

GEOG 130: World Geography

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Required Resources

Wallach, B. The Great Mirror. <http://www.greatmirror.com>

The Great Mirror is a collection of landscape photographs prepared by B. Wallach. The Great Mirror has "Chapters" that represent all of the regions discussed in lecture. The web site also includes vignettes about specific places and regions. Materials contained in the vignettes are used to create the exams. Students are responsible for identifying and viewing Great Mirror 'chapters' that coincide with the regions discussed in class. For example, Southern Asia lectures correspond to the Great Mirror's India section; Brazil corresponds to Latin America and so on.

National Geographic Society (NGS). 5 Themes of Geography.
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/resources/ngo/education/themes.html>

Geog 130. World Geography Lecture Notes/PowerPoint Slides. <http://mama.indstate.edu/users/gejdg/wr.htm>

Suggested Texts (not required):

Gatrell & Reid. 2002. The Global Economy: A Primer on Spatial Context & Trajectories, Kendall-Hunt Publishers, Dubuque, IA.

Bradshaw et al. 2004. Contemporary World Regional Geography. McGraw-Hill. (read chapters that correspond to lecture regions).

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GENERAL EDUCATION

GEOG130 is a general education course and meets the requirements for Multicultural Studies-International Cultures (MCS:IC) requirements for GE2000. The course also meets similar E3 requirements for GE89.

Course Requirements:

1. Students are responsible for all lecture and assigned text materials.
2. There will be 5 equally weighted exams. The final exam is not cumulative. Make-ups will occur only in **EXTREME** and **DOCUMENTED** circumstances.
3. Attendance "Counts".
4. The grading scale is as follows:

A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
5. Students are responsible for maintaining academic integrity.

Exams (4x25=100)

5 Exams will be given. Each exam will be multiple choice and T/F. The exams will be based on both lecture and text based materials. The instructor will drop the lowest exam grade. **PLEASE NOTE--ONLY ONE (1) EXAM GRADE CAN BE DROPPED.** These exams will be comprised of multiple choice, T/F, and fill in the blank questions.

Attendance/Group Participation Policy (5x2=10)

A participation grade will be awarded based on random attendance. Attendance will be taken randomly 6 times throughout the semester. The purpose of this policy is to encourage attendance. **STUDENTS MAY MISS ONE (1) RANDOM ATTENDANCE WITHOUT PENALTY. EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE ONLY IN EXTREME & DOCUMENTED CASES.**

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SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Week1	Introduction Course Outline The Nature of Geography -What is geography? What do Geographers Do? -ISU Geography Program -Pattison's 4 Traditions & 5 Themes (see NGS website) -Regional Concept -Major World Regions -Landscapes (rural, urban)	<u>Gatrell/Reid</u> <u>CH1</u>
	Geography Basics Technical -Location, Direction, Scale, and Distance -Maps, GIS, & Remote Sensing Human -The 3-Ds: Distribution, Density, and Diffusion -Malthus & Demographic Transition -Population pyramids Environmental -Differentiating Climate and Weather -Physiography, Topography, and Plate Tectonics -Natural Hazards and Resources & Vulnerability Issues -Human Impacts EXAM 1 (45 Minutes) (FRIDAY)	<u>CH1, 2</u>
WK 2	New Global Order -Traditional Divisions: E/W, N/S, Occident/Orient -Cold War Divisions: 1 st , 2 nd , & 3 rd Worlds -Post-Cold War: Magnified Core Periphery Relationships 1. Politics 2. Economics 3. Culture	<u>CH 3, 4</u>
	Africa South of the Sahara Overview -Extreme Periphery -Tribal and Religious Cultures -Sub-Regions -Prospects EXAM 2 (45 Minutes) (FRIDAY)	<u>Great Mirror</u> <u>SKIM CH 5, 6, 7</u>
WK3	North Africa and Southwest Asia Part 1 -In the middle -Religion and Language -Natural Environment	<u>Great Mirror</u>

- North Africa
- The Nile Valley

North Africa & Southwest Asia Part 2

- Arab SW Asia
- Israel, Gaza, and WB
- Landscapes
- Guest Lecture
- Future?

Southern Asia

- Periphery with some promise
- Regions
- India Up-Close

EXAM 3 (45 Minutes) (THURSDAY)

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Great Mirror

Wk4

Eastern Asia

- From periphery to core
- Internal and External Cultural Influences
- Natural Environment
- Begin China
- China
- Countries of China's Buffer Zone

Great Mirror

Eastern Asia

- Japan, SE Asia
- Future Prospects

Great Mirror

Eastern Europe

- Countries in transition
- cultural history
- Natural environment
- Prospects

Great Mirror

EXAM 4 (45 Minutes) (friday)

Wk 5

Latin America Part 1

- From periphery to semi-periphery
- Hispanic Cultures
- Natural Environment
- Mexico
- Central America
- Caribbean
- ROSA (Rest of South America) Overview

Great Mirror

Core Region

- W. Europe

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Gatrell & Keirse Module

Core Region

- Anglo-America

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Core Region

- South Pacific
- Antarctica

Great Mirror

EXAM 5 (THURSDAY)
NO CLASS FRIDAY