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General Syllabus

GEOG 21003 World Regional Geography

Credit Hours: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite(s): None

Effective Catalog: 2019-2020

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Examines the countries of the world, focusing on regional geographical factors which have influenced the direction and extent of their development. (ACTS: GEOG 2103)

B. Additional Information

World Regional Geography students examine differences and similarities of societies in less developed and more developed regions of the world. Physical geography, demographic transitions, and recent economic trends in the regions are lecture areas and points of discussion for the class. A major investigative theme for the course is the interconnectedness of the peoples of the world. Map exercises to locate landforms and cultural landscapes, and thereby improve mental mapping skills, are part of the course. Writing a term paper is optional with the student.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

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

1. Discuss the role geographical factors play in agricultural and industrial development.
2. Use the global grid, topographical maps, and demographic statistics.
3. Examine the demographic transition of the world's countries and their inanimate sources.
4. Reflect upon the interconnectedness both within and among the world's regions

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 analysis of regional geography.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will study the entire global system and the impacts of human interaction with the various world regions.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Geography, the discipline defined. The making and reading of maps
- B. The physical environment and climates of the world's regions. The basis of development
- C. Anglo-American
- D. Western Europe
- E. Russia and Eastern Europe
- F. Japan, Australia, and New Zealand
- G. Latin America
- H. Africa
- I. Monsoon Asia
- J. China and Korea
- K. Oceania