



WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY

Hello! I'm Dr. Daniel Waktola, your course instructor. World Regional Geography is an exciting course and I'm confident that by the time you complete this course you would have the interest and appreciation towards the geography of the world. Your exposure to modern technologies and different learning styles would enable you meet the expected learning outcomes. I set high standard to this course and have strong trust in your ability to master the subject matter. I have passion not only for guiding you through the learning process, but also for the material I present.



Class Room: CMS 28

T 6:50pm -10:00 pm

Office # 240 (West Wing,
Upper Level, *Inside Physical Sci. Dept.*)

You can drop by

MW 9:30-10:30am;
TTh 10:45-11:15am;
M 5:00 – 6:30 pm.
T 5:00 – 6:30 pm.

Or, by appointment.

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If geography is prose,
maps are iconography.
Lennart Meri

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

Upon successful completion of this course you should be able to:

- SLO 1.** Analyze a variety of regional geographic content and compare it to their on local region.
- SLO 2.** Apply the geographical approach to the study of cultural diversity and the social fabric of humanity on a world regional basis.
- SLO 3.** Evaluate the five themes of geography for daily use.
- SLO 4.** Summarize and critique the role of geography in the expansion and cultural diffusion of humanity
- SLO 5.** Use maps to locate and identify physical and cultural features.

Course Description

This course covers the physical, environmental, cultural, economic, historic, and political aspects of the world's regions and countries. Each major world region will be discussed in detail, with particular emphasis placed on current events that are redefining the world map. Several themes running through the length of the entire course include globalization, environmental and climate change. This course will also promote critical thinking about the consequences of converging environmental, cultural, economic, political, and technological systems through the forces of globalization.

Class Policies

- Class time will be spent in discussion and lecture. It is expected that every student will participate and will not disturb the class with unnecessary talking.
- When you come to class, it is expected that you arrive on time,
- You should stay for the entire class period.
- Arriving late for class is disruptive for everyone, and habitual tardiness may result in exclusion from class.
- There will be no extra credit for this course
- iPod and other headsets may not be worn in class. Cellular phones are to be turned off.
- If you are planning to use laptop or tables during lecture hour, (1) you should refrain from browsing unrelated websites, and (2) you should sit in the front row of the classroom.



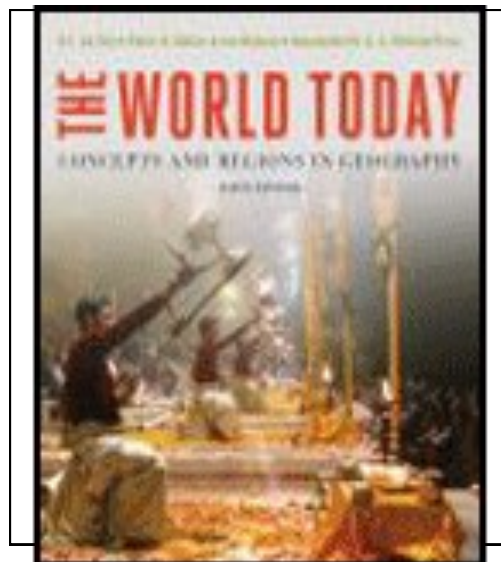
Attendance

- ◆ Attendance is your responsibility.
- ◆ You are expected to be present at every class meeting
- ◆ Attendance rosters are always maintained.
- ◆ Failure to attend class will result in your missing valuable information and material.
- ◆ You are solely responsible for material missed as a result of absences.
- ◆ Each student should have the name, phone number, and e-mail address of at least three classmates.
- ◆ Absences in excess of 2 may result in exclusion from class.
- ◆ **Medical appointments, work, job interviews, child care responsibilities, etc., should be arranged so as not to occur during class time.**

Required Textbook

The World Today: Concepts and Regions in Geography, 6th Ed. By H.J. deBlij, Peter O. Muller, Jan Nijman. ISBN 978-1-1184-1159-9

Check the Mission's Bookstore at: <http://eagleslanding.lamission.edu/>



Withdrawal

Non-attendance does not constitute withdrawal. It is your responsibility to drop. I will exclude only “no-shows” up through “census week.” You must be aware of the dates pertaining to withdrawals (see college catalogue and schedule of classes). You may drop the class any time through the last date to drop via the Admissions Office, on-line, or by phone. If you stop attending class without filing an official drop card with Admissions and Records by the scheduled deadline, you will receive a grade of **Fail**.



If you are having difficulty with the concepts presented in class, I will be happy to help you. Please see me after class or during the office hours if you are having problems. You may call or email me. Getting help early in the semester will ensure a more successful course grade.

Exams

There are several quizzes in this course covering material presented up to the week preceding the quiz and one final exam, which is cumulative. The format of each exam will be discussed the week prior to the exam. The final exam will be given during finals week. Exams may include multiple choice, true-false, and matching.

No make-ups will be given for missed quizzes. If you miss one quiz, it will be compensated by the extra quiz. Any additional missed quiz will receive zero points. **The final exam must be taken; a missed final will receive zero point.**

Quizzes may be administered at the beginning or end of the class. If you anticipate being late to class, or leaving **early, do not take this course!**

Academic Integrity Policy

- ◆ Cheating is unacceptable behavior for college students.
- ◆ If you are part of a cheating incident (either by giving or receiving assistance on an exam, or through plagiarism—submitting anyone else’s work as your own), you will receive a score of zero and recommended for disciplinary actions.

Course Evaluation

Grades are totaled from exams, quizzes, and assignments. A portion of your grade is based on class participation. The submission dates will be announced in class. Late submission, for whatever reason, will be penalized. All written work, except for that done in class, must be word-processed. No exceptions!

• Two projects:	150
• 11 Quizzes (10 x 30 points each):	100
• Class attendance and participation	50
• Final exam	<u>200</u>
Total	500

Grading

> 90%	(>450)	= A
80 - 89%	(400 - 449)	= B
70 - 79%	(350-399)	= C
55 - 69%	(300 - 349)	= D
< 55%	(<300)	= F

Everything has to do with geography
Judy Martz

Wk	Date	Topic	Reading
1	Aug 27	Course Overview, Intro to Geography	
2	Sep 3	Global Perspectives - Pacific Realm - Video & discussion	Ch. 12
		<i>Select a Country to Adopt (Project 1)</i>	
***	Sept 8	<i>Last Day to Drop Classes Without "W"</i>	
3	Sep 10	East Asia/China: Video & discussion. Quiz 1 (Pacific Realm)	Ch. 9
4	Sep 17	Europe: Video & discussion. Quiz 2 (East Asia/China)	Ch. 1
		<i>Select a commodity to reconstruct geography of source country/region (Project 2)</i>	
5	Sep 24	Russia: Video & discussion. Quiz 3 (Europe). Student Presentations	Ch. 2
6	Oct 1	North America: Quiz 4 (Russia), Video, Student Presentations	Ch. 3
7	Oct 8	Middle America: Quiz 5 (North America), Video, Student Presentations	Ch. 4
8	Oct 15	South America: Quiz 6 (Middle America), Video, Student Presentations	Ch. 5
9	Oct 22	Africa: Quiz 7 (South America), Video, Student Presentations	Ch. 6
10	Oct 29	North Africa/SW Asia: Quiz 8 (South America), Video, Student Presentations	Ch. 7
11	Nov 5	South Asia/India: Quiz 9 (North Africa/SW Asia), Video, Student Presentations	Ch. 8
12	Nov 12	South East Asia: Quiz 10 (South Asia/India), Video, Student Presentations	Ch. 10
***	Nov 17	<i>Last Day to Drop Classes With "W"</i>	
13	Nov 19	Australia: Quiz 11 (South East Asia), Video, Student Presentations	Ch. 11
14	Nov 26	Presentation of Project 2	Ch. 12
15	Dec 3	Presentation of Project 2 (<i>continued</i>), Review for Final Exam	
	Dec 9	FINAL EXAM (8:00 PM-10:00 PM)	1-11

2 Vital Resources

1. ETUDES
2. Facebook



☞ Our class has a course management website (**ETUDES**). It is where the hybrid component of the class will take place. Moodle also help you access your lecture note, weekly quizzes, and class discussions. The instruction is available at:

<http://missiononline.pbworks.com/w/page/61823645/etudes-help>



3. Facebook at:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/MiaaionWorldReg0273FA13/>

☞ ... it is for the exchange of general information