

GEOG 110 – World Regional Geography

Antelope Valley College | Spring 2016 | 3 Units | Location: HS 181 | Time: MW 12:30-1:50pm | CRN: 36174

<http://avconline.avc.edu/mpesses/geog110.html>

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Prerequisites:

None (*Advisory: Completion of ENGL 101 or concurrent enrollment, & Eligibility for College Level Reading & MATH 102.*)

Required Text:

1. Pulsipher, Lydia Mihelic and Alex Pulsipher (2012) *World Regional Geography Concepts*, 2nd edition (New York: W.H. Freeman and Company).

Course Description:

This class is a survey of the world's culture regions and nations as interpreted by geographers, including physical, cultural, and economic features. There will be an emphasis on spatial influences on population growth, transportation networks, and natural environments. Students will also learn the identification and importance of the significant features of the regions.

Students will be able to:

1. Identify and locate countries throughout the world.
2. Identify physical, political, and cultural features throughout the world.
3. Create a thematic map documenting and analyzing cultural interactions using basic geographic concepts.
4. Analyze the diffusion patterns as well as the interactions and contributions made by both majority and minority cultural groups in the US and California.
5. Examine how past human migrations have resulted in modern demographic patterns.
6. Analyze geographic origins of ethnic, religious, linguistic and gender related stereotypes, intolerance and conflicts.
7. Compare and contrast the diffusion patterns & interactions of major religious groups and linguistic groups.
8. Analyze ways in which local demographics reflect worldwide migration patterns.
9. Examine the geographic development of political territory from tribalism to the modern political state.
10. Analyze economic and cultural issues associated with globalization.

Grading Breakdown:

- Map assignments: 110 pts

- Exams: 350 pts
(A = 90-100%; B = 80-89%; C = 70-79%; D = 60-69%; F = 0-59%)
There will be no extra credit for this course!

Policies:

1. Appropriate college behavior is expected. If you disrupt those around you with personal conversations during lectures you will be asked to leave. Please respect others in the class.
2. Attendance is expected for every class session. Come to class on time prepared to participate. Class ends at 1:50pm.
3. Assigned readings must be completed prior to each class. Students should plan on spending at least one to three hours outside of class for every hour of lecture reading & reviewing assigned materials.
4. The prerequisites are important! I will expect college level reading, writing, and thinking throughout the class.
5. Only under emergency situations will make-ups be given for missed exams, and only for one week after the exam date. You will only be able to make up one missed exam during the semester. The final exam cannot be taken after the last day of the semester.
6. Late work will be docked 20% and can only be turned in within one week of the due date.
7. Students are expected to adhere to all standards of academic integrity. In particular, failure to submit independent work (i.e. plagiarism or cheating on tests) can be grounds for severe sanction including expulsion from the college. See the AVC College Catalog or Student Handbook for more information on the definition and consequences of plagiarism.
8. You must drop the class if you indeed intend to drop it. I may drop students for excessive absences, as defined in the college catalog, but do not rely on me to remove you from the class. You will receive an "F" if you simply stop showing up and fail to successfully complete any assignments or exams.
9. If you have a legally protected disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or California discrimination law, and you believe you need reasonable accommodation to participate fully in this class, please make an appointment to see me during my private office hours to discuss your need.

Emergencies

For all EMERGENCY and URGENT situations contact: AVC SHERIFF'S OFFICE
(661) 722-6399 OR Extension 4444 from a campus telephone

SLOs

The Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) defined for Geography courses can be found on the AVC website at:

<http://www.avc.edu/administration/organizations/slo/msslos.html#geography>

Honors Program

I offer several honors options for this class. If you are in the AVC Honors Program see me as soon as possible to set something up. I am also happy to speak with you if you are not in the program but interested in learning more about it.

"If you are lucky enough to have lived in Paris as a young man, then wherever you go for the rest of your life it stays with you, for Paris is a moveable feast."

-- Ernest Hemingway