GEOG 110

World Regional Geography (Geog 110 – Section 4)
Fall 2008 T-Th 8:00 a.m. to 9:20 in EST 350
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Geography 110 - World Regional Geography is a 3-hour course and is a requirement for the Geography Major and Minor. This course fulfills the Category E general education requirement.

Text: World Regional Geography: Global Patterns, Local Lives fourth Edition by Lydia Mihelic Pulsipher and Alex Pulsipher. This text can be found at the University Bookstore. A good world atlas is also suggested.

Course Objective: This course is an introduction to geographical concepts as they apply to the world's regions. During the semester we will conduct a general survey of the political, social, economic, physical, and ecological systems of the world while exercising our abilities to think critically about each of them.

All course reading assignments and lectures are intended to help students develop an appreciation for the complexity and variety of the world's cultures.

Grading Scale:
90 - 100% = A
80 - 89% = B
70 - 79% = C
60 - 69% = D
0 - 59% = F.
The instructor reserves the right to curve or not to curve final grades.

Evaluative Components:
Exams: 4 @ 15 percent each = 60 percent
Group presentation & written component: 15 percent
Map quizzes: 5 @ 5 percent each = 25 percent

Exams and Quizzes: There will be 4 exams (including the final exam) throughout the semester. Exams cannot be made-up unless the absence is excused. Advanced notice is required except in emergency situations for any missed exam. All exams are listed on the course schedule below. You have hereby been advised about when they are and you are solely responsible for being present on exam day. There will also be 6 short map quizzes throughout the semester, which ask students to identify countries, physical features and cities on a blank map. Your lowest quiz grade will be dropped. Pop quizzes cannot be made up except under the rarest of circumstances.

Class Attendance and Participation: Regular class attendance is very important in this course. With that being said, at least 6 pop quizzes will be administered throughout the semester in lieu of an official attendance policy. A pop quiz will cover material covered on that day only and will consist of 2-3 very general questions. If you get the questions right, you can earn bonus points. If you take the quiz and miss the questions, it neither helps nor hurts your grade. But if you are absent and fail to hand in the quiz, you would those same points. So while I will not take attendance, your absence hurts you both in the sense that it hinders your ability to prepare for exams but also in the sense that it could deduct points previously earned. Pop quizzes cannot be made up under any circumstances; if you miss a pop quiz for a legitimate reason, there will be plenty of opportunities to make those points up via other pop quizzes.

Group presentations: During the first week of class students will be separated into groups of 3 to 4. Each group will prepare a presentation of approximately 15 - 20 minutes on a country in the world of their choice (though a list will be kept to prevent duplicates), focusing on a contemporary social or political issue in that country. The United States is not an option in this project. Each group will also submit a 2-3 page paper as a group about the country they chose, and each individual in the group will submit a one page summation of what they and other group members contributed to the project. More information will be posted on blackboard about what is expected in the presentation.
**Academic Honesty**: Each student should be aware of the student code of conduct found in WKU’s student handbook. Examples of academic dishonesty include cheating on an exam, allowing other students to copy your work, either inside or outside of class; using work from previous semesters; and plagiarism.

**Schedule Change Policy**: The Department of Geography and Geology strictly adheres to university policies, procedures and deadlines regarding student schedule changes. It is the sole responsibility of the students to meet all deadlines in regard to adding, dropping, or changing the status of a course. Only in exceptional cases will a deadline be waived. The student schedule exception appeal form shall be used to initiate all waivers. This form requires a written attachment of appropriate documentation. Poor academic performance, general malaise, or undocumented general stress factors are not considered as legitimate circumstances.

**Student Disability Services**: In compliance with university policy, students with disabilities who require academic and/or auxiliary accommodations for this course must contact the Office for Student Disability Services in Downing University Center, A-200. The phone number is 270 745 5004. Please DO NOT request accommodations directly from the professor or instructor without a letter of accommodation from the Office for Student Disability Services.

**Presentation Grading Form**:
Name: Country:

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**Individual Responsibilities**:
Overall Comments:
Professor feedback here.

**Schedule**:

**Date** Tentative Schedule (Instructor reserves the right to alter schedule)
August 26 Introduction & chapter 1
August 28 Chapter 1
September 2 Chapter 1
September 4 Chapter 4 *Europe*
September 9 Chapter 4 *Europe Map Quiz 1*
September 11 Chapter 4 *Europe (2p)*
September 16 Chapter 5 *Russia and Newly Independent States (p?)*
September 18 **Exam I**
September 23 Chapter 2 *North America*
September 25 Chapter 2 *North America (p?)*
September 30 Chapter 3 *Middle and South America*
October 2 Fall Break (no classes)
October 7 Chapter 3 *Middle and South America Map Quiz 2*
October 9 Chapter 3 *Middle and South America (2p)*
October 14 **Exam II**
October 16 Chapter 6 *North Africa and Southwest Asia*
October 21 Chapter 6 *North Africa and Southwest Asia Map Quiz 3*
October 23 Chapter 6 *North Africa and Southwest Asia (2p)*
October 28 Chapter 7 *Sub-Saharan Africa*
October 30 Chapter 7 *Sub-Saharan Africa Map Quiz 4*
November 4 Election Day (no classes)
November 6 Chapter 7 *Sub-Saharan Africa (2p)*
November 11 **Exam III**
November 13 Chapter 8 *South Asia Map Quiz 5*
November 18 Chapter 8 *South Asia (p)*
November 20 Chapter 9 *East Asia* **Map Quiz 6**
November 25 TBA
November 27 Thanksgiving (no classes)
December 2 Chapter 9 *East Asia* (p)
December 4 Chapter 10 Southeast Asia (p?)
Finals Week **Exam IV**
p = presentation day