

# ***GGSI01-Major World Regions*** ***SYLLABUS***

## **Course Information**

**Course Number:** GGS101-DL3  
**Course Title:** Major World Regions  
**Term:** Spring 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.

## **Fulfills Global Understanding Requirement:**

- Identify and explain how patterns of global connections across nations and/or cultures have shaped societies to create interdependence and inequality.
- Use a disciplinary lens to demonstrate knowledge of how at least one nation and/or culture participates in or is affected by global contexts
- Apply an understanding of one's own positionality within a globally interdependent and unequal world to analyze solutions to global problems.

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

Title: World Regional Geography

Author: Caitlin Finlayson

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

## **Grading Policy:**

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|----------------------|---------------|-----|
| 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:**

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| <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>   |

## Grading Details & 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.

**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 by the instructor. 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:

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| 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<br>Every Week starts<br>Monday morning 6am to<br>Sunday 11:59pm | Topics  | Readings          | Assignments Due :<br>All Weekly Assignments<br>due <b>Sunday 11:59pm</b> ♦          |
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| Week 1<br>Mar 20th-26th  | Geography Intro<br>Europe/Russia                                  | Chapter 1-3       | Orientation Quiz<br>Introductions<br>Exercise 1<br>Final Project Step 1<br>Map Quiz |
| Week 2<br>Mar 27th-Apr 2nd   | The Americas  | Chapter 4-5       | Map Quiz<br>Discussion 1  |
| Week 3<br>Apr 3rd- 9th   | Sub-Saharan African<br>Africa<br>North Africa &<br>Southwest Asia | Chapter 6-7       | Exercise 2<br>Map Quiz<br>Midterm   |
| Week 4<br>Apr 10th-16th  | Midterm   | Review            | Final Project Step 2  |
| Week 5<br>Apr 17th-23rd  | South Asia<br>East & Southeast Asia                               | Chapter 8-9       | Map Quiz<br>Discussion 2<br>Exercise 3  |
| Week 6<br>Apr 24th- 30th   | Oceania/Review<br>Final Projects                                  | Chapter 10/Review | Map Quiz<br>Discussion 3<br>Final Projects  |
| Week 7<br>May 1st- 11th  | Reivew &Final Exam<br>EXAM OPEN May 3-<br>10th                    | None              | Final DUE MAY 10 <sup>th</sup><br>11:59pm   |

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