

# **GGS101-MAJOR WORLD REGIONS SYLLABUS**

## **Course Information**

**Course number:** GGS 101-DL2  
**Course title:** Regional Geography  
**Term:** Spring 2020  
**Class Meetings:** None  
**Location:** Online  
**Class Webpage:** Blackboard

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## **Professor Contact Information**

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## **Course Description:**

This course will provide an overview of the spatial aspects of human regional behavior and how it affects topics such as population, economies, conflict, and an overall human experience of the globe. The course will examine different regions of the world and figure out how they are interconnected.

**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:**

HW Exercises (3)	4 points each	12%
Mid-Term Exam (1)	20 points	20%
Discussion Board (3)	5 points each	15%
Final Project (1)	25 points	25%
Final Exam (1)	20 points	20%
Participation (1)	8 points	8%
Total Possible Points:	100	100%

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## **Grading Scale:**

**A-** 90 – 100%  
**B-** 80 – 89%  
**C-** 70 – 79%  
**D-** 60 – 69%  
**F-** 59 – 0%

## Course & Instructor Policies

**Mandatory Readings:** All readings/videos on the weekly modules are mandatory.

**Exams:** There are 2 exams. They will be both administered on Blackboard opened from Monday 12:01am until Sunday 11:59pm. Both are worth 20% of the total grade.

**HW Assignments:** There will be 3 HW assignments worth 4 points each. They will be due by 11:59pm Sunday prior to the beginning of the following week. Submit via Blackboard.

**Late Assignments:** Late Assignments are not accepted unless there is prior approval before the due date.

**Discussion Board Essays:** The Discussion Board will take place on Blackboard. 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 for submitting the discussion essay, while 2 points will be for commenting on at least 2 of your peer's discussions. Each comment has to be at least 4 sentences and have at least 1 reference to your peer's essay.

**Final Project:** The Final Project will be worth 25 points and will consist of a group presentation as well as an individual portion. The individual portion will be worth 10 points and the group portion will also be worth 10 points. The group powerpoint presentation will be submitted online as a video or PPT voiceover. 5 points will be dedicated towards Final Project Steps 1-3. Refer to "Syllabus & Documents" for more detailed instructions.

### Participation:

Of the 8% participation grade, 2% will be earned for commenting on your peer's presentations. 1% of the participation grade will be earned from the orientation quiz and the rest will be from weekly map quizzes.

### Weekly Map Quizzes:

In every regional topic you will complete a map quiz on BB varying in points due by Sunday 11:59pm.

### Online Netiquette:

Please make sure to have access to the internet at all times. You are expected to treat your peers and me with respect on online discussions as well as any types of communications.

### Important Dates:

Last day to drop with a 50% tuition refund	Feb 11th
Last day to withdraw without grade penalty	Feb 24th
End of Exam period	May 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. Any violations will be referred to the campus Honor Committee.

### 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 academic setting. More information may be found at the following website:  
<http://www.nvcc.edu/current-students/disability-services/index.html>

### Writing Center- Student Union Building I, Suite 3129.

Feel free to use the writing center for any additional help. To make an appointment or request more information, Please call 703-993-2380, email [lsstaff@gmu.edu](mailto:lsstaff@gmu.edu), stop by, or visit the following website:

<https://learningservices.gmu.edu/tutoring-resources/>

Date	Topics	Readings	Assignments Due
Week 2 01/20-01/26	Syllabus	Syllabus	Sun -Orientation Quiz
Week 3 01/27-02/02	Geography Intro	Chapter 1	Sun - Exercise 1
Week 4 02/03-02/09	Europe	Chapter 2	Sun -None
Week 5 02/10-02/16	Russia	Chapter 3	Sun-Discussion 1
Week 6 02/17-02/23	North America	Chapter 4	Sun - Final Project Step 1
Week 7 02/24-03/01	Middle and South America	Chapter 5	Sun -Exercise 2
Week 8 03/02-03/08	Midterm Week	None	Sun -Midterm Online
Week 9 03/09-03/15	SPRING BREAK	None	Sun -None
Week 10 03/16-03/22	Sub-Saharan Africa	Group project readings/research	Sun- Final Project Step 2
Week 11 03/23-03/29	North Africa and Southwest Asia	Chapter 7	Sun -Discussion 2
Week 12 03/30-04/05	South Asia	Chapter 8	Sun - Exercise 3
Week 13 04/06-04/12	East and Southeast Asia Library Session 04/08	Chapter 9	Sun-Final Project Step 3
Week 14 04/13-/04/19	Oceania Discussion 3	Chapter 10	Sun -Discussion 3
Week 15 04/20-04/26	Group Project	None	Sun-GROUP FINAL PROJECTS
Week 16 04/27-05/03	Individual Project	None	Sun -INDIVIDUAL FINAL ITINERARY
Week 16 05/04-05/10	Final Exam	None	Sun -Final Exam Online

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