

# ***GGS101-Major World Regions***

## **SYLLABUS**

### **Course Information**

**Course Number:** GGS101-DL8  
**Course Title:** Major World Regions  
**Term:** Fall 2023  
**Class Meetings:** ONLINE  
**Location:** ONLINE

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### **Professor Contact Information**

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### **Course Description:**

Patterns, problems, and prospects of the world's principal human-geographic regions. Emphasizes areal differentiation and role of geographic differences in interpreting current world scene.

**Course Prerequisites:** None

### **Required Textbooks (Available Free Online)**

Title: World Regional Geography

Author: Caitlin Finlayson

<https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/world-regional-geography>

### **Grading Policy:**

Mid-Term Exam (1)	20 points	20%
Final Exam (1)	20 points	20%
HW Exercises (3)	4 points each	12%
Discussion Board (3)	5 points each	15%
Map Quizzes (8)	each varies	6%
Final Project (1)	27 points	27%

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Total Possible Points: 100 100%

### **Grading Scale:**

<b>A+</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90%</b>
<b>B+</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89%</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>C+</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>79%</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>75%</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69%</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0%</b>

## Course & Instructor Policies

**Map Quizzes:** There will be a map quiz almost every week that will consist of the region of the week. Students are expected to first study and memorize each regional geographic area of countries before taking the quiz. The quizzes will consist of short answers and/or multiple choice worth 6% total of the semester grade.

**Exams:** There will be a Midterm and Final exam consisting of multiple choice and/or short answers. Both are worth 20% of the total grade and will be open notes online on Blackboard.

**HW Assignments:** There will be 3 HW Exercise assignments worth 4 points each. The HW should be submitted as a word doc.

**Discussion Board:** The Discussion Board will take place on Blackboard in essay format. Each Discussion will be worth 5 points with a total of 3 discussions for the semester due on Blackboard by 11:59pm Sunday. 3 points will be towards the Discussion essay, 750 words minimum, and at least 2 references. You can attach a word file or write directly on the discussion.

2 points are dedicated towards replying to at least 2 people. The reply must be at least 4 sentences and directly discuss something from that person's essay.

**Final Project:** The Final Project will be worth 27 points total. The project will be an individual itinerary project. The topic country will be chosen by the student limited to **Asia or South America**. Further instructions will follow on Blackboard under Syllabus & Docs. 2 points will be dedicated to Final Project Step 1 & 2, which will be assigned early in the semester.

**Late Assignments:** Late Assignments are strictly NOT accepted unless there is **prior** approval. Please see announcements and class schedule for detailed due dates. Any assignment turned in after the due date will result in an automatic 0.

### Classroom Netiquette:

It is expected that the online environmental is respectful and proper. Interactions with classmates online should be in appropriate manners. When emailing the professor there should be a greeting (e.g. Good afternoon Professor), a Subject for the email (e.g. Exercise 2 help), a signature at the end (e.g. Best, Jane Doe), and the course number (E.g. GGS 101 DL7).

### Technology Requirements:

Make sure you have **strong** internet access throughout the semester. Tests/Quizzes where connection is lost may result in a 0 as they may automatically submit.

Microsoft word/powerpoint access, Google Earth, and a reliable computer is needed.

Submit assignments in word or pdf unless otherwise specified. Please **do not** submit **pages or other format files**. You have unlimited submissions on any assignment up to the due date.

### Important Dates:

Last day to drop with a tuition refund	Aug 28th
Unrestricted withdrawal last day	Sept 26th
Selective withdrawal last day	Oct 23rd
End of Exam period	Dec 13th

### Plagiarism

Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Make sure to complete your own work. When doing citations please use **APA**. Please refer to the school's plagiarism codes.

### American with Disabilities Act

If you think or know that you need an accommodation based on a disability, you are encouraged to contact a counselor for Disability Services in the Counseling Center to discuss possible accommodations. All information is kept confidential and may increase your chances of success in the class.

Date Every Week starts <i>Monday morning 6am to Sunday 11:59pm</i>	Topics	Readings	Assignments Due : All Weekly Assignments due <b>Sunday 11:59pm*</b>
Week 1 August 21-27th	Syllabus Week	Syllabus Get Familiar with Blackboard	<b>Orientation Quiz &amp; Introductions</b>
Week 2 August 28 <sup>th</sup> -Sept 3th	Geography Intro	Chapter 1	<b>HW Exercise 1</b>
Week 3 Sept 4th-10th	Europe	Chapter 2	<b>Final Project Step 1 Map Quiz</b>
Week 4 Sept 11 <sup>th</sup> -17th	Russia	Chapter 3	<b>Discussion 1 Map Quiz</b>
Week 5 Sept 18 <sup>th</sup> -24th	North America	Chapter 4	<b>HW Exercise 2 Map Quiz</b>
Week 6 Sept 25 <sup>th</sup> -Oct 1st	Middle & South America	Chapter 5	Map Quiz
Week 7 Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup> -8th	Reading Week	Review	Review & <b>Final Project Step 1</b>
Week 8 Oct 9 <sup>th</sup> -15th	<b>Midterm Week</b>	None	<b>Midterm Due 11:59pm Sunday 10/15th</b>
Week 9 Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> -22nd	Sub-Saharan African Africa	Chapter 6	<b>Discussion 2 Map Quiz</b>
Week 10 Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup> -29th	North Africa and Southwest Asia	Chapter 7	Map Quiz
Week 11 Oct 30 <sup>th</sup> - Nov 5th	South Asia	Chapter 8	<b>HW Exercise 3 Map Quiz</b>
Week 12 Nov 6 <sup>th</sup> -12th	East & Southeast Asia	Chapter 9	Map Quiz
Week 13 Nov 13 <sup>th</sup> -19th	Oceania	Chapter 10	Map Quiz <b>Discussion 3</b>
Week 14 Nov 20 <sup>th</sup> -Nov 26th	<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>	None	None
Week 15 Nov 27th- Dec 3rd	<b>FINAL PROJECTS</b>	None	<b>Final Project</b>
Week 16 Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> -10th	<b>Final Exam</b>	Read Notes/ previous chapters before Final	<b>Final EXAM 11:59pm Sunday 12/10th</b>

\*Dates and assignments are subject to change. Please check Blackboard for up to date readings and assignments