

Geography 321 – Geography of the United States
Spring 2002 Office Hours: 17:00-17:50 Mondays, or by appointment
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This upper division regional geography course fulfills section “D” of graduation requirements: a social science requirement.

TEXT: BIRDSALL, STEPHEN, REGIONAL LANDSCAPES OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, 5TH ED. & MAP PACKET: UNITED STATES

A “landscape appreciation” of the United States will be presented through the investigation of the natural and human resources that have contributed to America’s status in the global economy. The sense of America’s “place” and the significant differences in the U.S. sub-regions will be examined incorporating the 6 Essential Elements in geographic literacy: world in spatial terms, places & regions, physical systems, human systems, environment & society, and uses of geography.

***Course Requirements: 3 midterms @ 50 points each, 4 map assignment = 40 points
FINAL EXAM = 75 points (not comprehensive) Tests will include essay format; take home critical essay assignment (4-5 pages) in partial fulfillment for FINAL.***

Grade Scale:
100 – 90% A
89 – 88% A-
87 – 85% B+
84 – 80% B
79 – 78% B-
77 – 75% C+
74 – 65% C
64 – 62% C-
61 – 59% D+
58 – 50% D
49 – 47% D-

<u>Date – January</u>	<u>Text Readings</u>
28 Introduction – 6 Essential Elements – Discuss 1 st Map Assign.	Ch. 1
<u>February</u>	
4 Physical Landscape: Landforms/Climature/Natural Vegetation	pp. 24-40
11 Sequent Occupance/Migration in America-Atlantic Seaboard & Megalopolis	Chs. 3, 4
18 Exam I – Discuss 2 nd Map Assign. – Environmental Conservation	
25 Manufacturing Regions/Natural Resources & Energy Exploitation/NAFTA	Ch. 5, pp. 43-48, 326-327
<u>March</u>	
4 Canadian Heartland and Hinterland	Chs. 6, 17
11 Contemporary Issues in Canada/Americana in Appalachia	Chs. 7, 8
18 EXAM II – Discuss 3 rd Map Assign. - Water Resources	
<u>April</u>	
8 Social Geography of “Deep South”/Gulf Coastlands Development	Chs. 9, 10
15 America’s Heartland/The “Breadbasket”	pp. 40-43, Chs. 11, 12
22 EXAM III – Discuss Take Home Final Essay & Map Assign. #4	
29 American West Land Use: Environmentally Sustainable Development	Chs. 13, 14
<u>May</u>	
6 California – “The Golden State”	Ch. 15
12 “Ecotopia” – The Pacific Northwest Region	Ch. 16
20 FINAL EXAM: 13:00-16:00	

