

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

GEG	103	The Developing World	(3-0)	3
Course Prefix	Course Number	Course Title	(Lec-Lab)	Semester Hours

Course Description

Examines the regions of the world conventionally called “developing” or “emerging,” including the spatial patterns of physical and cultural elements that impart unique identities within these regions using both digital and traditional maps to explore complex geopolitical relations and/or international conflicts among developing regions of the world.

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Topical Outline

I. Introduction

A. Geographic Concepts

1. Regional Concepts
2. Map Reading and Interpretation
3. The Physical Settings
4. Economic Development
5. Core-Periphery Relationships
6. Geographic Realms of the World/The Less Developed Realms
7. Globalization
8. Regional Framework and Geographic Perspective
9. Tools for Geographic Representation and Spatial Analysis

II. Middle America

- A. Physical Geography of the Middle American Realm
- B. Human Geography of the Middle American Realm
- C. Mainland-Rimland Concept
- D. Mayas and Aztecs
- E. Economic Geography of the South American Realm
- F. Regions of the Middle American Realm

III. South America

- A. Physical Geography of the South American Realm
- B. Human Geography of the South American Realm
- C. Inca Empire
- D. Economic Geography of the South American Realm
- E. Regions of the South American Realm

IV. North Africa and Southwest Asia

- A. Spatial Diffusion Principles

- B. Middle East Culture Hearth
 - C. Regions and States
 - D. Middle East Supranationalism
- V. Sub-Saharan Africa
- A. African Physiography
 - B. Environment and Health
 - C. Africa's Past
 - D. The Colonial Legacy
 - E. Regions of the Sub-Saharan Africa Realm
- VI. South Asia
- A. South Asia's Physiography
 - B. The Geopolitics of South Asia
 - C. Human Geography of the South Asia Realm
 - D. Federal India
 - E. Regions of the South Asia Realm
- VII. East Asia (The Chinese World)
- A. East Asia's Physiography
 - B. Evolution of the Chinese State
 - C. Regions of China - Physiographic and Human Geography
 - D. Modernization of China
 - E. Taiwan
 - F. Korea
- H. Southeast Asia
- A. Southeast Asia's Physiography
 - B. Indochina
 - C. European Colonialism
 - D. Religions of Southeast Asia
 - E. States and Nations: Territorial Morphology
 - F. Regions of the Southeast Asia Realm

Method of Presentation

1. Lecture
2. Other:
 - a. Map construction and exercises
 - b. Case studies
 - c. Cooperative learning groups
 - d. Small group discussion
 - e. Geographic analysis of current events
 - f. Lecture
 - g. Audio-visual presentations

Student Outcomes (The student should)

1. locate and identify the major cultural realms of the less developed world and the countries within each realm.
2. locate the major physical characteristics of the less developed cultural realms and assess the influence of the physical environment on the realms cultural characteristics.
3. describe the major cultural characteristics of the less developed realms of the world.
4. demonstrate a familiarity with the basis vocabulary of geographic thought.
5. apply the concepts of spatial analysis to the less developed cultural regions of the world using traditional maps and digital GIS (Geographic Information Systems) maps.
6. examine the interconnection between the less developed cultural regions and the international community.
7. read, interpret, and compare regional maps.
8. analyze and evaluate current events in the context of the geographic factors of a region.
9. understand the role and importance of generalization in geography as exemplified in the use of spatial models.

Methods of Evaluation

Grades are based on demonstrated proficiency in subject matter. Proficiency is determined from:

1. Final exam
2. Map construction assignments
3. Written reports relating to individual assignments and cooperative learning group activities
4. Quizzes and exams including map identification and comparison

Textbook & Instructional Materials

Required

DeBlij. World Today. 7th Edition. Wiley, 2016 ISBN: 9781119236481

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