

GGS103-Human Geography

SYLLABUS

Course Information

Course Number: GGS101-002
Course Title: Major World Regions
Term: Spring 2022
Class Meetings: Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am-10:15m
Location: Merten Hall 1200

Professor Contact Information

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Course Description:

Overview of major ideas and approaches to studying spatial aspects of human social and behavioral systems. Surveys distribution and movement of human populations, characteristics and distribution of cultural mosaics, patterns of economic interdependence, and study of forces of cooperation and conflict among people from global perspective.

Course Prerequisites: None

Required Textbooks (Available Free Online)

Title: Introduction to Human Geography: A Disciplinary Approach

Author: Steve Graves

<https://sites.google.com/site/gravesgeography/>

Title: Introduction to Human Geography.

Open Geography Education

Author: Adam Dastrup

<https://humangeography.pressbooks.com/front-matter/introduction/>

Grading Policy:

Mid-Term Exam (1)	20 points	20%
Final Exam (1)	20 points	20%
HW Exercises (3)	5 points each	15%
Discussion Board (3)	6 points each	18%
Final Project (1)	26 points	26%
Orientation Quiz (1)	1 point	1%
Total Possible Points:	100	100%

Grading Scale:

A+	96 – 100%
A	95 – 90%
B+	86 – 89%
B	80 – 85%
C+	76 – 79%
C	70 – 75%
D	60 – 69%
F	59 – 0%

Course & Instructor Policies

Orientation Quiz: Will take place the first week of class to familiarize oneself with the syllabus and policies of the class. Will consist of 10 questions with unlimited submissions.

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 assignments worth 5 points each. They will be due by 11:59pm Sundays. Submit as a word file.

Late Assignments: Late Assignments are strictly NOT accepted unless there is **prior** approval. Please see announcements and class schedule for detailed due dates.

Discussion Board: The Discussion Board will take place on Blackboard in essay format. Each Discussion will be worth 6 points with a total of 3 discussions for the semester due on Blackboard by 11:59pm Sunday. 4 points will be towards the Discussion essay, 1 page minimum, double spaced. 2 points will be for directly replying to at least 2 peer's essays. The replies need to be at least 4 sentences and directly quote or cite something from the peers' essay. You can copy and paste directly to the discussion board or attach a word file.

Final Project: The Final Project will be worth 27 points total. The project will be an individual voiceover PowerPoint presentation or video presentation. The topic will be given to the student as well as further detailed instructions on Blackboard. 1 point total will be dedicated towards Final Project Step 1 and Step 2 which will be assigned early in the weekly modules.

Classroom Netiquette:

It is expected that the online environment 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), and a signature at the end (e.g. Best, Jane Doe). Bonus, have your course name/number.

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	Feb 7th
Unrestricted withdrawal last day	Mar 1st
Selective withdrawal last day	Apr 11th
End of Exam period	May 18th

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 academic setting. More information may be found at Mason disability website.

Date Every Week starts <u>Monday morning 6am to</u> <u>Sunday 11:59pm</u>	Topics	Readings	Assignments Due : All Weekly Assignments due Sunday 11:59pm
Week 1 January 24-30th	Syllabus Week	Syllabus Get Familiar with Blackboard	Orientation Quiz & Introductions
Week 2 January 31 st -Feb 6th	Geography Intro	Graves Chapter 1	Exercise 1
Week 3 February 7 th -13th	Population	Dastrop Chapter 2.1	None
Week 4 February 14 th -20th	Agriculture	Graves Chapter 3	Discussion 1
Week 5 February 21 st -27th	Ethnicity	Graves Chapter 9	None
Week 6 February 28 th -Mar 6th	Religion	Graves Chapter 6	None
Week 7 March 7 th -13th	Language	Dastrop Chapter 3.3	Exercise 2
Week 8 March 14 th -20th	SPRING BREAK	None	NONE/Review
Week 9 March 21 st -27th	Library Week/Study Week	Review	Final Project Step 1
Week 10 March 28 th -April 3rd	Midterm Exam Week	None	<u>Midterm Due 11:59pm</u> <u>Sunday 04/03</u>
Week 11 April 4 th - 10th	Migration	Dastrop Chapter 2.4	Discussion 2
Week 12 April 11 th -17th	Geopolitics	Graves Chapter 7	Exercise 3
Week 13 April 18 th -24th	Urban Geography	Graves Chapter 11	Final Project Step 2
Week 14 April 25 th -May 1st	Sustainable Development	Dastrop Chapter 5.6	Discussion 3
Week 15 May 2 nd - 8th	FINAL PROJECTS	None	Final Project
Week 16 May 9 th -15th	Final Exam <i>Available 05/09-15</i>	Read Notes/ previous chapters before Final	<u>Final Due 11:59pm</u> <u>Sunday 05/15</u>

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