

Geography 150 Online (Class #10359, GE Section D, Social Sciences)
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Textbook

Globalization and Diversity: Geography of a Changing World. Rowntree, Lewis, Price and Wyckoff. Custom Edition for CSUN. Pearson Prentice Hall. ISBN: 0-536-45780-8.

Course Outline

**Please note all exams will become available to you on the first day of class (May 27) and must be completed by July 3.

Globalization and Diversity (pp. 1-31)

a geography for the 21st century | themes and issues in a world regional geography | people on the land | the geography of tradition and change | fragmentation and unity | the geography of wealth and poverty

North America (pp. 47-77)

a threatened land of plenty | refashioning a continental landscape | shifting patterns of pluralism | patterns of dominance and division | geographies of abundance and affluence

Latin America (pp. 78-113)

neotropical diversity and urban degradation | the dominance of cities | repopulating a continent | redrawing the map | dependent economic growth

The Caribbean (pp. 114-143)

paradise undone | densely settled islands and rimland frontiers | a neo-Africa in the Americas | colonialism, neo-colonialism and independence | cane fields to cruise ships

Sub-Saharan Africa (pp. 144-187)

the plateau continent | young and restless | unity through adversity | legacies of colonialism and conflicts | the struggle to rebuild

Southwest Asia and North Africa (pp. 188-221)

life in a fragile world | patterns in an arid land | signatures of complexity | a region of persisting tensions | lands of wealth and poverty

Europe (pp. 222-257)

human transformation of a diverse landscape | slow growth and rapid migration | a mosaic of differences | a dynamic map | integration and transition

The Russian Domain (pp. 258-291)

a vast and challenging land | an urban domain | the legacy of Slavic dominance | the remnants of a global superpower | an era of ongoing adjustment

East Asia (pp. 318-353)

resource pressures in a crowded land | a region of crowded lowland basins | a Confucian realm? | the imperial legacies of China and Japan | an emerging core of the global economy

South Asia (pp. 354-383)

diverse landscapes, from tropical islands to mountain rim | the demographic dilemma | a common heritage undermined by religious rivalries | a deeply divided region | rapid growth and rampant poverty

Southeast Asia (pp. 384-415)

a once forested region | subsistence, migration, cities | a meeting ground of world cultures | war, ethnic strife, and regional cooperation | the roller-coaster ride of tiger economies

Australia and Oceania (pp. 416-447)

a varied natural and human habitat | a diverse cultural landscape | a global crossroads | a land of changing boundaries | a hard path to paradise

Course Objectives

This course presents a geographical survey of the world's major regions. The focus will be on understanding the main physical and human elements of the regions, along with significant features of the various places examined. A further objective is to explore the processes and events that have shaped the character of the world's regions. By the end of the semester, you should have a better knowledge and understanding of:

- > the locations of the main elements of world geography: the countries, major landforms, climate and vegetation regions; culture areas, cities, resources, and industries
- > the basic geographic principles and processes that affect the evolution of geographic patterns seen in the various regions
- > the major trends, problems, and potentials currently affecting specific regions of the earth
- > analysis, from a social perspective, of the complexities of social relations and human experiences in different earth realms

Course Requirements

You must purchase the textbook for this course: ***Globalization and Diversity***, by Les Rowntree, Martin Lewis, Marie Price and William Wyckoff [ISBN: 0-536-45780-8]. ***Please do not confuse this with the lengthier and more expensive *Diversity Amid Globalization* by the same authors [ISBN: 0-*

13-133046-2]**. *Globalization and Diversity* is a distilled version of *Globalization Amid Diversity* that focuses on core topics critical to a World Regional Geography course. The textbook is available from the University bookstore or you may purchase online from Prentice Hall [<http://www.prenhall.com/>].

Also, you have the option of subscribing to an online version of this textbook from SafariX [<http://www.safarix.com/0131477390>]. As an alternative to purchasing the print version of this text, you may subscribe to the very same content online at a substantial savings. You may search the text, make notes, print reading assignments and bookmark important passages. Follow the link above for more information about this subscription option.

It may seem obvious, but since this is an online course you must have regular access to a computer. In addition, you must possess basic computer skills, such as sending and receiving email (including file attachments), downloading and printing documents, and website navigation. Also, note that you must use your CSUN email account to participate in this course- **no exceptions**.

You must have access to Microsoft Word (not Word Perfect or any other word processor; I will only accept papers in Microsoft Word format). You must also have access to Adobe® System's Acrobat Reader. You may download this handy PDF viewer for free from the Adobe® website: <http://www.adobe.com>.

Regardless of what computer platform you are using, I **highly** recommend that you download and install the Firefox browser from [Mozilla Corporation](#).

Grading

Your grade for this course will be based on chapter exams. Each exam will consist of multiple choice, true/false, and/or matching questions. Each exam will be worth a total of **30** points. There will be **11** exams all together (one for each chapter) for a total of 330 points. Although adjustments may be made, grades will be based on the following breakdown:

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| 100-92% = A | 91-90% = A- | 89-88% = B+ | 87-82% = B |
| 81-80% = B- | 79-78% = C+ | 77-72% = C | 71-70% = C- |
| 69-68% = D+ | 67-62% = D | 61-60% = D- | 59% or less = F |

There will not be any extra credit offered during this course, so please do not ask!