

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

## ***SYLLABUS***

### **Course Information**

**Course Number:** GGS101-DL8  
**Course Title:** Major World Regions  
**Term:** Fall 2022  
**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:**

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

**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 countries before taking the quiz. The quizzes will consist of short answers and/or multiple choice worth 6% total of the 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 assignments worth 4 points each. They will be due by 11:59pm Sundays. Submit as a word file.

**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, 1 page minimum, double spaced, and at least 2 references. You can attach a word file or write directly on the discussion. 2 points will be for attending an **in-class** discussion follow up.

**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.

### 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), and a signature at the end (e.g. Best, Jane Doe). Bonus, have your course name/number.

**Extra Credit:** An Extra Credit GIS Lab will be available due Dec 11<sup>th</sup>. It can replace/exempt any grade except the exams/Final Project.

### 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 29th
Unrestricted withdrawal last day	Sept 27th
Selective withdrawal last day	Oct 24th
End of Exam period	Dec 14th

### 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 Aug 22-28th	Syllabus Week	Syllabus Get Familiar with Blackboard	<b>Orientation Quiz &amp; Introductions</b>
Week 2 Aug 29 <sup>th</sup> -Sept 4th	Geography Intro	Chapter 1	<b>Exercise 1</b>
Week 3 Sept 5th-11th	Europe	Chapter 2	<b>Final Project Step 1 Map Quiz</b>
Week 4 Sept 12 <sup>th</sup> -18th	Russia	Chapter 3	<b>Discussion 1 Map Quiz</b>
Week 5 Sept 19 <sup>th</sup> -25th	North America	Chapter 4	<b>Exercise 1 Map Quiz</b>
Week 6 Sept 26 <sup>th</sup> -Oct 2nd	Middle & South America	Chapter 5	<b>Map Quiz</b>
Week 7 Oct 3 <sup>rd</sup> -9th	Reading Week	Review	<b>Review &amp; Final Project Step 1</b>
Week 8 Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> -16th	<b>Midterm Week</b> <i>Available 10-10th-16th</i>	None	<b>Midterm Due 11:59pm Sunday 10/16th</b>
Week 9 Oct 17 <sup>th</sup> -23rd	Sub-Saharan African Africa	Chapter 6	<b>Discussion 2 Map Quiz</b>
Week 10 Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> -30th	North Africa and Southwest Asia	Chapter 7	<b>Map Quiz</b>
Week 11 Oct 31 <sup>st</sup> - Nov 6th	South Asia	Chapter 8	<b>HW Exercise 3 Map Quiz</b>
Week 12 Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> -13th	East & Southeast Asia	Chapter 9	<b>Map Quiz</b>
Week 13 Nov 14 <sup>th</sup> -20th	Oceania	Chapter 10	<b>Map Quiz Discussion 3</b>
Week 14 Nov 21 <sup>st</sup> -Dec 4th	<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>	None	None
Week 15 Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> - Dec 11th	<b>FINAL PROJECTS</b> <b>Extra Credit GIS LAB</b> <b>Due</b>	None	<b>Final Project GIS LAB</b>
Week 16 Dec 12 <sup>th</sup> -14th	<b>Final Exam*</b> <i>Available 12-12th-14th</i>	Read Notes/ previous chapters before Final	<b>Final* Due 11:59pm WEDNESDAY 12/14</b>

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