

# **GEO 111 World Regional Geography**

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Prerequisites: ENG 090 and RED 090 or DRE 098; or satisfactory score on placement test

Corequisites: None

This course introduces the regional concept which emphasizes the spatial association of people and their environment. Emphasis is on the physical, cultural, and economic systems that interact to produce the distinct regions of the earth. Upon completion, students should be able to describe variations in physical and cultural features of a region and demonstrate an understanding of their functional relationships. *This course has been approved to satisfy the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement for the general education core requirement in social/behavioral sciences.* Course Hours Per Week: Class, 3. Semester Hours Credit, 3.

## **LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Understand and apply four key concepts – location, place, link, and region – to geographical issues of spatial organization.
2. Understand the language of maps – scale, projection, symbolization – and map types – reference & thematic – for use in problems of spatial analyses.
3. Understand and use basic ideas about basic physical-human processes that interact geographically in the world: environmental settings, population and settlement, cultural patterns, geopolitical frameworks, economic and social development.
4. Apply these concepts and understandings to describe and analyze the basic physical and human characteristics of a region.
5. Examine the global consequences of the basic physical-human geographic forces while understanding persistent geographic diversity.

## **OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:**

- I. Four cornerstones of Geographic Understanding
  - A. Location – Absolute and Relative
  - B. Place – Site and Situation
  - C. Link – Natural, Human, Time-Space Convergence
  - D. Region – Formal, Functional, Vernacular
- II. Physical & Human Processes that Shape World Regions
  - A. Physical
    - i. Climate
    - ii. Biomes
    - iii. Environmental Challenges
  - B. Human
    - i. Cultural Coherence and Diversity
    - ii. Population
    - iii. Geopolitics
    - iv. Economic and Social Development
- III. Mapping
  - A. Language of Maps
  - B. Types & Uses
- IV. Regional Geographic Profiles

- V. World Regions of Study and their Focal Points
  - A. Coreland Europe
  - B. Former Soviet Union
  - C. The Middle East
  - D. India
  - E. China
  - F. Sub-Saharan Africa
  - G. Latin America
  - H. North America

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS:**

To be selected by the Instructor/Discipline Chair.