

# Human Geography: Course Syllabus



## Human Geography: Our Global Identity

### COURSE DESCRIPTION:

How do language, religion, and landscape affect the physical environment?  
How do geography, weather, and location affect customs and lifestyle?  
Students will explore the diverse ways in which people affect the world around them and how they are affected by their surroundings. Students will discover how ideas spread and cultures form, and learn how beliefs and architecture are part of a larger culture complex. In addition to introducing students to the field of Human Geography, this course will teach students how to analyze humans and their environments.

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### Unit 1: Introduction to Human Geography

#### Objectives:

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- \* Describe the differences between physical and cultural geography.
- \* List the subfields of human geography.
- \* Understand relevance of culture and cultural ecology to geography.
- \* Discuss theories of environmental determinism and possibilism.
- \* Relate the history of how modern geography has evolved.

### ASSIGNMENTS:

Introduction to Human Geography:  
Unit Text Questions

*Homework*

10 points

<b>Introduction to Human Geography: Online Human Geography Lab Questions</b>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<b>Unit 1 Discussion Assignment 1</b>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
<b>Unit 1 Discussion Assignment 2</b>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
<b>Unit 1 Quiz – Introduction to Human Geography</b>	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

### *Unit 2: Population*

#### **Objectives:**

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- \* **Understand the difference between population density and population distribution.**
- \* **Discuss the importance of patterns of composition.**
- \* **Describe the purpose of population pyramids.**
- \* **Analyze historical population trends and projections.**
- \* **Discuss regional variations of demographic transitions.**

#### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

<b>Population: Unit Text Questions</b>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<b>Population: Online Human Geography Lab Questions</b>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<b>Unit 2 Discussion Assignment 1</b>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points

Unit 2 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 2 Quiz – Population	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

### ***Unit 3: Cultural Patterns & Processes***

#### **Objectives:**

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- \* Understand the difference between culture traits and culture trait complexes.
- \* Describe the methods of cultural diffusion.
- \* Discuss the relevance of acculturation.
- \* Understand the environmental impact of cultural attitudes and practices.
- \* Identify cultural landscapes and cultural identities.

#### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

Cultural Patterns & Processes: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Cultural Patterns & Processes: Online Human Geography Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 3 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 3 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points

## Unit 3 Quiz – Cultural Patterns & Processes

*Quiz*

15 points

### *Unit 4: Language*

#### **Objectives:**

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- \* List the major language families in the world.
- \* Examine the branches of language families.
- \* Consider the relevance of the English language as a means of communication.
- \* Discuss the environmental impact of cultural attitudes and practices.
- \* Discuss how languages evolve over time.

#### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

Language: Unit Text Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Language: Online Human Geography Lab Questions	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
Unit 4 Discussion Assignment 1	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 4 Discussion Assignment 2	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
Unit 4 Quiz – Language	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

**Human Geography Midterm Exam****Objectives:**

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- \* **Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.**
- \* **Take a course exam based on material from the first five units in this course (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)**

**ASSIGNMENT:**

<b>Human Geography Midterm Exam</b>	<i>Exam</i>	50 points
<b>Midterm Discussion Assignment</b>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points

**Unit 5: Religion****Objectives:**

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- \* **Discuss the origins of Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism.**
- \* **Describe the diffusion of Buddhism into China.**
- \* **Consider the importance of holy days to different religions.**
- \* **Understand the relationship between religion and environment.**
- \* **Identify religious conflicts.**

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

<b>Religion: Unit Text Questions</b>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<b>Religion: Online Human Geography Lab Questions</b>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points

<b>Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 1</b>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
<b>Unit 5 Discussion Assignment 2</b>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
<b>Unit 5 Quiz – Religion</b>	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

### ***Unit 6: Ethnicity, Gender, & Geography***

#### **Objectives:**

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- \* Describe how ethnicities become clustered.
- \* Consider the different types of segregation.
- \* Discuss how class relates to ethnicity and gender.
- \* Identify the differences between a nation-state, a part-nation state, a multinational state, and a stateless nation.
- \* List examples of ethnic conflict.

#### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

<b>Ethnicity, Gender, &amp; Geography: Unit Text Questions</b>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<b>Ethnicity, Gender, &amp; Geography: Online Human Geography Lab Questions</b>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<b>Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 1</b>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points

<b>Unit 6 Discussion Assignment 2</b>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
<b>Unit 6 Quiz – Ethnicity, Gender, &amp; Geography</b>	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

### *Unit 7: Political Geography*

#### **Objectives:**

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- \* Describe the nature of a State.
- \* List the different shapes of States.
- \* Understand the importance and diversity of borders.
- \* Consider the consequences of colonialism and imperialism.
- \* Describe the history of the United Nations.

#### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

<b>Political Geography: Unit Text Questions</b>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<b>Political Geography: Online Human Geography Lab Questions</b>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<b>Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 1</b>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
<b>Unit 7 Discussion Assignment 2</b>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
<b>Unit 7 Quiz – Political Geography</b>	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

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### **Unit 8: Agriculture**

#### **Objectives:**

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:

- \* Describe the nature of the Von Thünen Model.
- \* Identify the different types of agricultural mechanization.
- \* Comprehend the importance and purpose of animal domestication.
- \* Understand the value of crop rotation.
- \* Understand the purpose of chemical farming.

#### **ASSIGNMENTS:**

<b>Agriculture: Unit Text Questions</b>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<b>Agriculture: Online Human Geography Lab Questions</b>	<i>Homework</i>	10 points
<b>Unit 8 Discussion Assignment 1</b>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
<b>Unit 8 Discussion Assignment 2</b>	<i>Discussion</i>	5 points
<b>Unit 8 Quiz – Agriculture</b>	<i>Quiz</i>	15 points

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### **Human Geography Final Exam**

#### **Objectives:**

Upon completion of this unit, you will be able to:



\* Review information acquired and mastered from this course up to this point.

\* Take a course exam based on material from units six to ten in this course – the last five units. (Note: You will be able to open this exam only one time.)

**ASSIGNMENT:**

Human Geography Final Exam	<i>Exam</i>	50 points
Class Reflection Discussion Assignment	<i>Discussion</i>	10 points