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Introduction to World Geography

Lecturer: Kami Fletcher

Time: Monday through Friday (June 18, 2018-July 20, 2018)

Office Hours: 2 hours (according to the teaching schedule)

Contact Hours: 60 (50 minutes each)

Credits: 4

Location: MBA Center

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Overview:

This course is an introductory study of the human and natural resources of the major regions of the world. From each region, one or more countries are selected for study in depth. Political, cultural, economic, environment and strategic comparisons are made, including race and ethnicity, migration, economic inequality, colonialism, climate change, protest movements, colonialism, globalization, etc.

Required Book:

World Regions in Global Context: Peoples, Places, and Environments, 6th edition, by Marston, Knox, Liverman, Del Casino, Robbins. ISBN-10: 0134183649; ISBN-13: 978-0134183640

Course Hours

The course has 25 sessions in total. Each class session is 60 minutes in length. The course meets from Monday to Friday. Total 60 contact hours.

Course Evaluation

- Homework (25%)
- Essay (25%)
- Midterm Exam (25%)
- Final Exam (25%)

Exams:

There will be four exams over the five week term; each exam will be worth 20% of the final grade.

Attendance and Participation:

You are allowed 3 absences maximum for the course before dropping a letter grade. Full and prepared participation is expected. Attendance is mandatory in the class. Respect towards the instructor and classmates are expected. Unjustified absences, disrespectful behavior in the classroom and lack of participation in class will have a negative impact on the final grade.

Grading Scale

The instructor will use the grading system as applied by JNU:

| Definition | Letter Grade | Score |
|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Excellent | A | 90-100 |
| Good | B | 80-89 |
| Satisfactory | C | 70-79 |
| Poor | D | 60-69 |
| Failed | E | Below 60 |

Course Schedule

Week 1

- Introduction to the course
- The United States and Canada (Chapter 1)
- Europe (Chapter 2)
- World Regions in Global Context (Chapter 11)
- Discussion

Week 2

- Australia, New Zealand (Chapter 3)
- South Pacific (Chapter 3)
- The Russian Federation (Chapter 4)
- Central Asia (Chapter 4)
- The Transcaucasus (Chapter 4)
- Essay 1

Week 3

- Middle East (Chapter 5)
- North Africa (Chapter 5)
- Sub-Saharan Africa (Chapter 6)
- Discussion
- Exam Review
- Midterm

Week 4

- Middle America (Chapter 7)
- South America (Chapter 7)
- Southeast Asia (Chapter 8)
- Movie

Week 5

- East Asia (Chapter 9)
- South Asia (Chapter 10)
- Discussion
- Exam Review
- Final Exam

The instructor reserves the right to change the class schedule.

Academic Honesty

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