

GEOG 2626 - World Geography

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Course Description

2626. World Geography. A comparative study of representative regions of the world. Attention is focused on an examination of the physical, cultural, social and political attributes of selected regions. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	World Regional Geography	Finlayson, Caitie	

The textbook is an online textbook available for download by students at no charge.

Text: *World Regional Geography*, Caitlin Finlayson, University of Minnesota Open Textbook Library (<https://caitiefinlayson.com/WRGTextbook.pdf>)

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Chapter 1 Read pages 1-9 in the textbook	Introduction	Review recorded lecture: Introduction to World Geography Part 1 Review recorded lecture: Introduction to World Geography Part 2
8/31	Chapter 1 Read pages 13-24 in the textbook	Introduction- continued	Review recorded lecture: A Short History of Navigation Review recorded lecture: Introduction to Europe Review recorded lecture: Europe Theories and Concepts
9/7	Chapter 2 Read pages 25-32 in the textbook Read the online article: Understanding American Culture	Europe: Part 1	Review recorded lecture: Northern Europe Review recorded lecture: Mediterranean Europe



9/14	Chapter 2 Read pages 33-43 in the textbook	Europe: Part 2	Review recorded lecture: Eastern Europe Review recorded lecture: Western Europe Read the online article: Understanding American Culture and complete a 250-word essay on how you feel that this article does, or does not, provide a true reflection of American cultural values. What are the article's strengths? What is missing? 09/18-09/20 Module 1 Exam (online exam available noon 09/18 through midnight 09/20)
9/21	Chapter 3 Read pages 44-52 in the textbook	Russia: Part 1	Review recorded lecture: Introduction to Russia Review recorded lecture: Former Soviet Republics
9/28	Chapter 3 Read pages 53-63 in the textbook	Russia: Part 2	Review recorded lecture: Population Pyramids and the Russian Population Dynamic Review recorded lecture: Privatization and Russian Ethnic Issues Review recorded lecture: Russian Economic Centers
10/5	Chapter 4 Read pages 64-73 in the textbook	Anglo America: Part 1	Review recorded lecture: North America introduction Review recorded lecture: American Culture
10/12	Chapter 4 Read pages 74-83 in the textbook	Anglo America: Part 2	Review recorded lecture: U.S. Culture Regions Review recorded lecture: The development of cities Review recorded lecture: Industrial Development 10/16-10/18 Module 2 Exam (online exam available noon 10/16 through midnight 10/18)
10/19	Chapter 5 Read pages 84-94 in the textbook	Middle America	Review recorded lecture: Introduction to Middle America Review recorded lecture: Mexico Review recorded lecture: Central America Review recorded lecture: Caribbean
10/26	Chapter 5 Read pages 96-106 in the textbook	South America	Review recorded lecture: Introduction to South America Review recorded lecture: Caribbean South America Review recorded lecture: Andean South America Review recorded lecture: Southern Cone Review recorded lecture: Brazil
11/2	Chapter 6 Read pages 107-124 in the textbook	Sub-Saharan Africa	Review recorded lecture: Introduction to Sub-Saharan Africa Review recorded lecture: West Africa Review recorded lecture: East Africa Review Recorded video: Equatorial Africa Review recorded video: Southern Africa Review recorded lecture: African Transition Zone



11/9	Chapter 7 Read pages 125-144 in the textbook	North Africa/Southwest Asia	Review recorded lecture: Introduction to North Africa and Southwest Asia Review recorded lecture: Egypt and North Africa Review recorded lecture: Middle East Review recorded lecture: Arabian Peninsula Review recorded lecture: Empire states and Turkestan 11/13-11/15 Module 3 Exam (online exam available at noon on 11/13 through 11/15 (midnight))
11/16	Chapter 8 Read pages 145-162 in the textbook	South Asia	Review recorded lecture: Introduction to South Asia Review recorded lecture: Religions of South Asia Review recorded lecture: India Review recorded lecture: Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, The Himalayan states
11/23	Chapter 9 Read pages 163-181 in the textbook	East Asia and Southeast Asia	Review the recorded lecture: Introduction to East Asia Review recorded lecture: State shapes and boundaries Review recorded lecture: China Review recorded lecture: The Japanese Triangle Review the recorded lecture: Southeast Asia
11/30	Chapter 10 Read pages 182-201 in the textbook	Oceania	12/04-12/06 Module 4 Exam (online exam available noon 12/04 through midnight 12/06) Review the recorded lecture: Austral Region Review the recorded lecture: Pacific Realm

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