

**WILLIAM RAINEY HARPER COLLEGE**  
**BUSINESS AND SOCIAL SCIENCE DIVISION**  
**GENERAL COURSE OUTLINE**

GEG Course Prefix	101 Course Number	World/Regional Geography Course Title	(3 - 0) Lec-Lab	3 Semester Hours
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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Surveys the major world regions emphasizing their physical, cultural, economic, and historical geographies; provides a geographic interpretation of major current events. IAI S4 900N

**TOPICAL OUTLINE**

- I. An Introduction to World/Regional Geography
  - A. Tools for Geographical Thinking
  - B. Natural and Human Processes and Their Geographical Results
  - C. Recurring Topics of Regional Studies
- II. Regions of the World
  - A. Europe
  - B. Russia
  - C. North Africa and Southwest Asia
  - D. South Asia
  - E. East Asia
  - F. Southeast Asia
  - G. The Pacific World
  - H. Sub-Saharan Africa
  - I. Middle America
  - J. South America
  - K. North America

**METHOD OF PRESENTATION**

1. Lecture
2. Audio-visual presentations
3. Cooperative learning groups/small group discussions

**STUDENT OUTCOMES:** *(The student should...)*

1. locate and identify the major cultural realms of the world and countries within each realm.
2. locate the major physical characteristics of the world's realms and assess the influence of the physical environment on cultural characteristics.
3. describe the major cultural characteristics of the world's realms.
4. demonstrate a familiarity with the basic vocabulary of geographic thought.
5. apply the concepts of geographic analysis to the world's realms.
6. read, interpret, and compare regional maps.
7. analyze and evaluate current events in the context of the geographic factors of a region.
8. understand the use of the regional concept in geography and the importance of generalization in geography as exemplified in the use of spatial models.

**METHOD OF EVALUATION**

1. Quizzes and multiple choice and/or essay exams
2. Written reports relating to individual assignments and cooperative learning activities
3. Problem sets/assignments
4. Map interpretation and map construction exercises
5. Final exam

TEXTBOOK

DeBlij, *The World Today, Concepts and Regions In Geography*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., Wiley 2009.

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