural resources
- E. Domestic and international migration
- F. Concepts of multiculturalism, transnationalism and assimilation/integration
- G. Globalization and changing interconnections among places