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ABSTRACT

Course Abbreviation and Number: GEOG 201	Course Title: World Regional Geography	
Number of Units: 3		
College or Program:	Desired term of implementation: □Fall ☑Spring □Summer Year: 2014	Mode of Delivery: ☐ face to face ☐ hybrid ☐ fully on-line
Course Proposer (please print): Jocelyn Ahlers (recertification of existing course)	Email:jahlers@csusm.edu	Submission Date:4 February 2014

1. Course Catalog Description: Survey of major world regions and their major countries. Study of specific geographical circumstances and geographical concepts, including an emphasis on physical geography. Focuses on processes and issues such as development and under-development; population and migration; race, class, and gender; technology and economic growth; natural resources and the environment, and conflict and cooperation within a world regional framework.

2. GE Syllabus Checklist: The syllabi for all courses certified for GE credit must contain the following:

\square	Course description, course title and course number
\square	Student learning outcomes for General Education Area and student learning objectives specific to your
	course, linked to how students will meet these objectives through course activities/experiences
\boxtimes	Topics or subjects covered in the course
\square	Registration conditions NONE
\square	Specifics relating to how assignments meet the writing requirement
\square	Tentative course schedule including readings
\square	Grading components including relative weight of assignments

SIGNATURES

Course Proposer		Date		Department Chair		date	
Please 1	ote that	the depart	ment will be requ	ired to report assessm	ent data to the	e GEC annua	lly DC Initial
		Support	Do not support*			Support	Do not support*
Library Faculty	Date			Impacted Discipline Chair	Date		
		Support	Do not Support*			Approve	Do not Approve
Impacted Discipline Chair	Date			GEC Chair	Date		

* If the proposal is not supported, a memo describing the nature of the objection must be provided.

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Course Coordinator:

Part A: D Social Science General Education Learning Outcomes (GELOs) related to course content. [Please type responses into the tables.]

Social Science GELOs this course will address:	Course content that addresses each GELO.	How will these GELOs be assessed?
D.1 Students will describe and critically apply social science theories and methods to problems. This may include the development of research questions, critical evaluation of evidence, data collection, fieldwork, and/or employment of mathematical analysis.	Assigned Reading and discussion, Map analysis, data analysis. Throughout the course, for each world region, students read about and apply social scientific theories, with a specific focus on spatial understanding (spatial or geographic understanding means.understanding how political, economic, cultural, sociological, anthropological, and historical, among other, forces intersect in actual places and change over time.)	Students will be able to select relevant data to support critical evaluation of current events and trends in specific geographic regions. For example, what causes Basque regionalism? Students will explain this "geographic problem" by considering the Basque language area (which overlays the current western political border between Spain and France, the political and cultural patterns and ambitions of people in this area, and the different levels of commitment to regionalism in different parts of this area.
D.2 Students will analyze the impact of race, class, gender and cultural context on individuals and/or local and global societies.	Covered weekly, in exploring each part of the world (e.g., Europe, Asia, Africa, Americas, Oceania, etc) through a comparative lens. Comparative lens means that students compare the different ways that these categories affect people and places in different parts of the world.	Students will be expected to explain the impact of race, class, culture & gender on, e.g. the effective enslavement of low-caste Tamil Hindus from South India on tea plantations in Sri Lanka, and the ethnic basis for regional and separatist movements in South Asia.
D.3 Students will outline the contemporary and/or historical perspectives of major political, intellectual, psychological, economic, scientific, technological, or cultural developments	Technological, political, and economic growth addressed in context of world regions examined in the course. The focus here is understanding how the world system has unfolded both historically through periods of mercantilism, colonialism, and globalization, and .geographically across different world regions and their interrelationships creating uneven geographies of development. Uneven development is the concept in geography that not only are there rich places and poor places, but rather that some places are poor because other places are rich. An example: Los Angeles developed into a highly modern metropolitan area by taking water resources from the Owens Valley, likewise the "Third World" was a resource region for the "First World."	Students will be able to explain the varied historical and geographic development of the world economy and how the world economy has integrated different regions at different times in different ways. Sugar colonies for example are a phenomenon associated with early planter colonialism in the Carribean <i>and also</i> that colonialist project had a cultural impact in England through the rising consumption of sugar among the British working class, for example.
D.4 Students will explain the usefulness of a disciplinary perspective and field of knowledge for social issues and problems.	Focus on the use of geographic understanding for understanding broader social problems. By exploring poverty in more developed countries and less developed countries students will be able to explain how	Students will complete assignments such as personal reflection and/or learning journals which require them to think about how there are different patterns of poverty,

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	wealth and the like in different parts of the world and also
across the globe.	parts of the world and also even within one part of the world.

Part B: General Education Learning Outcomes required of all GE courses related to course content:

GE Outcomes required of <u>all</u> Courses	Course content that addresses each GE outcome?	How will these GELOs be assessed?
Students will communicate effectively in writing to various audiences. (writing)	Writing assignments focused on geographic concepts.	Writing assignments focused on geographic concepts development and under- development; population and migration; race, class, and gender; technology and economic growth; natural resources and the environment, and conflict and cooperation.
Students will think critically and analytically about an issue, idea or problem. (critical thinking)	Students consider world regions through a comparative lens, and apply spatial reasoning to understanding regional issues. Spatial reasoning means that students will reflect on and think about how and why data about race, class, economic growth, and other issues are different in different places.	Students will complete assignments such as personal reflection and/or learning journals which require them to think about issues of development, uneven development, etc., and how there are patterns of these issues in different parts of the world.
Students will find, evaluate and use information appropriate to the course and discipline. (Faculty are strongly encouraged to collaborate with their library faculty.)	Map analysis. (Map analysis means that the students are required to analyze (i.e., look at, read, interpret, and understand) data that is represented on a map.	Map analysis, such as comparing maps of languages and political boundaries, to identify areas of existing and potential cultural and political conflict and cooperation.

Part C: GE Programmatic Goals: The GE program aligns with CSUSM specific and LEAP Goals. All D courses must meet at least one of the LEAP Goals.

GE Programmatic Goals	Course addresses this LEAP Goal:
LEAP 1: Knowledge of Human Cultures and the	\square No \square Yes
Physical and Natural World.	
LEAP 2: Intellectual and Practical Skills	\square No \square Yes
LEAP 3: Personal and Social Responsibility	\square No \square Yes
LEAP 4: Integrative Learning	$\square No$ $\square Yes$
CSUSM Specific Programmatic Goals	Course content that addresses the following CSUSM
	goals. Please explain, if applicable.
CSUSM 1: Exposure to and critical thinking about	<i>□No ⊠Yes (please describe): Comparative</i>
issues of diversity. Global North-South Patterns of	approach addressing issues of diversity across world
Economic Development are reflected in indicators that	regions, such as the role of race in the Rwandan
measure economic development in terms of gender	genocide or the experiences of Overseas Chinese or
equality. Gender refers to the social differences	the jobs that women do in export processing plants.
between men and women, not the anatomical	
differences. Unequal gender relations are part of the	
broader issue of social inequality based on societal	
norms and values. But in almost all countries, the	
majority of women and girls are disadvantaged in terms	
of their relative power and control over material	
resources and they often face more severe insecurities.	

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CSUSM 2: Exposure to and critical thinking about the interrelatedness of peoples in local, national, and global contexts. Globalization is an economic process that affects the entire world but the effects are experienced differently in different places. Duong is a peasant farmer who struggles to feed his family all of whom work cultivating rice for six months out the year with little other available work the rest of the year. They live in poverty like 40 percent of the world's labor force. Hoa on the other hand lives in Ho Chi Minh City where she earns \$30 a week in a French garment factory. Workers like Hoa constitute 20 percent of the world labor force and have far different standards of living. Globalization has even more different effects on workers in France. Jean-Paul is a 50-year old French garment worker in Toulouse. He is losing his job next week because the factory is closing. He is encouraging his son to make sure he gets a degree in computers so that he can have a good job. Workers like Jean-Paul high waged, middle class workers - make up just 4 percent of the global workforce. Each of these people are connected. Hoa makes the shirts that Jean-Paul and his son wear, while Jean-Paul believes that Ho's job is the reason he is losing his own job and Duong works hard so that his children can hopefully find work in the exact same export processing factories where Hoa finds a much better urban quality of life in a major Vietnamese city instead in an impoverished section of Vietnamese countryside.

□ No ☑ Yes (please describe): The course involves explicit consideration of scale across topics, such as demographic change, immigration, environmental issues, etc. Scale is a unit of analysis. Typical scales are neighborhood, city, local, urban, regional, state, sub-national, national, world regional, and global. Demographic change, economic restructuring, immigration, environmental change, among other topics, can be analyzed or considered at different scales providing different insights and understandings. For example, locally people in Buffalo might feel that with approximately 10 feet of snow, climate change does not exist, but globally the climate is warming nevertheless.

Part D: Course requirements to be met by the instructor.

Course Requirements:	How will this requirement be met by the instructor?
Course meets the All-University Writing requirement:	Writing requirement met through ten different required
which requires a minimum of 2500 words of writing s	responses to content specific questions, personal
for 3+ unit courses.	reflections about geographic topics and learning
	journals.
Instructors will include an evaluation of students' written work which assesses both content and writing proficiency.	Grading of written assignments, including detailed commentary from professor concerning students quality of writing, grammar, diction and sentence composition.
Courses will include a component requiring students to	Students will be required to identify appropriate maps
develop an understanding of the core information	for specific uses, exploration, and analysis. Current
resources and literature of the disciplines.	events project explicitly draws on this knowledge.
All social sciences core course proposals/syllabi shall	Students will complete a project on a current event in a
require information literacy: This includes	world region that requires them to conduct library
opportunities for students to read, evaluate and analyze	research that makes use of a variety of sources such as
social science information, and report results of their	newspapers, academic journals, books, maps, etc.,
analysis clearly. Courses will be assigned a librarian as	through which they will evaluate the quality of the
a resource person to facilitate the information literacy	sources, analyze data within them, and report the results
and library use components.	of their research in well-written and clear research
	reports.

California State University, San Marcos Geography 201: SPRING 2014 WORLD REGIONAL GEOGRAPHY ONLINE

	SECTION	CRN		
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REQUIRED TEXT

Rowntree, et al. 2012. Diversity Amid Globalization 5th edition (w/MasteringGeography Access) ISBN: 978-0-321-76757-8

COURSE DESCRIPTION/OBJECTIVES

Geography is the study of how spatial processes create the physical, cultural and symbolic landscapes of the world. This course includes a survey of major world regions and their major countries as well as the study of specific geographical circumstances and geographical concepts, including an emphasis on physical geography. Using a world regional framework the course will focus on processes and issues such as development and under-development; population and migration; race, class, and gender; technology and economic growth; natural resources and the environment, and conflict and cooperation. The overall objective of the course is to increase the ability of the student to understand, converse on, and write about these (and other) geographic concepts.

By the end of the course students will be able to:

- describe and critically apply social science theories and methods to problems. This may include the development of research questions, critical evaluation of evidence, data collection, fieldwork, and/or employment of mathematical analysis.
- analyze the impact of race, class, gender and cultural context on individuals and/or local and global societies.
- outline the contemporary and/or historical perspectives of major political, intellectual, psychological, economic, scientific, technological, or cultural developments
- explain the usefulness of a disciplinary perspective and field of knowledge for social issues and problems.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

CougarCourses & MasteringGeography

Since this is a fully on line course, you will need to have regular access to a computer with very reliable Internet service (preferably broadband or DSL) in order to succeed in this class. It is very important that you remember that if you have computer problems at any time during the semester, you are always responsible for getting access to other computers (either at CSUSM, at a relative's house, at your workplace, at a public library, etc.) to finish your work before the deadlines. It's also important that you realize that CougarCourses may not function correctly if you are planning on using a tablet or smartphone for access. For example, students may not be able to complete certain activities or watch assigned videos on mobile devices. You should plan to check CougarCourses for new announcements and information several times per week. Students must also secure access to the MasteringGeography website, which is part of your textbook package. Students will use both CougarCourses and MasteringGeography every week.

Reading

Students are required to read all instructions, chapters in the textbooks and any additional materials that are assigned throughout the semester. Supplementary material will be provided as weblinks or in .doc or .pdf format on Cougar Courses. Read all assigned materials carefully, as your understanding and knowledge of the material will be assessed.

Writing

All courses at CSUSM require students to write a minimum of 2500 words. For this course the writing requirement will be fulfilled through a series of discussion board postings. Many students really like discussion forum assignments and find them to be a very interesting part of taking online courses. Students usually enjoy giving their opinions about different topics, hearing what others think, and having debates and discussions with their classmates.

Quality of work will definitely be taken into account when I grade posts to the discussion forums. Think of these assignments as short formal essays you are writing that your classmates will read and respond to. Your writing must have substance, should be well organized and logical, and should *not* be stream of consciousness. Remember to check your work for errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar, sentence clarity, etc., so you don't lose points for these problems. You must post during specific time periods. Check CougarCourses to see when exactly you are to post to each forum. There is an FAQ document on CougarCourses for you to read that contains detailed information about the Discussion Forums.

NOTE: All discussion forum postings must carefully avoid plagiarism. STUDENTS MAY NOT QUOTE FROM ANY TEXT OR ANY OTHER SOURCE. Information should be paraphrased, as needed, in order to demonstrate full understanding of the material and cited appropriately.

Activities

Students will utilize the MasteringGeography website to demonstrate place name familiarity and reading comprehension, as well as a variety of spatial analysis activities. The MasteringGeography component of the course replaces learning activities that may be done in the classroom in a traditional format course.

ASSESSMENT

Fulfillment of the course objectives and requirements will be assessed by several different methods, with final grades being based on the total number of points earned by each student.

Tests

425 points

There will be 6 tests consisting of multiple choice, true-false and matching questions based on place name

geography, map interpretation, and vocabulary. The place name geography and map interpretation portions will correspond to the relevant chapters, but vocabulary will be used and tested cumulatively. Tests are available for 3 day period Friday-Sunday, time-limited and presented one question at a time. It is highly recommended that you use a stable, broadband connection to take the tests. See Course Outline for specific test dates.

MasteringGeography Activities 350 points

For each chapter, students will complete a structured series of activities on the MasteringGeography site, such as reviewing place name geography, demonstrating spatial thinking, interpreting maps and watching a video and answering questions. There are also extra credit points available each week on MasteringGeography.

Discussion Forums

225 total points

Each of the five Discussion Board assignments requires you to write your opinion about forum topics I choose (what I call your original post) and then later respond/reply to *at least* three classmates' posts (what I call your reply or response). Your original post must be at least 300 words in length and is worth 25 points, and each of your three responses must be at least 75 words in length and are worth 5 points each, for a total of 40 points for each of the assignments. There is an additional Introduction Discussion Forum posting worth 25 points.

Extra Credit

65 points

There are regular "extra credit" activities offered each week. There are extra credit reading comprehension questions in the MasteringGeography assignment each week and for every chapter you can also earn points by submitting self-tests of place name geography. Full instructions for all extra credit opportunities can be found on CougarCourses.

ASSESSMENT RECAP

Tests	425 points
MasteringGeography	350 points
Discussion Forums	225 points
Extra Credit	<u>65 points</u>
Total	1065 POINTS

Final Grades will be based on the following scale:

Grade	<u>Points</u>	Grade	Points 1997
А	>= 940	С	730-769
A-	900-939	C-	700-729
B+	870-899	D+	670-699
В	840-869	D	640-669
B-	800-839	D-	600-639
C+	770-799	F	<600

These grading standards correspond with the guidelines from the CSUSM General Catalog: A (Excellent): Performance at the highest level, showing sustained excellence in meeting all course objectives and exhibiting an unusual degree of intellectual initiative.

B (Good): Performance at a high level, showing consistent and effective achievement in meeting course objectives.

C (Satisfactory): Performance at an adequate level, meeting the basic objectives of the course.

D (Passing): Performance less than adequate, meeting only the minimum course objectives.

F (Failing): Performance such that minimum course requirements have not been met.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. Student Workload: On line courses require students to be self-motivated and able to work independently. They are best suited to students who express themselves well in writing and plan to devote (at a minimum) as much time to the on line course as they would to a traditional one. A 3-unit class, like this one, requires 3 hours each week of classroom time and 6-9 hours of work outside of class time (reading the text, preparing assignments, studying, etc.). You should anticipate averaging AT LEAST 9 hours per week on this course in order to be successful. Please think carefully about whether you can handle this workload during this semester.

2. Student Achievement: The grade a student gets on an assignment or for the course is rarely based solely on aptitude or ability. Most students have many obligations outside of school and a low grade can mean many things: that you have to spend more time on the material, learn better study habits or study differently, get tutoring, see a college counselor, etc. The first thing you should do if you are getting poor grades in any class is talk to your instructor. It's my job to help you succeed and I want to help you.

3. Textbook: Because this is an online class and there is no face-to-face lecturing like in traditional class, it is absolutely essential that you have the correct edition of the textbook AND the access code for MasteringGeography. MasteringGeography usually comes with a full electronic version of the textbook, so you can purchase MasteringGeography only, if you wish. However, many students find e-texts unsatisfactory and it may not be fully accessible/functional from all devices, so consider your habits and preferences carefully before forgoing the printed textbook.

4. Late Work: In order to succeed in online courses, students must keep current with all work. On MasteringGeography, late work is penalized ~1% for each hour it is late. No MasteringGeography work is accepted more than 4 days late. Discussion Forum postings cannot be submitted late or "made up". Tests are not accessible after their respective due dates.

5. Statement on Plagiarism: Students are expected to adhere to standards of academic honesty and integrity, as outlined in the Student Academic Honesty Policy. Any evidence of cheating or plagiarism will result in a failing grade for that assignment or exam. Incidents of Academic Dishonesty will be reported to the Dean of Students. Sanctions at the University level may include suspension or expulsion from the University. Please read the section on "Academic Honesty" in the CSUSM catalog and/or visit http://library.csusm.edu/plagiarism if you have any questions about what constitutes plagiarism or cheating.

6. ADA Statement: Students with disabilities who require reasonable accommodations must be approved for services by providing appropriate and recent documentation to the Office of Disabled Student Services (DSS). This office is located in Craven Hall 4300, and can be contacted by phone at

(760) 750-4905, or TTY (760) 750-4909. Students authorized by DSS to receive accommodations should meet with the instructor soon as possible, preferably during office hours in order to ensure confidentiality.

7. Decorum: Your questions, ideas and insights on the course topics under discussion are welcomed and encouraged. However, students are expected to respect the values, beliefs and rights of their peers and instructor in all interactions. Disruptive behavior, personal attacks or inappropriate language may lead to your access to the discussion boards being restricted, which may affect your course grade.

8. Faculty Commitment: I am available to help each of you improve your learning experience. Please feel free to ask questions via the appropriate Discussion Board forums or via email. We can arrange also meet in person or remotely to discuss any course-related problems.

9. Student Responsibilities: It is your responsibility to have read and understood this syllabus, including the course objectives, policies and schedule, to log onto the course website and MasteringGeography regularly, complete assignments and assessments and to participate in discussions. It is also the responsibility of each student to contact me about any problem you may be having in a timely manner. Finally, it is your responsibility to drop or withdraw from the class if you must do so. Please note the last day to drop is MONDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2014. Any student who does not log on to CougarCourses before Friday January 24, 2014 at 12pm (NOON) will be administratively dropped for "non-attendance".

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ONLINE COURSES

With online courses, it is very easy to fall behind in your work because you do not have the reminders and deadlines of face-to-face instructor contact. In order to be successful you must set your own schedule and commit a reasonable amount of time to the course. Generally, for a passing grade for any college level course, you are expected to study, at minimum, 2-3 hours a week per credit hour, in addition to the scheduled contact hours. Since this class is worth 3 credits, you should plan to spend on average 3 hours per week on "class activities" (watching videos, class discussions, taking tests, etc) and an additional 6-9 hours per week on "study activities" (reading the text, preparing assignments, studying for tests, etc).

Below are some general guidelines to help keep you on track:

--**READ** the assigned chapter in ROWNTREE. Actively review all maps, spending as much time on them as you would spend reading a similar amount of text.

--**COMPLETE** the activities in MasteringGeography. Each week/chapter usually will include activities related to place name geography, a graphing activity, map interpretation, a video and some extra credit questions based on the textbook.

--COMPLETE any extra credit assignments. They are offered throughout the semester but cannot be submitted late.

--PARTICIPATE in the Discussion forum OR TAKE the test. Most weeks you will do one of these

tasks (writing or test). A few weeks you won't have either task.

COURSE OUTLINE (subject to revision) Rowntree: numbers refer to chapters

NOTE: There are 15 weeks in the semester and 14 chapters in your book, so generally we will cover a chapter each week. However, because you need to complete readings and activities prior to the Tests, some chapter assignments are due on Sundays and others on Fridays. This is a broad overview of the course pacing and assignments. Specific assignments and due dates are detailed on CougarCourses. You are encouraged to work ahead at your own pace towards the next Test date. All work is due by 11:55PM on the scheduled due dates.

WEEK 1 (JAN 21) : GETTING STARTED

INTRODUCTION DISCUSSION FORUM

WEEK 2 (JAN 27): INTRODUCTION

Read Rowntree: 1 Diversity Amid Globalization Chapter 1 MasteringGeography Assignment

WEEK 3 (FEB 3): INTRODUCTION (Feb 3 Last Day to DROP)

Read Rowntree: 2 The Changing Global Environment Chapter 2 MasteringGeography Assignment INTRODUCTION TEST

WEEK 4 (FEB 10): NORTH AMERICA

Read Rowntree: 3 Chapter 3 MasteringGeography Assignment

WEEK 5 (FEB 17): LATIN AMERICA (Feb 18 Last Day to WITHDRAWAL)

Read Rowntree: 4 Chapter 4 MasteringGeography Assignment DISCUSSION FORUM 1

WEEK 6 (FEB 24): THE CARIBBEAN

Read Rowntree: 5 Chapter 5 MasteringGeography Assignment TEST 1

WEEK 7 (MAR 3): SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Read Rowntree: 6 Chapter 6 MasteringGeography Assignment DISCUSSION FORUM 2

WEEK 8 (MAR 10): SOUTHWEST ASIA AND NORTH AFRICA

Read Rowntree: 7 Chapter 7 MasteringGeography Assignment TEST 2

WEEK 9 (MAR 17): EUROPE

Read Rowntree: 8 Chapter 8 MasteringGeography Assignment

WEEK 10 (MAR 24): THE RUSSIAN DOMAIN

Read Rowntree: 9 Chapter 8 MasteringGeography Assignment DISCUSSION FORUM 3

WEEK OF MAR 31: SPRING BREAK

WEEK 11 (APR 7): CENTRAL ASIA

Read Rowntree: 10 Chapter 10 MasteringGeography Assignment TEST 3

WEEK 12 (APR 14): EAST ASIA

Read Rowntree: 11 Chapter 11 MasteringGeography Assignment DISCUSSION FORUM 4

WEEK 13 (APR 21): SOUTH ASIA

Read Rowntree: 12 Chapter 12 MasteringGeography Assignment TEST 4

WEEK 14 (APR 28): SOUTHEAST ASIA

Read Rowntree: 13 Chapter 13 MasteringGeography Assignment

WEEK 15 (MAY 5): AUSTRALIA AND OCEANIA (NOTE: Last Day of Classes is May 9)

Read Rowntree: 14 Chapter 14 MasteringGeography Assignment DISCUSSION FORUM 5

WEEK 16 (MAY 12): FINALS WEEK TEST 5