Introduction to GEOG 101

Geography 101
Physical Geography: Earth’s Surface Landscapes
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Class Website
http://avconline.avc.edu/mpesses/geog101.html

Your Book

Homework
- 5 online quizzes available through Canvas
- No late work, no excuses

Class Materials
- Five Scantron forms
- #2 Pencil
Our Room

- You may purchase a book light and clipboard to use for exams.
- It is easy to fall asleep in such comfortable chairs...

Attending College

Learning "how to go to college"

The unit concept:
For every 1 unit, you should spend 2-3 hours outside of the classroom

Attending College

Transferable
  - UC, CSU
GE courses
  - You won’t like every one you have to take...

Preparing

A note on studying...
- Studying does not equal memorization
- Understanding and putting into your own words

You should have...

- A desire to be here
- A plan
- Time management
- A willingness to "nerd" it up

Attendance

Attendance is necessary, but not sufficient for a good grade
You can show up every day and still fail if you aren’t taking notes, reading the book, asking questions...

Tardiness
Electronics

Electronics should not bother me or your neighbors
- Cell phones off, laptops muted, etc.

Get engaged

- Feel free to ask questions or have me repeat stuff
- Don't waste tax payer dollars!
  - Taxes are funding your education whether you’re on financial aid or not

Communication

- Office hours
- E-mail
  - MUST BE FORMATTED PROPERLY IF YOU WANT A RESPONSE!
  - Utilize your classmates!

Office Hours

- T 2:00-3:30 pm
- W 11:00 am-2:00 pm
- R 9:00-9:30 am

This Class

The class will be broken down into five sections
- Introduction to Geography
- Earth’s Atmosphere
- Earth’s Changing Landscapes
- Shaping Earth’s Surface
- The Living Earth

This Class

- At the end of each section you will have an exam worth 100 pts.
  - Each will have the same structure
    - Once you take the first, you know what to expect on the next four.
    - If you fail the first, change your study habits!
Grading

- Quizzes: 100 pts
- Exam 01: 100 pts
- Exam 02: 100 pts
- Exam 03: 100 pts
- Exam 04: 100 pts
  
  The lowest score from Exams 01-04 will be dropped
- Exam 05: 100 pts

500 points total

(A = 90-100%; B = 80-89%; C = 70-79%; D = 60-69%; F = 0-59%)

Success in GEOG 101

- Attend every time, on time
- Don't rely on my PowerPoint slides
  - Take notes
- Don't ignore visuals!

Your first assignment

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- Find the class schedule
- Find out when our first exam is taking place
- Send the date to me in an e-mail (mpesses@avc.edu) by the end of Friday, September 2, 2016 & I'll give you 5 points
  - Only properly written emails will be accepted!