

GEOGRAPHY 112G

WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY

Dr. John Wright, Fall 2014

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Geography is the study of the forces that make the world - globalization, terrorism, ethnicity, natural environments, religion, war, political conflicts, population, and language - all merging into a changing mosaic of geographic regions. The purpose of this class is to make you a more informed citizen of a complex world, and to introduce you to Geography as a fascinating major and excellent career.

TEXT: Free Class Lecture PowerPoints and Notes on Canvas.

GRADING: Grades will be based on four Exams and four Quiz scores

- 1) EXAM #1 – Tuesday September 16th (20% of grade)
- 2) EXAM #2 – Thursday October 9th (20% of grade)
- 3) EXAM #3 – Thursday November 6th (20% of grade)
- 4) Five Surprise Quizzes – (5% each, total = 20%) Lowest score tossed out.
- 5) EXAM #4 – Thursday December 11th (20% of grade)

GRADING SCALE: A = 90-100% (A- 90%, A 91-97%, A+ 98-100%)

B = 80-89% (B- 80%, B 81-87%, B+ 88-89%)

C = 70-79% (C- 70%, C 71-77%, C+ 78-79%)

D = 60-69% (D- 60%, D 61-67%, D+ 68-69%)

F = below 60%

EXAMS: All exams will consist of multiple choice questions, graded on the blue NMSU Test Score Sheets (Scantron). All grades will be posted on Canvas – your average is up to you to calculate since Canvas does not know a quiz will be dropped or how exams are weighted

Review sheets will be passed out before each test. I will hold reviews for all exams and tell you where and when. All exams, including the Final, will only cover material from that section of class.

THE QUIZZES WILL NOT BE ANNOUNCED

GEOGRAPHY 112G CLASS SCHEDULE

- 8/21 World Geography
8/26 Realms and Regions
8/28 Population: A Demographically Divided World
9/2 Globalization: An Economically Flat World
9/4 Mexico and Central America
9/9 Caribbean: Cuba, Jamaica, Haiti
9/11 South America: Brazil and the Amazon
9/16 EXAM #1
- 9/18 Middle East: Ancient Conflicts and Recent Uprisings
9/23 Middle East: Arid, Arab, Oil, Muslim
9/25 Middle East: Roots of Conflict
9/30 Middle East: Israel/Palestine, Arabian Peninsula
10/2 Middle East: Egypt, Syria and Chaos; Jordan and Stability
10/7 Middle East: Iraq (and Afghanistan)
10/9 EXAM #2
- 10/14 Africa: Cradle of Humanity, Colonialism, Poverty
10/16 Africa: South Africa, Zimbabwe, Botswana
10/21 South Asia: India, Nepal, Pakistan, Bangladesh
10/23 Southeast Asia: Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia
10/28 East Asia: China -The Celestial Kingdom and Communism
10/30 East Asia: China - Economic Boom and Culture Change
11/4 East Asia: Japan – WWII, Landscapes, 2011 Earthquake/Tsunamis
11/6 EXAM #3
- 11/11 Europe: WWII and the creation of the European Union
11/13 Europe: Germany, France
11/18 Europe: British Isles, Spain
11/20 Europe: Eastern Europe: Ukraine, former Yugoslavia
- 11/25 and 11/27 NO CLASS – THANKSGIVING BREAK
- 12/2 Russia: The former Soviet Union – a Russian Empire
12/4 Russia: Cold War and “modern” Russia
12/11 EXAM #4 – 10:30-12:30 in our classroom during Finals Week

**FIVE surprise Quizzes will be given during the semester.
I will throw out your lowest score. The highest four scores will
count for 20% of your total grade.**

SO – SHOW UP FOR CLASS

CLASS RULES:

It is very rude to your classmates and me to routinely walk in late or walk out early. Missing class will limit how much you learn – and make you miss quizzes. No make-up tests or quizzes will be given without a doctors note or unless you are away at an NMSU sponsored event. Valid medical or family emergencies will be accepted for missing a test or quiz. I can tell who is fibbing, so don't even try.

Call or email me before a test if you are going to miss it.

No extra credit assignments will be granted.

Come to my office hours for help. If you have special needs, let me know.

An "I" grade cannot be given unless you are passing the class ("C" or better).

WELCOME TO THE NMSU GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

Geography is an amazing subject and lucrative career. As a geographer you study different cultures, travel, learn how to make maps, apply computer skills, solve problems, and make a positive contribution to the world. If you like the outdoors, travel, maps, cultures, and computers you are already a Geographer! Geography is an exciting and rewarding major with incredible career opportunities.

- **Mapping - Geographic Information Systems (GIS)**
- **Federal, state, and local agencies – land management, environment, remote sensing, intelligence agencies, wildlife, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Housing and Urban Devel. U.S. Census Bureau, Federal Highways Administration**
- **Environmental conservation – non-profit groups, gov't agencies**
- **Land use planning offices – city, county, regional**
- **Businesses, corporations, engineering firms, development companies**
- **Cultural geography, diplomacy, foreign service**

FACULTY:

Dr. Christopher Brown, Head. Associate Professor (UC Santa Barbara/
San Diego) GIS, Water Resources, Latin America

Dr. Michaela Buenemann, Assistant Professor (Oklahoma)

Arid environments, cartography, remote sensing, land degradation

Dr. Carol Campbell, Associate Professor (UCLA)

Biogeography, remote sensing, landscape ecology

Dr. Robert Czerniak, Professor (Colorado-Boulder)

Europe, land use, cities, transportation

Dr. Michael DeMers, Associate Professor (Kansas)

GIS, landscape ecology, Geographic Education

Dr. Daniel Dugas, Assistant Professor (Oregon)

Geomorphology, map use, aerial photo interpretation, arid environments

Dr. John Wright, Professor, (UC Berkeley)

Cultural, Middle East, Asia, New Mexico, environmental conservation

THE GEOGRAPHY MAJOR

You get to choose one of the following “Emphasis Areas”

B.S. Geography (Human/Environment Relationships Emphasis): 41 credits

Geography 111G – Geography of the Natural Environment (4 cr)
Geography 112G – World Regional Geog (3 cr)
Geography 120G – Culture and Environment (3 cr)
Geography 281 – Map Use and Analysis (3 cr)
Geography 351 – Biogeography (3 cr) or Geography 357 - Climatology (3 cr)
Geography 353 – Geomorphology (3cr)
Geography 363V – Cultural Geography (3 cr)
Geography 365V – Urban Geography (3 cr)
Geography 381 – Cartography (3 cr)
Geography 382 – Aerial Photo Interpretation (3 cr)
Geography 491 – Southwest Environments (3 cr)
Choose two (2) - Regional Geography classes:
Either New Mexico, Latin America, U.S. National Parks, or Europe (all 3 cr)

B.S. Geography (Geographic Information Systems Emphasis): 41 credits

Geography 111G – Geography of the Natural Environment (4 cr)
Geography 112G – World Regional or Geog 120G – Humans/Env. (3 cr)
Geography 281 – Map Use and Analysis (3 cr)
Geography 351 – Biogeography (3 cr) or Geography 357 - Climatology (3 cr)
Geography 353 – Geomorphology (3cr)
Geography 363V – Cultural Geography (3 cr)
Geography 365V – Urban Geography (3 cr)
Geography 373 – Introduction to Remote Sensing (3 cr)
Geography 381 – Cartography (3 cr)
Geography 382 – Aerial Photo Interpretation (3 cr)
Geography 481 – Fundamentals of Geographic Information Systems (4 cr)
Geography - one additional geospatial class
One Regional Geography class – either New Mexico, Latin America,
U.S. National Parks, or Europe (all 3 cr)