

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

## ***SYLLABUS***

### **Course Information**

**Course Number:** GGS101-DL1  
**Course Title:** Major World Regions  
**Term:** SPRING 2023  
**Class Meetings:** TR 12:00-1:15pm  
**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>90</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95%</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 countries before taking the quiz. The quizzes will consist of short answers and/or multiple choice and be timed.

**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 replies which must directly cite something you read in your peer's essay and consist of at least 3 sentences.

**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).

### Technology Requirements:

You must 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. Assignments should be submitted in a **word doc** 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 6th
Unrestricted withdrawal last day	Feb 26th
Selective withdrawal last day	April 3rd
End of Exam period	May 17th

### 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 Monday morning 6am to Sunday 11:59pm	Topics	Readings	Assignments Due : All Weekly Assignments due Sunday 11:59pm
Week 1 Jan 23-29th	Syllabus Week	Syllabus Get Familiar with Blackboard	Orientation Quiz & Introductions
Week 2 Jan 30th-Feb 5th	Geography Intro	Chapter 1	Exercise 1
Week 3 Feb 6th-12th	Europe	Chapter 2	Final Project Step 1 Map Quiz
Week 4 Feb 13th-19th	Russia	Chapter 3	Discussion 1 Map Quiz
Week 5 Feb 20th-26th	North America	Chapter 4	Exercise 1 Map Quiz
Week 6 Feb 27th-Mar 5th	Middle & South America	Chapter 5	Map Quiz
Week 7 Mar 6th-12th	MIDTERM WEEK	Review	MIDTERM & Final Project Step 1
Week 8 Mar 13th-19th	SPRING BREAK	None	NONE
Week 9 Mar 20th-26th	Sub-Saharan African Africa	Chapter 6	Discussion 2 Map Quiz
Week 10 Mar 27th-Apr 2nd	North Africa and Southwest Asia	Chapter 7	Map Quiz
Week 11 Apr 3rd- 9th	South Asia	Chapter 8	HW Exercise 3 Map Quiz
Week 12 Apr 10th-16th	East & Southeast Asia	Chapter 9	Map Quiz
Week 13 Apr 17th-23rd	Oceania	Chapter 10	Map Quiz Discussion 3
Week 14 Apr 24th- 30th	FINAL PROJECTS	None	FINAL PROJECTS
Week 15 May 1st- 7th	Reading Week	Review	NONE
Week 16 May 8th-14th	Final Exam	Read Notes/ previous chapters before Final	Final Exam

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